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**SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the village hall
on Wednesday September 1, 2021, at 6.10pm**Couns. Bev Bingham (Chairman)
Lee Smith(A), Lesley Churm(A), Simon McLoughlan, Heather Miller

 Present were the clerk Mike Elliott and Coun Roger Upton Notts County Council. and (from 6-30pm) Coun. David Simms Rushcliffe Borough Council

**1] Apologies** Coun Lesley Churm, Lee Smith

**2] Declarations Of Interest** Coun. Bingham on payment of accounts

**3] Minutes from the Previous Meeting** held on July 7, 2021 were accepted as circulated.

**4. Clerk’s Report**

 The Government have not relaxed their stance on refusing to allow meetings by Zoom and currently they have to be held face to face. There are councils, including in Nottinghamshire, ignoring the government still having zoom meetings.

 The clerk hadI attended an event this afternoon at Rushcliffe Borough Council offices to serve as a memorial to former Borough officer Dave Mitchell who job included advising parish councils on all matters involving the two authorities. He died earlier in the year after a sudden problem which necessitated him having a leg removed.

**5] Report from the District and County Council member**

 Coun. Upton said there was little to report. He did comment on the planned gravel extraction scheme for Barton in Fabis, now in the County onwards extraction plans instead of Shelford.

**6] Planning**

 Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

21/02353. Ashdown, Main Road. Loft conversion including dormer window and increase in ridge height; front porch extension; 1 storey rear extension. No objection.

 Rushcliffe Borough Council decisions

 21/009126/VAR Adrian Kerrison, Holly Cottage and Lilac Cottage, Manor Lane. Variation of Condition 1 of planning permission 19/022456/REM to regularise some minor, material amendments to the fenestration and external appearance of the houses (windows, cladding, slight variation to the plot orientation. Grant.

**7] Correspondence**

 Waterplus advised of terms and conditions change on their accounts. The clerk said he did not expect the parish to be affected because the accounts were paid by BACS.

 CPRE Nottingham sought comments from the council and members on a public transport survey they were conducting covering the whole county. The information had only arrived that day. The clerk was asked to circulate all members and the chairman said she would send out copies to local email addresses.

The survey was being run alongside one by Notts County Council as they too sought comments on local bus service improvement survey

**8] Environment and 9] Village Hall were dealt with under**

**10] Chairman’s report**  which was presented to the meeting as follows:

 “I’m pleased to say that there seems to be a little normality returning to our lives and hopefully, as the vaccination programme continues, the rates of Covid infection will reduce. Of course we are all waiting, with some trepidation, to see what happens in the winter months but lets remain optimistic.

 “Following on from our last meeting there has been some progress with the problem of overgrown hedges and trees and I can report that several households have now cut these back to make pathways more accessible to pedestrians. However, there are still a significant number of overgrown trees etc., which I will address in the next week or so.

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 “The Village Hall continues to make progress with both regular bookings and parties thus bringing in a much needed income. It is to be hoped that, in the New Year, we will be able to look at getting on with the necessary repair work that is outstanding.

 “As mentioned at the last meeting we are in need of a new photocopier, I’m pleased to report that I have spoken to Brian Squires and both he and Kevin Brooks, who are in charge of the Millenium Fund, have agreed to donate towards the cost of this so we will get one ordered asap.

 “The area at the bottom of the Playing Field has now been levelled, many thanks to Cllr. McLoughlan for doing this, and it has been seeded so we can look forward to a much improved area in the coming months. Cllr. McLoughlan is also in the process of sourcing some new picnic benches to enhance seating provision. All that will remain then is to get some feedback from the village residents as to what pieces of equipment they would like to see to ensure the best use of the space we have.

 “As with many meetings, the Police Priority Setting Meetings are to begin again in October which I shall attend and will report back points of interest.

“I have no further items to report at present. Bev Bingham Chairman

 The clerk was asked to progress the question of additional, signage on the play field area, with signs giving contact details for the council, no dogs allowed and to include the provision of a new litter bin. The question of a set of goal posts being provided was raised as was the possible provision of a specially cut cricket wicket. The problem of dog fouling was discussed along with a suggestion of doggy bags being provided.

**11] Finance**

 Accounts to pay were approved as per the circulated list .

**12] Next Meeting Date** Wednesday November 3, 2021. It was agreed the starting time being 6pm if all members supported that. Coun. Miller raised the question of dates for the following year and the chairman and clerk were to come forward with suggestions in due course.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.05pm.