

SHELFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Shelford, on Wednesday July 22, 2015 at 6.30pm

Couns. Brian Squires (A)

Kevin Brooks (in the chair) Stephen Fisher
Bev Bingham Heather Miller

Also present: The clerk Mike Elliott and) Coun. Nigel Lawrence (Rushcliffe Borough Council), Coun. Kay Cutts (Notts County Council) and two members of the public.

- 1] APOLOGIES Cllr Brian Squires
- 2] DECLARATION OF INTERESTS There were none
- 3] MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON JUNE 24, 2015, were accepted as presented and signed by the chairman
- 4] CLERK'S REPORT
A letter has been sent to Mr Ken Clarke offering condolences on the death of his wife Gillian. Padding Tipping, Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire is speaking at Radcliffe Grange Hall on Wednesday July 29 at 7-00pm on the subject of cutting the number of PCSO's.
- 5] PUBLIC SESSION LIMITED TO 15 MINUTES
A parishioner again raised plans by Trent Barton (TB) to introduce a trial bus timetable for the new Villager service which he said disadvantaged residents in small villages. He circulated a proposed timetable which showed that the last bus to leave Shelford in the evening was around 4.30pm. This was inconsistent with the proposed return journeys around 8.15 and 10pm in that it would prove too early for people wishing to visit Nottingham for e.g. evening entertainment. He wondered if the PC could write to TB asking for one of the Newton services to be diverted via Shelford at a more appropriate time such a around 6pm.
Councillor Cutts pointed out that this was a commercial venture and passenger numbers were insufficient to justify the level of service to smaller communities that bigger locations could demand.
Nevertheless the council agreed to write to the bus company asking them to consider the idea of re-routing a Newton bus and also to provide details of their target figures for the trial period.
Coun. Mrs Cutts said the service involving Shelford was not subsidised by Notts County Council and had to stand on its own feet.
A request was made by a parishioner for Oatfield Lane to be re-surfaced as it was particularly bad at the junction with Shelford Hill Top. Councillor Cutts explained that because of cost restrictions only filling and patching could be undertaken on minor roads but that she would request that that part of Oatfield Lane be included in the repair schedule.
- 6] CORRESPONDENCE
Rushcliffe Borough Council submitted details on its Housing delivery plan. All members had been given a copy of the two page report and were asked to advise the clerk if they wished to make any comment.
- 7] PLAYING FIELD

The Acting Chairman explained that he had viewed the damage to the boundary fence with Chris and Bev Bingham with a request that they quote for the removal of the ivy which had in the main been responsible for the fence collapsing. They would be unable to undertake any activity before the autumn because of existing work commitments and because one part of the fence was considered to be potentially dangerous, Coun. Brooks promised to remove the ivy from that part and attempt to secure the fence.

Given the nature of the problem, consideration needed to be given to simply ripping out the ivy and the damaged part of the fence altogether and replacing it with new posts and fencing. Coun. Brooks would consider options for this including obtaining a quote for the work from a local contractor.

A resident whose property adjoined the playing field had raised the issue of the height of the line trees on the border of the field. The PC agreed that because of potentially substantial expenditure relating to the fence and the village hall roof any work on the trees was out of the question and not least also because of the aesthetic impact on the trees themselves.

8] VILLAGE HALL

The council was told that a hall hirer owed £216 for hire of the village hall for Tuesday night fitness classes. Last payment was for December last year. The person was written to on May 1 asking for payment and while there has been contact between her and the council, no payment had been received. It was agreed that unless full payment was received the hirer would not be allowed use of the hall again, and that any future bookings had to be paid for in advance.

Steps were being taken to obtain a price for repairing weather damage to part of the hall roof.

9] PLANNING

No applications or decisions from Rushcliffe Borough Council

10] CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

The acting chairman said he had attended the annual Notts County Council Service at Southwell Minster to represent the parish council. Thanks were offered to Coun. Fisher for attention he had given to the village notice boards. The question of dogs worrying sheep was raised but no formal decision was taken on the item. Speeding traffic on Shelford Hill and in the village was raised. A suggestion for a street party to be held in April next year to celebrate the 90th birthday of HM Queen Elizabeth was raised by Coun. Mrs Miller was to be investigated.

11] FINANCE INCLUDING PAYMENT OF CHEQUES were approved as per the circulated list.

Traditionally no meeting is held in August. and therefore the next meeting would be September 23.

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