

Shelford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Shelford Parish Council held on
Wednesday 4th September 2024, 6.00pm, Shelford Village Hall.**

Councillors present: Cllr Bev Bingham (Chair), Lee Smith, Lesley Churm, Simon McLoughlan, Heather Miller

Officers: Emma Goodman Clerk to the Council

Also present: County Councillor R Upton and 1 member of the public

- 1) Apologies – Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Debbie Soloman
- 2) Declarations of Interest – Cllr Bingham declared an interest regarding payments for authorisation.
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairperson.
- 4) Actions from Minutes from the Minutes 22nd May

NONE
- 5) Open session for the Public – nothing to note
- 6) Borough Councillor update
 - i) Cllr Upton reported that there had been no meetings over the summer so nothing to note.

He reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council are looking at the local development plan.
The new Government have set out new housing targets and if the current plan doesn't get approved then it will need to work on the new targets.
RBC are also looking into streamlining refuse collection across the whole county in line with the Environmental Act. He explained that any decision regarding the Langar refuse centre is stalled until a decision is made on recycling collections.
- 7) The following Policies were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**, review date September 2025:
 - a) Standing Orders
 - b) Financial Regulations
 - c) Code of Conduct
 - d) Data Protection
 - e) Equal Opportunities
- 8) Village Hall improvements grant – see Chairperson Report App. 1.

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Cllr Smith updated the Council with the progress of the UKSPF grant. An extra £2,200 has been given towards the cost of a ramp for the entrance to the hall. The grant total is £15,361 with £4,000 match funding needed. Broadband has now been installed.

As part of the Grant agreement Council need to collate evidence on the impact of the improvements for the Community. Council need to measure the increased footfall and publicise the improvements with before and after photos. It was suggested this could tie in with the Christmas Fair held at the hall.

A questionnaire needs to be sent to the villagers and put onto the website. Results need to be submitted by May 25 with work estimated to be finished in October 24.

Council **RESOLVED** to the following to enable completion of outstanding works now the Grant works are underway:

- i) New blinds for the fire door and kitchen door
- ii) Decorate the lower wall in the hall
- iii) Repair the flooring on the entrance to the smaller room
- iv) Hire a skip to enable the lock up to be cleared
- v) Take out the old metal Goal posts
- vi) Add new bird spikes to the swing frame
- vii) Get a quote for a new Wiggly board
- viii) Replace the noticeboard at the bus stop using grant funding
- ix) Replace the RBC bin
- ix) Get a quote to sand down and varnish the village benches
- x) Get a quote to repaint the Telephone box

9) Finance

- a) Council **AGREED** the schedule of Payments and Reimbursements £4,343.78 including VAT.
- b) Budget Report – Council **NOTED** the budget report submitted. Income for the period was £1,545 and expenditure £7,184.
- c) AGAR – Council **NOTED** the confirmation from PKF Littlejohn has logged the notification of exempt status for the year ended 31st March 2024.

10) Planning applications

- i) Reference Number: 24/01204/FUL Granted - **NOTED**

11) a) Report from Clerk

- i) Winter service - Council **AGREED** to a new grit bin

b) Report from Councillors

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None

12) Date of next meeting Wednesday 27th November 2024 6pm

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

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CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS SEPTEMBER 2024

Firstly, I would like to thank Emma, Lee and Simon for the wonderful job they have done in securing a considerable Grant to enable us to make much needed repairs to the Village Hall building and it's grounds, it has been a long and arduous process with more than a few hoops to jump through along the way.

These are long overdue and will only serve to enhance what we can offer to those that wish to use the facilities on offer, the fact that we now have Broadband has also been welcomed by users that rely on the service for presentations when delivering lectures etc.

As we rely on the hall to generate some income for us it is vitally important that we are able to provide a good service to that end, once the repairs are completed, there are a few cosmetic things that need attending to, e.g. new blinds for the Fire doors in the main hall and at the kitchen door and, as I have mentioned previously, I think it would be a good idea to have some decorating work done, i.e., the doors and wall panels in the main hall along with tidying up the broken plaster in the Committee room. I would also like to hire a skip to enable the Kitchen cupboards, the boiler house and the lock up to be cleared out and all the old stuff disposed of giving us a fresh start throughout. I welcome your thoughts on these points.

Secondly, in respect of the Playing Field, we are in receipt of the safety inspection from ROSPA and, whilst there weren't too many points raised, it's worth saying that there are a few repairs and improvements that need to be made. I've had some messages regarding the goal posts being broken, however these were damaged within the first week they were put in there and the children that use them just keep sticking them back together along with us intermittently putting in spare parts so hopefully we can keep them going. Another resident asked that the bird spikes on top of the swing set be replaced as the birds fouling on the swings makes them unusable.

I have again spoken to Steve Rose the fencing contractor and he has assured me that he will be with us in the not too distant future to complete the fence at the end of the field bordering Mr Barlow's land, hopefully this will keep his sheep out of the playing field and the children out of his fields!

I had an email from Anthony Stephens, who had noted that the village noticeboards were either out of date or held little information at all, I have reassured him that, as part of our repairs, they will be brought up to scratch and from thereon will be kept up to date with printed versions of the Minutes from these meetings, Councillor contact details and any other relevant information that those without the internet may need in a printed format. Alongside this, Cllr Debbie Soloman has very kindly

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offered us £350 from her Community Budget which we can put towards the purchase of a new Noticeboard for the Village Hall.

I have no further communications to pass on at this time.

Thank you as always for your continuing support,
Bev Bingham
Chairman.

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