

Shelford Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting of Shelford Parish Council held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 6.00pm, Shelford Village Hall.

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

Officers: Emma Goodman Clerk to the Council

- 1) Apologies received from Councillor Roger Upton were **ACCEPTED**.
- 2) Declarations of Interest – Cllr Bingham declared an interest regarding payments for authorisation.
- 3) Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2024 were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair.
- 4) Actions from Minutes from the Minutes 27th November – none
- 5) Borough Councillor update - none
- 6) Village Hall hire deposit scheme – Council discussed increasing the deposit scheme for hall hirers due to ongoing damage occurring to the hall when hired. Council **RESOLVED** that they would change the booking form and include a £50 damage deposit for daytime parties and £100 for large and/or evening hire and overnight hire.
- 7) Hall hire charge increase – Council **RESOLVED** to keep general hall hire the same and increase the hire to the WI to the same as the Art Group. Cllr Bingham will write to inform them.
- 8) Additional play area equipment- Council discussed adding more items to the Play area to include items aimed at older children / teenagers and accessible inclusive equipment. It was **RESOLVED** to contact Proludic to get a quote for the preferred items and the Clerk would apply for the relevant grants.
- 9) Open session for the Public – nothing to note.
- 10) Finance
 - a) Council **AGREED** the schedule of Payments and Reimbursements £5,104.99 including VAT.
 - b) Budget Report – Council **NOTED** the budget report submitted. Income for the period was £8,089 and expenditure £2,606.
 - c) Asset register – **NOTED** and **AGREED**
 - d) Internal audit letter of engagement – signed by the Chair

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- e) Insurance renewal questionnaire – **RESOLVED** that there are no changes to the previous year.

11) Planning applications – 24/02163/FUL Side extension above garage to extend existing bedrooms on the first floor. Amendments to the rear elevations to replace existing dormers to the first floor.

LOCATION : Holly Cottage Main Road Shelford Nottinghamshire NG12 1EE
Permission Granted - **NOTED**

12) a) Report from Clerk - none

b) Report from Councillors –

- i) Cllr Bingham – see App 1

13) **Date of next meeting Annual Parish meeting Wednesday 21st May 2025 at 6.00pm**
Annual Parish Council meeting Wednesday 21st May 2025 not before 6.15pm

The meeting closed at 6.40pm

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CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS MARCH 2025

Welcome to 2025, it seems a little late to be saying this as we are already almost a quarter through the new year!

Things seem to have gone extremely well at the Village Hall with lots of positive comments about the improvements made, this in turn has led to an increase in bookings.

Our thoughts are now turning to the Playing Field, with the new fence in place the area available to us has increased by quite a large amount. Once again Lee, Emma and Simon are stepping up to see whether we can obtain any Grants towards some new equipment, this would hopefully include something for the older children and maybe some outside gym pieces for the adults. As you can imagine the costs involved are quite substantial so it will very much depend on what help is available.

V E Day – Thursday 8th May I'm open to suggestions as to what we should do to recognise this important date. One thought I had was whether we should purchase one of the metal work Unknown Soldier silhouettes, perhaps ask the Church whether it could be placed near the entrance? Also, I think we should have some bunting up even if its just around the village hall area.

Bins – A grit bin has been dropped off at the Village Hall as requested but, as yet, we still haven't had a litter/dog bin for the Playing Field or Newton corner lay by.

Noticeboards – these have now arrived, and Simon is in the throes of putting them in place, once they are up we will have a look at the ones at the bus stop in the village.

Cllr. Miller has brought it to our attention that she will be unable to attend Meetings on Wednesdays going forward, if that is the case then a discussion must be had to increase our numbers so that we can remain quorate for our Meetings. As we know there have been a couple of enquiries from residents interested in joining the Parish Council so perhaps, we should ask them to complete the application papers so they may be submitted.

As always, I appreciate your input on all of the above.

Many thanks as always,

Cllr. Bingham