

Shelford Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Shelford Parish Council held on
Wednesday 27th November 2024, 6.00pm, Shelford Village Hall.**

Councillors present: Cllr Bev Bingham (Chair), Simon McLoughlan, Heather Miller

Officers: Emma Goodman Clerk to the Council

Also present: County Councillor R Upton and no member of the public

- 1) Apologies received from Cllr Smith, Cllr Churm and Rushcliffe Borough Councillor Debbie Soloman were **ACCEPTED**.
- 2) Declarations of Interest – Cllr Bingham declared an interest regarding payments for authorisation.
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 4th September 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chairperson.
- 4) Actions from Minutes from the Minutes 4th September – See Chairpersons Report App 1.
 - i) Council discussed the repaint of the Red Phone box and **AGREED** to investigate making it a book library in conjunction with the bookcase of exchange books located in the Village Hall.
- 5) Open session for the Public – nothing to note.
- 6) Borough Councillor update
 - i) Cllr Upton reported that there was nothing to report locally from the County Council and Cllr Ben Bradley has stepped down from his role.

He reported that Rushcliffe Borough Council are introducing curb side glass bin collections. The government are looking into weekly food waste collections.

Traffic issues on all roads going into Radcliffe on Trent will be affected by road works over the next twelve months.
- 7) The following Policies were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**, review date September 2025:
 - a) Sexual and Other Harassment
- 8) Village Hall improvements grant – see Chairperson Report App. 1.
- 9) Lengthsman Scheme – Council discussed the application to the scheme and **RESOLVED** to join the scheme.

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10) Finance

- a) Council **AGREED** the schedule of Payments and Reimbursements £33,806.32 including VAT.
- b) Budget Report – Council **NOTED** the budget report submitted. Income for the period was £21,633 and expenditure £36,178.
- c) 2025/26 Budget – **AGREED**
- d) 2025/26 Precept – **AGREED**

11) Planning applications – none

12) Meeting dates for 2025 **AGREED.**

13) a) Report from Clerk - none

b) Report from Councillors –

- i) Cllr Bingham gave her thanks on behalf of the Council to the Shelford WI for their efforts in producing the Poppy display for Remembrance Sunday and the waterfall effect looked very effective.
- ii) Thanks, were also given to Andrew Whitaker for putting up the lamp post poppies.
- iii) Thanks were given to the following Companies who assisted with Village Hall works:
 - John A Stephens Nottingham
 - E Barlow Joinery Bingham
 - Acorn Windows West Bridgford
 - Taylor's Building Radcliffe
 - Morris Decorating Bingham
- iv) Cllr Bingham **NOTED** that she would liaise with the WI regarding disposing of the piano located in the village hall and another option being a company who would collect the piano and reuse parts of it.
- v) Cllr Bingham reported that a top up of oil has been ordered and will refill the gas bottles.

14) Date of next meeting Wednesday 19th March 2025 6pm

The meeting closed at 6.45pm

App 1

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS NOVEMBER 2024

I'm very pleased to report that we are almost finished with the renovations to the Village Hall. It has been a tough process to coordinate and, as at our previous meeting, thanks must go to Emma, Lee and Simon for their persistence in obtaining funds and organising the various tradesman to get the work done.

I would be grateful if Simon could provide a list of the tradesmen involved so that we may make special mention of them in the Minutes. I will also ensure their names are put in the Newsletter that will be circulated following this meeting.

Items that I noted previously such as clearing out sheds and cupboards, new blinds and decorating have now either been done or are imminent.

One expense that we hadn't accounted for was a new boiler, unfortunately at the first sign of cold weather the existing one broke down and had to be replaced, this in itself has also proved problematic but now seems to be up and running efficiently.

As we are now experiencing some damp and cold weather it has been decided to postpone the painting of the phone box and benches until the Spring.

Hopefully you will have all seen the improvements at the Playing Field, Steve Rose and Lewis Pate have made a fantastic job of completely clearing the bottom end of the field and erecting a new fence which should last for years to come. Peter Barlow has also commented how pleased he is with the result.

All that is needed there now is a new litter bin, a replacement part for one piece of equipment and some bird spikes for the top of the swings, which I have ordered.

We are still in the process of sorting out Noticeboards as we have had to clarify which ones are available with locking sections, this has now been resolved so we should be able to press on with getting them in place.

We have been asked by the Rushcliffe Government Grant Team to submit before and after photographs of the hall to show how the money has been used, together with some photos from the upcoming Christmas Fayre to show the newly decorated hall in use. Once they have these photos the Rushcliffe Government Grant Team will use them to publicise the results of the grants and at the same time this will provide publicity for Shelford Village Hall itself.

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I would also like to say that now Lee puts more information on the website about the Village Hall the bookings have increased via that medium with people referring to the Diary to see what dates are available before they contact me to confirm a booking, this seems to be the preferred method for many people and it all helps to provide a steady income.

All in all, we seem to have had a very productive year so let's hope it continues into 2025.

Many thanks as always,

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