

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held at the village hall
on Wednesday March 23, 2022 at 6.00pm

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

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1] Apologies Coun. Lee Smith.

2] Declarations of Interest There were none

3] Minutes from the previous meeting September 2021 were accepted as circulated and signed by the chairman

4] Clerk's Report

All parish councils are being asked to support refugees from Ukraine if there are any local groups of them formed in the area or if local groups hold fund raising events for them to take on the responsibility for meeting the cost of such bookings

All councils have been asked to ensure arrangements are in hand at the time of the death of Her Majesty, and as far as we know this is in order. The Memoriam book is in the church safe and we have the official photograph of the Queen that is to stand by it when available for signature. The office is working with Rushcliffe Borough Council in regard to the necessary announcement to go on our website Flag flying arrangements were given.

5] Report from the District and County Council member

Coun. Upton and Coun. Simms both updated the council on various points including planning, boundary changes, 2023 elections and flooding.

6] Planning

Notts County Council planning Kirk Hill junction, intersection of Kirk Hill and A6097, East Bridgford. Enlargement of junction with associated ancillary landscaping and improvement to pedestrian and equestrian crossing facilities. No objection.

Rushcliffe Borough Council applications

22/001273 David Padget, Kenridge, Shelford Hill. Alter roofs, window and door position and sizes, insert extra windows partial re-cladding, reconfigure internal layout, construct new porch. No objection.

7] Correspondence

Streetwise have withdrawn from carrying out play area inspections. The clerk said the checks needed to be taken to comply with insurance requirements and they had asked RoSPA to undertake the playground inspection reports.

Water-plus advised they were moving to monthly bills. Rushcliffe Borough Council advised the annual non domestic rate demand was again reduced to nil. Notts County Council and Nottm City Council were carrying out a consultation check on its Waste Local Plan and public comments were welcomed until April 4.

Rushcliffe Borough Council said the Community asset application for the village hall had been granted.

NALC website accessibility had been received and the clerk said he was carrying out the necessary work to check on the contents of the Shelford site.

8] Environment, including Queen's Platinum Anniversary June 2,3,4 and 5.

The chairman's annual report presented to the meeting dealt with the question of the Platinum Jubilee in June and spoke on the subject of the Queen's Jubilee,

9] Village Hall.

It was agreed there would be a need to review hire charges for the village hall in view of the increases expected for power charges for the building.

Coun. Bingham said bookings for the hall are continuing at a steady rate which is very encouraging but also raises the issue whether we should increase the hire charges this year, especially with the rising costs of electricity and kerosene.. There is also the question whether the council charge an extra fee if people having a bouncy castle in the hall as this is an additional electrical cost.

In respect of a Hand towel dispenser, the chairman said she had raised the question whether we can replace our current dispensers as we are incurring a lot of waste when people pull bunches of paper towels out and throw them in the bin. The one the chairman had as an example would, she thought alleviate this problem.

On the question of decorating the hall, members felt only limited action was currently needed. It was suggested the blue 'band' around the interior of the main room should be the guide line for the main extent of the work to be undertaken..

The necessary PAT testing. The blinds on the fire doors in the main hall are broken and need replacing. A need for a new photocopier was agreed. Coun. Bingham said she had looked at a few options and the average is cost was £300 but suggested the cost of the replacement cartridges are around the £250 mark. Coun. Bingham said she had spoken to Brian Squires and, as this is an item that should be made available for use by residents, he has agreed to donate £300 to the cost from the Millenium Fund.

10] Chairman's report

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A village meeting had been held to discuss the Queens Platinum anniversary. There had been a really good turn out and it was agreed we would hold a street party on Saturday 4th June. Various ideas were put forward e.g. fancy dress, crown and table decorating competitions etc.

11] Finance

Accounts to pay were accepted as the circulated list and agreed.

12] Next Meeting Date Wednesday May 11, 2022 (annual PC meeting and parish meeting)

Coun. Bev Bingham, Chairman's report 2021-22

At long last it seems we are getting back to some normality so, I'm pleased to say, we have some things to look forward to.

Firstly, the Queen's Jubilee, we held a village meeting to see if residents were interested in celebrating this momentous occasion. Fortunately we had a really good turn out and it was agreed we would hold a street party on Saturday 4th June. Various ideas were put forward e.g. fancy dress, crown and table decorating competitions etc.

We have sourced a Jazz band, fronted by a village resident, who are willing to perform for the afternoon. In a previous conversation with the Clerk it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for this if there are no objections. We will also need to purchase items such as bunting and table cloths etc. I have been looking at various websites and have a few ideas for a commemorative item for the children of the village so again, your thoughts will be welcome.

Village Hall –

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3. Decorating, should we look at having the main hall painted?

4. PAT testing, this has been completed. (17.02.22)

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Playing Field – following last years work to clear out the hedges and decaying trees, I'm pleased to say that the playing field is now looking much more tidy. There are still a few things to be addressed, namely new signage and additional seating and a litter bin. I think there is still a need to look at some new play equipment.

Dog Fouling – we have had a persistent problem with a gentleman from Radcliffe bringing his dogs down to Stoke Ferry Lane and letting them run loose behind his vehicle, hence fouling along the road and running into fields etc., I reported this both to Rushcliffe Borough Council and PCSO Dave Wesson who said he would see what he could do, suffice to say he hasn't been seen recently. This does go to show that if we

keep reporting these items, or indeed anything similar, action will be taken therefore alleviating the problems.

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