

**SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday May 22, 2019 at 6.45pm**

Couns. Bev Bingham (Chairman)

Heather Miller Lee Smith Lesley Duffin Simon McLoughlan

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. Kay Cutts, Rushcliffe Borough Council member Coun David Simms.

- 1] APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN  
Coun. Bev Bingham was elected chairman and Coun. Lee Smith vice chairman.
- 2] APOLOGIES There were none
- 3] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none
- 4] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MARCH 27, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.
- 5] CLERK'S REPORT  
The parish council remains fully nominated with five members in office following the election on May 2.  
The clerk said he had taken part in a webinar organised by auditors PK Littlejohn of London.
- 6] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER  
The chairman welcomed the new Rushcliffe Borough Council member for the village, Coun. David Simms of Newton. He said he was still getting himself into the task of working on behalf of the area and was looking forward to assisting the parish council in its work.  
Coun. Mrs Cutts said the County Council were very actively involved in numerous aspects of projects that underlined the wide variation of responsibilities it had. She reported in relation to Shelford she was able to report it seemed likely that original suggestions the village would be involved in a gravel extraction project would not now materialise.
- 7] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES  
No matters were raised.
- 8] CORRESPONDENCE  
The London based organisation working to mark the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day in May 1945 to herald the ending of WW2 advised of plans that were being put forward to mark the important milestone in the country's history. Events were suggested for May 8, 9 and 10, with a reminder it was at 3pm that Winston Churchill had announced on May 8, 1945 from 10 Downing Street the ending of hostilities and the victory over Germany. It was this part of that day that would be marked around the world including in England involving the playing of bag pipes from the four highest peaks in the land, Ben Nevis, Scotland, Scafell Pike, England, Mount Snowden, Wakes and Slieve Donard, Northern Ireland. The council agreed it would investigate the activities it could suggest for the village.  
Notts police had produced another copy of its Stakeholder Update and this had been circulated to members and outlined two burglaries in short succession at East Bridgford Garden Centre.  
NHS Nottingham and Notts gave information on the proposed formal merger of all six existing Clinical Commissioning Groups into one single unit.  
Via Notts County Council wrote seeking comment where necessary from the council on public paths on arable land being blocked by overgrowth of crops etc.  
Rushcliffe advised of a new date – June 22 – for the launching of their Tree Wardens Network scheme.

9] PLAYING FIELD

The chairman said the project to replace a section of fencing on the playing field was progress and two quotes for the work had been obtained.

10] VILLAGE HALL

Comment was made on the current need for internal work on the hall, including decorating of the kitchen area along with work on some of the window frames.

11] PLANNING

19/00860/OUT. Demolition of existing house and erection of two new houses Outline application with all matters reserved. Holly Cottage Manor Lane Shelford. Details of the application had not yet been received.

12] ENVIRONMENT

Comments were made on an apparent increase in dog fouling incidents were concerns expressed at the dog owners concerned having no regard to problems that this can cause.

13] FINANCIAL --

a] accounts to pay were approved as circulated.  
b] approval of annual governance statement was approved unanimously as presented.

c] the council authorised and approved accounts for 2018-19m as signed off by the internal auditor, David Dixon..

d] Appointment of Internal Auditor David Dixon for 2019-2020 was approved.

14] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The chairman said she had received two quotes for the repairs to the Playing Field fence, we now need to establish what equipment we require, possibly by asking the residents to give their ideas so that we can get on with applying for any grants available.

She had also also received two quotes for repairs to be carried out on the structure of the Village Hall and I am in contact with a Decorator and flooring person to obtain quotes for painting the kitchen at the village hall and for new flooring in the kitchen, again we will hopefully try and obtain grants towards this work. Another quote is for the repair of the gatepost and railing leading to the lawned area nearest the road, as this is a specialist welding job on cast iron it is quite expensive, £432.00 so something that may have to be put on hold at the moment.

Work around the village is progressing well and several areas are noticeably more tidy. We have had 4 new wooden planters made for us and donated free of charge from Mr Andy Stephens who continues to support the village and we thank him for his generosity. Three of these are already in situ at either end of the village and we are in the process of putting bedding plants in, the fourth will be sited in due course.

WW2 Event to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day landings. This was a very successful afternoon, which was very well supported by the village and a total of £145 was raised, all of which is to be donated to the Help for Heroes charity.

Fly tipping continues to be a major problem along the roads leading to and from the village, please report anything you see preferably on the Rushcliffe report a problem website or ring me and I'll report it.

Dogs – there have been an increased number of incidents involving dogs and livestock, it cannot be stressed enough the need for people to keep their dogs on leads and under control when walking near livestock. There is also an increase in dog fouling around the village which is totally unacceptable. If you witness either of these things please report it.

15] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JULY 24, 2019 Village Hall work, May 8-10 VE Day 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.