

**SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday July 31, 2019 at 6.30pm**

Couns. Bev Bingham (Chairman)

Heather Miller Lee Smith Lesley Duffin Simon McLoughlan

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott, and one resident.

1] APOLOGIES There were none

2] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none

3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON MAY 22, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4] CLERK'S REPORT including VE DAY 75

A member of the public had made contact with the office in regard to dog fouling incidents and asked what the council could do about it. The chairman said she had made contact with the dog warden at Rushcliffe Borough Council and an assurance had been given that there would be a regular patrol although they had pointed out the number of dog wardens they employed had now been reduced to two.

VE DAY 75. The council accepted a suggestion from the clerk that it book the village hall May 8 -9 -10 so that if the council were to organise anything the facility is available. Most villages are looking to play a part and perhaps we could appoint a working party. One suggestion said the clerk could be an event themed as for 1945 in some way.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

There was no report

6] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

No matters were raised.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Rushcliffe Borough Council gave details of its parish tree scheme 2018-2021 in which residents were being offered two free trees and parish councils ten. The ones for the public were to be publicised on the website.

CPRE Notts Best Kept Village competition 2019. The village had been awarded a special prize in connection with its Nature Trail.

A letter was received from CPRE national office in which it said it intended to update its standing, introduce a new emblem, and combat falling membership through a modern aggressive stance.

8] PLAYING FIELD

The chairman said there had been a lack of response from residents to a plea by the council for comments on what new items should be provided on the play area to help bring it up to modernise it. It was acknowledged that current use of the area was low. One reason could be, felt the meeting, that the equipment that is available is in need of being replaced and could also be sited nearer to the front entrance gate so it could more easily be seen.

A mole catching exercise is being operated on the playing field at present.

9] VILLAGE HALL

The council confirmed Booking clerk responsibility was now down to Chris Bingham. It was agreed that the arrangements to send out invoices for regular hall users after the hiring has taken place.

Village Hall Work: The chairman said she had obtained a quote for work for resurfacing work in the hall kitchen. The clerk was asked to obtain a second quote and a quote for a new urn.

10] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

19/01365/ful Mr Mrs Paget, Kenridge, Shelford Hill. Alter roofs, alter window and door positions and sizes, insert extra windows, partial re-cladding. Grant.

11] ENVIRONMENT –

The clerk asked if permission has been granted to plant an oak tree on the Green but it was felt as it was a replacement tree permission was not required.

12] FINANCIAL -

Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list.

The clerk presented a list of duties undertaken in a single month. He also explained that workloads did vary from time to time and furthered this comment by advising earlier that day he had received by email from N ALC with an 18-page sheet on new financial regulations . This all had to be read and contents checked with at least two hours being required to do this.

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

1. Village improvements – there has been a very positive response regarding the new planters at the entrances to the village with many people commenting how nice it is to see such a colourful display. Unfortunately, the heavy bouts of rain have done nothing to enhance the blooms but hopefully they will perk up again enough to see us through to the next planting stage.

There is still work to be done around the village to keep on top of things and suggestions are still coming in as to what is needed, one of which is whether we can have a bench at the Shelford Hill end of the village so people can take a moment before either tackling the hill or setting off towards the cliffs. I have emailed Kendra Hourd to ask for possible sites.

2. Picnic Area – unfortunately, I was informed last week that the benches at the picnic area were set on fire so now there is nothing remaining of this project apart from the History Board that tells you about the ferry.

3. Shelford Feast - on a positive note the Feast was primarily a success again this year. The entries for the Horticultural show and Competitions in the Village Hall were somewhat lacking in numbers this year so hopefully we can generate a little more interest and enthusiasm for next time. The Barn Dance on Saturday evening was a great success with 100 adult tickets sold plus children. There was enough money made from the ticket sales, refreshment sales in the village hall and raffle tickets to cover all expenses with £198.50 left over which has been put in the Millennium Fund for safekeeping until a need is identified for it. Huge thanks must be given to all the volunteers who worked tirelessly both on the day and either side of it helping set up, run it and clear away.

4. After the last meeting where issues were raised regarding problems with dogs, livestock and fouling I spoke to the Dog Warden from Rushcliffe and was assured that the lady warden that covers our area would make regular visits through the village, not only to catch people who were not being responsible with their dogs but also to offer advice however, I have yet to see either her or her van passing through so would be interested to know whether anyone else has seen her.

5. Finally, at the last meeting Heather put in a request for a road sweeper to be booked and I said I would do this once Trevor Tye had finished carting straw through the village, I'm pleased to say he has now cleared out the barn where he stores his bales so we can now action this. Mike is to check whether we will be charged extra for this as we were last year when it was ordered before the Feast weekend.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.40pm