

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on ZOOM
on Wednesday September 30, 2020 at 6.35pm

Couns. Bev Bingham (Chairman)
Lee Smith, Lesley Churm Simon McLoughlan Heather Miller

The clerk Mike Elliott was in attendance.

1] APOLOGIES j There were none.

2] DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST There were none

3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JUNE 24 were accepted as circulated and would be signed by the chairman at the appropriate time.

4] CHAIRMAN AND CLERK'S REPORT

The chairman, Coun. Bev Bingham, presented her report

Although at the moment there isn't too much to report I thought it worth giving an update on maintenance work that has been done at the village hall to bring it up to current specifications. This has obviously taken money from the coffers at a time when we have had little or no income however, I think you will all agree that it is not only a worthwhile expense but a necessary one to ensure that, as bookings increase we can rest assured that we comply with these requirements.

1. Replacement guttering and downpipe on the front of the hall along with some pointing up of the roof tiles on the gable end.
2. Replacement of all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors in the hall which are now wired to a single system and comply with current standards.
3. Replacement fuse board. This was highlighted as a necessity following an electrical report that was undertaken.
4. Timing clock fitted to the porch light, thus alleviating the need for the light to remain on unnecessarily which causes a light disturbance to properties facing the hall.
5. PAT Testing on all appliances has been carried out.

An approximate total of these works is around £1000 but again I think you will agree its money well spent.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon who has been key in organising all the above works. I also ordered another 500litres of heating oil whilst the price is low so we can enter the winter months with a good supply.

I'm pleased to say that we have had somewhat of an influx of bookings for the hall, some of which may only last until their usual venues reopen but at moment it is helping our cause.

Playing Field

I have received a revised quote from Steve Rose for the fencing at the playing field which, as we all know, is in a terrible state of repair. For the complete removal of the old fencing, clearing the dead area between the field and adjoining property, removing all the same and replacing with 6foot green coated rigid fencing his price is £2484.

I would also like to thank Mike and his team at the office for the hard work they put in to obtain a £10,000 grant for us through Rushcliffe Borough Council and the Government. This has come at a most opportune time.

The clerk presented his report and said the office had been successful in gaining the Government Grant of £10,000 with support from Rushcliffe Borough Council and the money had been banked.

The chairman has kept regular contact with the office so that the changing regulations on use of the village hall were adhered to.

The meeting agreed that the council continued to meet the financial costs of the village Website. Coun. Smith had checked in regard to the accessibility requirements for it and was happy it met all the necessary requirements.

5] REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCIL MEMBER

There was no report.

6] PLANNING

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

20/02007/ful. Mr Mrs Bingham, Shelcliffe Cottage, Church Street. Two storey rear extension. No objection.

7] CORRESPONDENCE

Notts County Council, snow warden appointment for 2021. Coun. Miller agreed to take on the position.

NatWest Bank wrote in respect of an availability of switching accounts but members felt they were happy with the service provided by them and there was no need for a change.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had booked the village hall for the Notts County Council and Police Commissioner elections for May 6, 2021.

Rushcliffe Borough Council had allowed a full small business rates relief on the village Hall amounting to £835 83p.

Midlands Rural housing were intending to carry out a needs survey for Shelford, Saxondale and Newton and members agreed support for it.

David Hancock secretary to the Parochial Church Council was to be thanked for information of their intention to provide a seat in the churchyard in memory of Mrs Redgate.

Rushcliffe Borough Council were again offering their free tree scheme to parish councils. The council felt there was no suitable site available, most of the land being owned by The Crown.

8] ENVIRONMENT

The chairman reported that the Play area fence was being dealt with.

9] VILLAGE HALL

Coun. McLoughlan was thanked for dealing with the matter of removal of an Elder sapling growing out of the downright pipe at the village hall.

10] FINANCE

Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list.

11] CONFIRM NEXT MEETING DATE DECEMBER 2,2020.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.