

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday July 26, 2017 at 6.30pm

Couns. Kevin Brooks (Chairman)
Brian Squires (A) Bev Bingham
Heather Miller John Beynon

In attendance: Clerk Mike Elliott, Coun. Kay Cutts (Notts County Council), Coun. Nigel Lawrence (Rushcliffe Borough Council) and 2 members of the public.

1] APOLOGIES Coun. Brian Squires

2] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none

3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 24, 2016, were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman

4] CLERK'S REPORT

Notts Best Kept Village competition. The village did not get into the last four. The Judges comments will be available in October. The council were told that the major A52 road works at Radcliffe were now expected to finish in September, but it had been originally June.

Highways officers from Notts County Council had met earlier in the day to look at the Top Road junction, meeting after a complaint about dangers because of overgrown hedges. They said the on-site visit found that the position was not as critical as the photographs tried to show. The opinion of the County officers was that there are currently no visibility issues at the Oatfield Lane junction and that visibility could be improved at the Shelford Hill junction (looking towards Newton) by reducing the height and width of the hedge on the Crown Estate Land on the north side. Peter Barlow was to be asked to hand cut the hedge at the worst sections to improve the visibility at the junction. Also, going forward, it would be beneficial to road safety to have this hedge cut twice a year.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Lawrence spoke on changes to the planning system at the Borough.

Coun. Cutts spoke on various aspects of activity of the County Council and said an additional £1.2m had been allocated for dealing with pot holes throughout the county. She commented on the situation involving broadband and said the County were looking to find a suitable site for a waste collection site in Rushcliffe following the closure of the one at Langar.

6] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

Comment was made on a regular area of water that appeared after rain adjacent to the village bus shelter. The chairman said he would report the matter.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Notts ALC gave notice of their annual meeting at Epperstone on Wednesday November 15. The speaker will be Craig Guildford, Chief Constable, on Policing in Nottinghamshire. The council were to inform Miles King of Midlands Rural Housing they could not support a suggested affordable housing survey for the parish. Local resident Mr Stephen Fisher wrote in regard to overgrowing trees on to his property from the playing field and asked for action to have them pruned. He offered to pay towards the cost of the work. The clerk was asked to seek quotes for the work.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning officer Andrew Pegram advised of changes to the planning system which included parish council representatives being able to speak at planning committee meetings to an application involving their own parish.

8] PLAYING FIELD

It was confirmed that Rushcliffe Borough Council had completed the registration of the playing field as a community asset. The chairman confirmed he was willing to attend a training course on play equipment inspections.

9] VILLAGE HALL

The chairman said work on refurbishment on the hall toilets was almost complete. Comment was made on a need to update the information on the website concerning the hall. The clerk reported comments he received in regard to the system requiring hall users to pay in advance and members agreed it did not support the policy. The chairman would talk to Mrs Wells in regard to the position, including the possibility of being able to collect the hiring charge when opening the hall for a booking.

10] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

17/01268/ful. Andrew Whittaker, Greenfield, Main Road. Two storey side extension, single storey side extension, porch. Do not object.

17/01329/ful. P Barlow, Sycamore Farm, Main Road. Extension to existing agricultural building. Do not object.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

17/00832/ful. Stuart McNiven Young, Hebron, West Street. Single storey rear extension, Permit.

11] FINANCE Payment of accounts were approved as per the circulated list.

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Proposals for a first aid course to be organised was agreed. The clerk said Community Heartbeat Trust would organise a session on CPR training.

Coun. Mrs Bingham said there were plans to produce a bi-monthly newssheet and said Sharon Cheetham was offering to assist, along with others. Coun. Bingham reported on her attendance at the :Police Priority Setting meeting and said there had been comment on a nuisance caused by motor cyclists riding on the grass pathway between Radcliffe on Trent and Shelford. Anyone seeing this was asked to ring the police on 101.

The chairman said he was aware new signs had been erected on Stoke Field Lane in regards to rubbish dumping.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7-40pm.