

# Shelford Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting of Shelford Parish Council held on Wednesday 21st May 2025, 6.15pm, 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: 1 members of the public

- 1) Cllr Bingham was elected the Chair of the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for 2025/2026
- 2) Cllr McLoughlan was elected the Vice Chair of the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for 2025/2026
- 3) Councillors' declaration of acceptance of office and sign declaration of office forms
- 4) Apologies – Cllr Soloman and Upton
- 5) Declarations of Interest – Cllr Bingham regarding payment of mowing invoices
- 6) Minutes – The minutes of Parish Council Meeting 19th March 2025 were **APPROVED** and **SIGNED**
- 7) Review and agree Insurance renewal – Council **RESOLVED** to renew the annual policy.
- 8) Play Park – Council **NOTED** the design submitted by Proludic and the notification of the 2 submitted grants. It was **RESOLVED** to display the proposed design posters in the village noticeboard so residents can see the proposal. The Council has received many emails from residents in support of the play park improvements, particularly the introduction of an outdoor gym. It was **RESOLVED** that match funding would be provided through Council funds up to the value of £10,500.
- 9) Grant application – Council **NOTED** the grants submitted:
  - UKSPF Rushcliffe BC – grant amount £35,000, submitted on 29<sup>th</sup> April.
  - FCC Communities – grant amount £33,506 submitted with a match contribution £7,248.21 plus Third-Party Funding donation of £3,601.90.

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10) Open session for the public (limited to 15 minutes)

None

11) County / Borough Councillor Updates and Questions

- Cllr Upton – no update to report.
- Cllr Soloman - the only thing to report is that major gas works are starting on the A52 at the bottom of Saxondale Drive opposite Spitfire Homes development and that's going to cause considerable destruction for quite a while.

12) Finance

- a) Schedule of Payments/Reimbursements **APPROVED** - £547.08 incl VAT.
- b) Full year budget report – **APPROVED** with total Income £40,667 and Expenditure £54,485
- c) AGAR – was **APPROVED** and **SIGNED** by the Chair. The dates of the period for the exercise of public rights were agreed 3<sup>rd</sup> June – 14 July.

13) Planning Applications - none

14) a) Report from Clerk

- The Clerk reported that a notice of resignation was received from Cllr Churm. Notice of Vacancy has been displayed.

b) Reports from Councillors –

- Cllr Miller asked if the Council accounts were available, it was confirmed they are on the Council website.
- Cllr Miller asked if the noticeboards are to be locked – it was confirmed that there will be 1 unlocked for use of parish notices.
- Cllr McLoughlan notified the Council that there is 13year old resident who is now no. 2 in the world for his age group of Snowboarding and the PC sends their congratulations to him.
- Cllr Bingham reported that there are ongoing issues with the Village Hall curtains. It was **RESOLVED** to change the hangings to a pole and curtain rings.

15) Date of Next Parish Council Meeting – **Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 6.00pm**

The meeting closed at 6.40pm

**App 1**

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS MAY 2025**

I only have a couple of items to raise as I have covered most things in my Annual Report, one of those is that we are still waiting for new bins to be placed at the Playing Field and at Newton Corner hopefully, once they are in place it will alleviate the litter left on the ground at both places.

Secondly, the curtains at the village hall are proving problematic. Although we have attempted some repairs to the rails there are a couple that aren't running properly and this is causing them to be pulled off the rails, I would like to suggest that we try and find a local company that may be able to quote for repairs.

VE Day Commemorations - I have a few thank you's one is to Steve McLoughlan and his team for siting the Soldier Silhouette in the grounds of the War Memorial, we received many positive comments from residents.

I would also like to thank the members of the WI for decorating the Memorial with their stunning display of knitted poppies, again the positive comments abounded. I have sent a thank you directly to their President so that she could pass it on at their monthly meeting. Finally thank you to the Village Events Committee for organising the Scarecrow display around the village, and of course to those residents that participated.

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

Many thanks,

Councillor Bingham