

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday
September 23, 2019 at 6.30pm**

Couns. Bev Bingham (Chairman)

Heather Miller(A) 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 and one resident.

- 1] APOLOGIES Coun. Heather Miller
- 2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JULY 31, were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT
Village clean up. It was unlikely the council would be sent a bill.
- 5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER
Coun. Cutts spoke on various subjects including the skatepark at Radcliffe on Trent, new schools in the county, the purchase of a new and very modern vehicle to tackle the ongoing problem of highway potholes, saying it would be used primarily on B and C roads.
Coun. Simms spoke on a need for a school at Newton, the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part Two, environment issues being tackled, a move of the Streetwise base to Bingham and a new Leisure Centre at Bingham.
- 6] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
No points were raised.
- 7] CORRESPONDENCE

Eon electricity advised that the current village hall electricity Contract ends in January 2021.

Rushcliffe Borough Council reminded the council of its free tree scheme for parish councils and VIA / Nottinghamshire County Council of its desire to ensure public paths on arable land were free to be used. It was suggested there was one field in the parish which had a footpath blocked by growth.

The clerk said he had booked the Chairman in for attendance at the NALC agm on November 21 at Epperstone and Coun. Duffin spoke of her interest in attending as well.

Highways England advised of lights maintenance works on the A52 from Gamston Roundabout to the Wheatcroft roundabout starting October 2019 and continuing through to February 2020.

Scope wrote seeking a pitch for a clothes bank recycling facility but members felt unable to offer a suitable site.

The National Audit Office advised of a new Code of Practice paper for Parish Councils.

8] PLAYING FIELD

Coun. Bingham said they were continuing to look for possible grants towards the cost involved to update the play equipment on the playing fields and were asking the Crown if they might be agreeable to the transfer of some of their land adjacent to a property that backed on to the playing field. Plans were in hand for another Clean Up day on the site.

9] VILLAGE HALL

The chairman said she would cover in detail items on the village hall in her report later in the meeting.

10] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council decision

19/01861/COU. 5 Manor Cottages, Manor Lane. Change use of out building to offices. Granted.

11] ENVIRONMENT

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The question of the moving of a refuse bin on the Strawberry Fields land was raised.

Heavy rains recently had created flooding on several roads in the village. The need for roadside drains cleansing work was raised.

12] FINANCIAL

Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Village Hall – I have now got all the quotes in for the refurbishment and have had the ok from Henry Spencer, Agent for the Crown, to carry out the external repairs that are necessary. In respect of decorating the kitchen I suggest we go ahead with booking this as the quote is under £500 and it is looking very shabby.

The flooring quotes vary from £870 to £1244. A decision needs to be made as to whether we go ahead and pay for this out of our own funds which include the £190 donated by Coffee Pot or try to get a grant for this as well as the external work.

We are still generating a good income from hiring the hall out so I think it's important that it's fit for purpose.

As requested at the last meeting we have purchased a new kettle and a new urn.

Showcasing Nottinghamshire – I was very kindly invited by Coun. Cutts to attend this event which was not only a very pleasant occasion but an extremely interesting one with many of the services offered by the County Council on show alongside organisations promoting the wide variety of facilities we have available to us in our local area. One particular item of interest was the OS maps for footpaths around our village as I think, with the changes being made to who is farming the different areas, we need to be able to provide clear guidance for residents and visitors alike. I am in the process of applying for a copy that we will be allowed to display both at prominent points around the village and on our website.

Brian and Sue Squires – as members were aware the couple had moved to their new home in Radcliffe on Trent, a letter was sent to them thanking them for their years of service to the village which Coun. Cutts very kindly put her signature to. A copy was given to all members..

Planters – As members may have noticed the plants were looking somewhat past their best so if everyone agrees we will purchase some winter pansies and replace the existing flowers. We will also put the fourth planter in place.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 27, 2019

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There was no further business and the meeting finished at 7-50pm.