

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday November 27, 2019 at 6.35pm

Couns. Bev Bingham (Chairman)
Heather Miller(A) Lee Smith Lesley Duffin(A) Simon McLoughlan

Also present the clerk Mike Elliott, Notts County Council member Coun. Kay Cutts, and three residents.

1] APOLOGIES Couns Lesley Duffin, Heather Miller

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Coun. Bingham in respect of the payment of accounts.

3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2019 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman.

4] CLERK'S REPORT

The report from the National Audit Office in respect of new regulations for parish councils has been studied and the office is content it meets the requirements.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

Coun. Mrs Cutts spoke on various subjects, including several social events being organised as special Christmas activities, highlighting the forthcoming Nottinghamshire awards evening when local young people would be rewarded for their achievements. The question of the recent flooding problems following the period of intense rain when a month's rainfall fell in just two days was discussed.

Coun. Mrs Cutts told of plans by the organisers of the Newark and Notts Show to revitalise the important annual event. Fly tipping was a continual problem and it was hoped that plans to introduce a new waste tip facility in Rushcliffe following the closure of the one at Langar would bring about reductions in the number of incidents.

On the question of new housing development, the Notts County Council leader said while a new school was in the programme for Newton, one would not be provided until the need for one had been proved. Other schools in the area could currently meet the demands placed on them.

6] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES

A local resident informed the meeting that Notts County Council had pledged available funding to a limit of £60,000 to cover the Trent Barton operating deficit on the Rushcliffe Villager One bus service in the 2018-19 financial year. The bus company had in fact received £57,527. The County were making the same figure available for 2019-2020 but this meant that any increase in the deficit has to be capped at 4.3 per cent. In the first quarter of the current year the payment to the company had been £11,490. The County had advised that the same figure of funding for the service had been allocated for the 2020/2021 financial year.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

The clerk reported on the question of the annual PPL/PRS village hall music licence and said it had been confirmed to him by the official body that the fees were approved as per the circulated list percentage of hall taking irrespective of the actual use of the building.

Rushcliffe Borough Council legal department had provided a copy of its new code of conduct and the clerk was to make this available to all members for inspection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council advised of the establishment of its new Roots Fund and funding available to parishes from it. The chairman pointed out that any open land in the parish was owned by The Crown and this restricted any plans for public use of it. The Borough plans followed a presentation to the recent Parish Forum by a representative from Todmorden who outlined their scheme to use vacant plots to grow vegetables that were freely available to residents to take.

Parish councils in Rushcliffe are being asked to look at the question of climate change and the clerk would circulate the information he had received.

Notts Police crime prevention department had reported on the large increase in the number of catalytic converter thefts from vehicles. The information would be circulated to members.

A request from the Air Ambulance for Children for site for a clothes bank could not be accommodated.

8] PLAYING FIELD

The chairman said quotes for the provision of new play equipment were being obtained.

9] VILLAGE HALL

The work to refurbish the kitchen with new flooring and being decorated was complete. The cost for the floor was being partly met by money received from the original Coffee Pot and partly by a grant from the village Millennium group.

Consideration was being given to the redecoration of the hall.

The chairman reported on bookings for use of the hall on both Christmas and Boxing Day.

10] PLANNING

Prior notification of demolition of farmhouse, farm buildings and retaining wall, The Holmes, Stoke Ferry Lane. App. Ref. 19/02535/DEMOL No objection.

The chairman said photographs of the old buildings were being taken to preserve for village records.

11] ENVIRONMENT

It was planned for the village social events committee to meet in January to organise activities to mark the VE75DAY in May. Nationally a request had been made for church bells to be rung in all parishes on May 8 – a new public holiday for 2020 – as they were 75 years ago to signal the ending of the war with Germany. A suggestion that a village tea be held would be put forward to the committee.

12] FINANCIAL --

a] Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list

b] Budget and precept for 2020-2021 was agreed, with the request to Rushcliffe Borough Council being in the sum of £10,000, the same as for the current year.

13] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

Village Hall – I'm very pleased to report that the kitchen has now been decorated and new non-slip flooring has been laid. Following our last meeting I have been contacted by Brian Squires who has offered money from the Millennium Fund to meet the cost of the flooring which will save £870 being spent from our Precept.

I have also obtained a quote from the decorator to paint the main hall walls and woodwork, I personally don't think it's necessary to re-paint the ceiling at this stage, this would be at a cost of £650 to include all materials. I suggest we keep this in obeyance until such time as the exterior work has been carried out as this may cause some damage to the wallpaper and/or woodwork.

I have also had a new tap fitted in the disabled toilet as the old one was constantly leaking water, the plumber I used was Shaun who has moved into the village and was very helpful and carried the work out within a few days of being asked.

Bookings are continuing to come in at a good rate so as mentioned previously I think it's important to keep the hall up to speck.

Planters – As you will see the three planters are now replenished with winter pansies along with daffodil bulbs to produce some extra colour in the Spring. As the weather conditions have been so atrocious it was thought to be prudent to wait until the Spring to site the fourth planter which can then be planted up with summer flowers along with the others.

Footpaths – I mentioned at our previous meeting that I was trying to get permission to print off a copy of the footpaths around our village, this is proving much more difficult than anticipated. However, I have been given a copy of a leaflet that was printed by Nottinghamshire County Council for East Bridgford and am wondering whether something similar could be produced for Shelford.

Fly tipping – we seem to have been experiencing an increased amount not only of fly tipping but also rubbish being thrown from passing vehicles, if anyone sees this happening please try and get a registration number so that we can pass it on to the authorities.

14] AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING JANUARY 29, 2020 --- VE75DAY

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