

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Annual Parish meeting held at the village hall
on Wednesday 17th May 2023, at 6.00pm

Present: Chairperson Cllr Bingham, 3 Councillors and 4 members of the public.

- 1) The Chairperson, Cllr Bingham welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2) Minutes from the Annual Parish meeting 11th May 2022 were **APPROVED**.
- 3) Chairperson Report – See App 1
- 4) Update from Borough Councillors – apologies given due to attendance at a Borough Council meeting.
- 5) Open session:
 - A group of parishioners attended the meeting keen to get involved with village activities, including help with organising events and communication with parishioners. They discussed the importance of encouraging community spirit and the elements that come with living in a small rural village.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023

What an eventful year we have had not just as a Parish but as a Nation. Who could have predicted that we would celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, mourn a Monarch and celebrate the Coronation of a King in such short spaces of time? It seems we had only just gained some normality after the Covid pandemic when we were hit with all of the above. Let's hope there is a settled year ahead of us.

As you will know, the Borough Council Elections have taken place and we now have a new representative for Rushcliffe Borough Council, Debbie Soloman, who replaces David Simms.

As for our Parish Council, no new applicants came forward so the line-up of Councillors is still the same. We do however have a new Finance Officer, Emma Goodman, who has joined us following the retirement of Jane from Mike Elliotts office. Unfortunately, at the moment Mike Elliott is unwell so Emma will be taking on the role of Temporary Clerk in his absence. More details of this will follow.

Over the year we have made good progress with the improvements that were needed at the Village Hall, for example we have had a comprehensive Fire Safety Risk Assessment carried out, which has entailed the fitting of new emergency lighting, fire retardant strips to the doors and thumb locks to the exit doors. Some of you will have noticed the new signage around the building which should help directing people to the correct meeting points should a fire occur, because of this improvement we have been able to take several bookings for weekend stays which is a great source of income for the coffers.

Other improvements by the Council, with the help of donations from both Rushcliffe and Notts County Councils, are the addition of two more picnic benches and goal posts at the playing field. Obviously, there is more to do but we are on the right lines.

I'm sure you will have all noticed the increase of traffic through the village and indeed surrounding areas due to the huge amount of building going on at the moment, I have been approached regarding the use of a speed camera, much the same as we did a few years ago, your thoughts on this would be appreciated.

It just remains for me to thank you for your support over the year.

Bev Bingham
Chairman