

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Couns. Kevin Brooks (Chairman)
Brian Squires 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 There were none

2] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none

3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 26 2017, were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman

4] CLERK'S REPORT

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning changes to allow parish council member participation. Reminder that if someone is wishing to speak they have to book in with Rushcliffe Borough Council by the Monday of the week in which the meeting is on the Thursday. He reported on the new village newsheet and said the first issue had been published and had been well received. .

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Lawrence spoke on the presence of travellers in the area, currently moving between East Bridgford and Newton on a fairly regular basis.

Coun. Mrs Cutts told members of her trip to China on behalf of the County Council. She reported on a meeting with BT on the question of the Broadband service in the village, saying it was hoped that the village would have a better service by the end of the year. She revealed the County needed to reduce £40m off its next budget and would need to make savings to reduced expenditure. Coun. Cutts explained a new trial system they had introduced to fill pot holes, saying they would be using hot tar and then leaving it to traffic to make it firm. She informed the council she had been appointed to the HS2 Board.

6] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

No matters were raised.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Notts CPRE judges gave comments on the Best Kept Village 2017 entry and said overall they had taken a good impression. They commented on the fact the parish church was locked and that it was not possible to go inside. They said the village seat needed painting and the war memorial was in need of attention. The maps provided were too small.

NALC annual meeting November 15, Epperstone. Notts Chief constable Craig Gullford speaking on Policing in Nottinghamshire. The council would be represented.

The War Graves Commission wrote in respect of the village war memorial and said they were asking each parish to carry out refurbishment work in time for Centenary of the ending of the First World War on November 11 2018. The clerk said there could be some funding available. The meeting was told that all councils were being asked to organise a bonfire or beacon at 7pm on November 11 next year to mark the centenary and to engage with local families who have relatives involved in the first world war.

Royal British Legion 'Poppies on Lamp Posts' scheme was outlined in which they are asking parishes to purchase poppies from them at £3 each (18 inches wide, plastic with ties) to display on posts and railings in a build up to next years events. It was agreed to buy six of the poppies.

Ulyett Landscapes gave a quote for crown reducing three lime trees on the edge of the village playing field as did Tidy Trees. It was agreed to accept the £500 tender from Tidy Trees. Coun. Benynon would liaise with resident Mr Stephen Fisher to discuss with him his offer to pay towards the cost of the work.

Shelford Playgroup leader Allison Kirk made a funding request to the council, explaining that their scheme which takes place in the village hall was running at a loss. Coun. Mrs Kay Cutts asked for contact with the leader and the clerk was asked to give the necessary information. He was also asked to tell the applicant the parish council would delay a decision until Coun. Mrs Cutts had been in touch with her.

8] PLAYING FIELD

It was reported a barbecue fire had been held on the field with the resultant damage. The gate to the field was now being kept locked.

9] VILLAGE HALL

A warm vote of thanks was given to Coun. Squires for his hard work in seeing through the necessary applications for funding to allow the scheme for new toilets at the hall to go ahead. The new toilets were judged to be excellent. Coun. Squires said a Lottery grant of £8800 had been received and Couns. Cutts and Lawrence had each given £500. The Coffee Pot had given £200, leaving the council to fund in the region of £900.

The council agreed that a regular hall user who had experienced difficulties in gaining access to the hall was reminded she could be given a key for a £10 deposit.

10] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning applications

There were none.

Rushcliffe Borough Council planning decisions

17/01268/ful. Andrew Whitaker, Greenfields, Main Road. Two storey side extension, single story side extension, porch. Grant

17/01329/ful. P Barlow, Sycamore Farm, Main Road. Extension to existing agricultural building. Grant

11] FINANCE. PAYMENT OF CHEQUES were approved as per the circulated list.

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The chairman updated the council on the situation concerning the possibility of gravel extraction works in the county, confirming that a planning application had been submitted involving a site at Barton in Fabis.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 7.50pm.