**Shireoaks Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2016 at 7.15 p.m. in Shireoaks Village Hall**

**Present**:

Councillor I Jones (Chair)

Councillors M Long, S Fielding, B Ayton, G Robinson, M Wild, S MacDonald and R Hauxwell.

District Councillor David Pressley

M Welch (Clerk)

There were no members of the public present.

**5293 Apologies**

Apologies had been received from Councillor Blagg.

**5294 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**5295 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2016**

The minutes were amended at the open forum session to read "The Friends of Woodlands memorial seat. a Councillor MacDonald proposed they be approved as a true and correct record, seconded by Councillor Long.

**5296 Matters arising from the previous minutes**

**Neighbourhood Plan** - There was nothing further to report.

**Woodlands** - There was nothing further to report.

**Overgrown areas and gate repairs** - Councillor Robinson reported that a lot had been actioned and he will revisit the areas and report back at the next meeting. The clerk was asked to write to the Gas Board regarding the leylandii branches that have fallen down by the substation, Councillor Wild will pass contact details to the clerk. The gate needs replacing and will be reported to the District Council.

**Cricket ground** - this is still being pursued. The District Council has a new officer who has been in touch with the owner regarding the enforcement and they are currently going through the process. Shireoaks cricket club has now folded. There is currently funding available for youth sport and this may be of interest. All of the areas cricket, bowls and tennis are written down in S106 and covered by the enforcement.

**RDS Noise** - there are still problems, the District Council have agreed to send someone out at night to monitor this which is currently being dealt with and will be followed up. Councillors reported that the level of noise is affected by the weather.

**Street signs** - These have been done. The new village sign was discussed and pictures had been circulated. Councillors all liked the design sent in by Councillor Ayton and Councillor MacDonald proposed that this be sent to the County and that they be asked if they could include a boat as well, seconded by Councillor Wild with all in favour.

**Blocked Drains -** Councillor Fielding reported that she had contacted Ian Parker at the County Council who has been back to her explaining that they have an 18 month cycle and that Shireoaks is due to be done this month which will include all gullies being flushed out. Ken Davis from the District Council has offered to liaise if needed. The clerk has not had a reply from Severn Trent and was asked to chase this up.

**Best kept village competition** - a letter has been received confirming that we are through to the second round with judging taking place between 4th-22nd July. Councillors reported rubbish dumped in the field and weeds down by the wall end of the churchyard, the clerk was asked to contact Mr Gower to ask him to clear it on Friday. There are weeds on the road and Councillor Robinson proposed we ask SWHL to clear from the corner wall up to the car park by the church, this was unanimously agreed. There are weeds on the bank that also need strimming just behind the area that has been seeded the clerk was also asked to raise this with SWHL.

**Handyman** - Councillor MacDonald is still drawing up the list of duties. Mr Gower will be 80 next year and it is thought that he will not be covered by our insurance after this. The clerk was asked to check up on this. Councillor MacDonald proposed his contract be renewed for 6 months, seconded by Councillor Robinson and all agreed.

**Station car park** - There was concern that the blocks have been taken away and there are rumours about what is going on and people do not know where they can park. Councillor Robinson proposed we write and find out what is happening and this was agreed. There was discussion on the clamping signs and questions were asked about the legal situation, Councillor Jones will discuss this with the owner of the land.

**Fireworks -** There is a further meeting on 20th July. The clerk passed on a quote received from St. John's Ambulance.

**Carnival -** This was good, the accounts are being done and it was reported that it could go ahead again next year on 1st July. The treasurer is stepping down and Councillor Hauxwell expressed an interest in taking over.

**Lorries over the limit -** Nothing further has been heard from the companies. A letter has been received from the police and Chief Superintendant Mark Holland is looking into the matter and will report back. There were reports of other over the limit vehicles also using this route.

**Play Areas -** Councillor Pressley reported that John Foster and Liz Prime had looked at the problems and reported them to the developer. Children had reported that an adult known locally to them has been damaging the surface area and this is being looked into by the ASB team and police. Bovis are still responsible for the area at the minute but the District Council may consider taking it over.

**Devolution -** A joint meeting has been arranged with Rhodesia Parish Council for Simon Greaves to discuss and answer questions on devolution. It will take place on 27th July in Rhodesia village hall at 7p.m. Councillors Fielding and Pressley discussed the process and outlined how it could affect the village they hoped that there would be more responses from residents. Councillor Jones asked about a referendum but was advised that this would not happen.

**5297 Planning**

**New Applications/Decisions**

There were no new applications or decisions.

**5298 New Business**

**a) Clerks holiday -** The clerk will be away from 16th -30th July.

**b) Recycling** - New bins for garden waste will be available soon for £30 a year. Councillor Pressley suggested councillors may wish to invite Lis Prime to attend a meeting to discuss this, Councillor Jones proposed she be invited to the next meeting and to start at 7.00, seconded by Councillor Robinson and all agreed.

**c) Church clock** - There have been problems with the chime on the church clock. Councillor Jones proposed the clerk ask for it to be repaired, seconded by Councillor MacDonald and all agreed.

**5299 Reports from County and District Councillors**

Councillor Pressley reported that there is a Local Plan launch on 8th September at Retford The District Council are introducing charges for payments made by credit card. The HS2 plan has been changed so that it will stop at Chesterfield and Sheffield.

County Councillor Fielding reported that she had been contacted by people living on the Row who would like a residents parking scheme. A leaflet will be given out to see what residents think although it would cost £25 per vehicle and still would not guarantee a parking space. There is an issue with shortage of spaces one suggestion is to remove the pavement on the opposite side of the road to create spaces.

 **5300 Finance**

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| Balanced to statements  |  as at | 28.6.16 |  |  |
|  | Nat West Current |  |  |  | £17,884.20 |
|  | Nat West Reserve |  |  |  | £8,444.92 |
|  | Nationwide Clock Fund |  |  | £890.85 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | £27,219.97 |
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| The following Cheques are still unpresented |  |  |  |
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|  |  |  |  | CPRE | 1572 | 6.00 |
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| Payments received since last meeting |  |  | 8263.58 |
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| The following are to pay this meeting |  |  |  |
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|  | D Gower |  | 1585 |  | 399.60 |
|  | swhl |  |  | 1586 |  | 320.00 |
|  | M Welch |  | 1587 |  | 267.72 |
|  | HMRC |  |  | 1588 |  | 68.60 |
|  | M Welch | (stationery) |  | 1589 |  | 29.80 |
|  | D Gower |  | 1590 |  | 399.40 |
|  | SWHL (Aug) |  |  | 1591 |  |  320.00  |
|  | HMRC (Aug) |  |  | 1592 |  |  68.60  |
|  | M Welch(Aug) |  | 1593 |  | 267.72 |
| After the above movements the balances will be: |  | 2141.44 |
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|  | Nat West Current |  |  |  | £15742.76 |
|  | Nat West Reserve |  |  |  | £8,444.92 |
|  | Nationwide Clock Fund |  |  | £890.85 |
|  |  |  |  | **TOTAL FUNDS HELD** | **£25,078.53** |
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|  |  |  | Of which Woodlands balance is | £12,956.00 |
|  |  |  | of which Firework balance is | £929.52 |
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|  |  |  | Remaining Parish Council funds | £11,181.01 |
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**Audit** - the forms have all been submitted.

**5301 Correspondence**

Shale Gas Event, Fracking, Sheffield Consultation and circulars have been passed on to councillors.

**5302 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern**

Councillor Jones asked if out of date planning notices could be taken down by the District Council.

At the duck race the road was blocked by an ice cream van which caused a problem, this will be passed on to the Secretary or Chairman so that it can be avoided next year.

SWHL have strimmed the daffodils too early and the clerk was asked to put this on the next agenda.

**5303 Date of next meeting**

 Tuesday 13th September

The meeting closed at 9.15p.m.