

Shireoaks Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 13th February 2024

Present: Cllr R Hauxwell (chair)

Councillors: P Blagg, B Ayton, R Hewson, S Fielding, G Robinson, C Dixon, T Wilkes, and J Potts

District Cllr: D Pressley.

Clerk: Susan MacDonald

There were 2 members of the public present.

One member of public wished to express their concern over the impending application for the Shireoaks Plastic Recycling Centre & Energy Recovery Facility. It was explained that until the application appeared on the agenda there was very little that the Parish Council could comment on.

Mr P Stanley attended to update the council on Project Lighthouse. The next stage is to install EV Chargers and Solar Panels. In order to do this the electricity supply needs an upgrade at a cost of around £4k. It was asked if the Parish Council could help with this cost.

16/24 Apologies for Absence

No apologies had been received.

17/24 Declaration of Interest and to identify any agenda items from which the press and public should be excluded due to the confidential nature of the business.

Cllr Fielding declared an interest in all planning matters and in discussions about the SPRC&ERF.

18/24 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 9th January 2024

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 9.1.24, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record.

Proposed by Cllr Wilkes, seconded by Cllr Blagg, and signed by the Chair.

19/24 Matters Arising

a) CIL – Christmas Lights, Church clock repairs

The stress test on the lampposts has been moved to February 2024 with a view to having xmas lights this year.

Smith Derby had sent an email explaining that a new mechanism was needed now to future proof the clock. This will mean that the time resets automatically if a power cut occurs, and it will re calibrate for the summer and autumn clock changes automatically. This will be an extra cost but will make the clock more reliable.

This was proposed by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Fielding with no objections.

b) Church corner planter replacement

An email had been received from Advancedscape stating that they could manufacture an outer box to house the planters already purchased. These will match the existing village planters.

The logistics of getting our planters to them needs to be sorted. This was proposed by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Hauxwell.

c) Events – Fireworks/Carnival

Carnival – Their next event will be the Easter Egg Hunt on 23.3.2024.

Fireworks – A meeting will be held soon to go forward with a plan for 2024. It was agreed that Shireoaks PC would contribute £2k to this year's event and an email would be sent to Rhodesia to ask them for a donation too as this is a joint event.

d) To discuss any Village Maintenance/Lengthsman Scheme concerns

Still awaiting permission from Bassetlaw DC with regards to the Cherry Tree and completion would be Mid-March.

The willow tree next to it is also in need of some attention and so another request will be made to Bassetlaw District Council for permission.

An email had been received about cleaning the Winding Wheels. A quote of £250 to wash the wheels, remove the moss and then to re-sand the blocks was quoted. This was proposed by Cllr Blagg and seconded by Cllr Ayton.

The damage to the grassed verge at the River Ryton Bridge, Spring Lane, is to be repaired when other works which are taking place at this location have been completed.

Ranmoor Piscatorial Fishing Club operate and maintain the pumping station but have no responsibility or ownership of the land or stream which borders Bethel Terrace. The Club confirm that water is not pumped from the fishing lake when water levels are high and there is a risk of flooding. Ownership of this land is being followed up.

The brambles at the end of Coach Road had been reported to Notts CC.

The bushes overgrowing outside Sorrel Drive apparently do not belong to Notts CC but to National Highways.

The Village Hall have expressed interest in having a salt bin in their car park and so a quote will be obtained to do that.

e) New Container

Cllr Ayton and Cllr Hauxwell went to see the containers on offer at Coombs Farm. It was decided that a full container could be placed next to the wooden cabin and the current one re positioned at its side.

The roof will be sprayed with insulation and shelving is needed for equipment. A quote will be asked for in order to ask Bassetlaw DC for CIL money.

f) Shireoaks Plastic Recycling Centre & Energy Recovery Facility

An email had been received from the group opposed to this application but said they had no significant updates and so would not attend this meeting.

20/24 New Business

a) Bassetlaw Spring Clean – between 15-31 March

This was discussed and will appear in the newsletter asking for any volunteers. The Parish Council have their own litter picking equipment and so litter picks can be done at any time throughout the year. The bags of rubbish can be placed in our own bins in the Village Hall car park.

b) Council Diary

This was sent to all councillors and agreed as correct.

c) D Day 6.6.24 80th Anniversary

The beacon is to be lit at 21.15pm with permission from Ted Wooddisse of Nottinghamshire CC. Cllr Hauxwell will produce a Health & Safety risk assessment as was done for the last lighting. It was also mentioned that there will be an Armed Forces Day 29.6.24.

21/24 Planning

a) New applications

24/00072/HSE – alterations and extensions to existing bungalow to create a two-storey dwelling – 99 Shireoaks Common – there were no objections to this application.

b) Decisions and Awaiting Decisions

23/01379/HSE – erect open porch and reposition front door – 30 Moses View - GRANTED

23/01336/CAT – works to trees within cons area – junction Thorpe Lane and Shireoaks Road

23/01399/FUL – proposed construction of a ground mounted solar photovoltaic Farm – Land N and NE of Steetley -It was agreed to put in an objection to this application because of construction traffic travelling through the village.

23/01536/FUL – Erect Agricultural Storage Building - Field East of Bottom Farm, Thorpe Lane

23/01514/RES – Land to the North of Gateford Tollbar – Res matters 70-bedroom, 2 storey residential care home.

23/01530/RES – Land to the North of Gateford Tollbar – Res matters of 10 dwellings

22/24 Reports from County/District Councillors

Cllr Fielding reported that over 100 volunteers appeared on Saturday to assist the Friends of Woodland with the planting of new trees. This is a 5- year project in association with Notts CC
She also reported that she is still in talks with Notts Highways about the state of the village roads.

Cllr Pressley reported that the trees on York Place were in need of a trim and this work was now scheduled.

Also, there is a consultation at the moment about an indoor market for Worksop in the Priory Centre.

He also updated about the Fusion Energy power station at Retford and its progress.

He also stated that he had sent an email regarding the traffic that the new Solar Farm would generate through Shireoaks whilst it is being built.

23/24 Finance

a) Balance/Payments and receipts

see report attached.

b) Appointment of Auditor for 2023/2024

It was agreed to use JW Haddon again this year. This was proposed by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Ayton.

c) Budget/Precept for 2024 Final version

The budget was presented with a few options. It was agreed that option 3 was taken, a 2% uplift to last year. This was proposed by Cllr Blagg and Seconded by Cllr Ayton. This asked for £30,300 from Bassetlaw District Council and raised the town base from £43.09 to £43.85.

24/24 Emergency Measures

a) Flooding

Shireoaks Road had been closed again over the last week due to flooding issues with heavy rain. This happens under the bridge before Rhodesia. Cllr Fielding reported that she had asked for the pumps to be rechecked at this point. This had been done and they were reported to be OK.

25/24 Correspondence

All correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

A letter had been received from Bassetlaw District Council re Public Spaces Protection (Dog Control) Order 2021 – this will be put on next month's agenda.

Nalc Newsletter had been sent round advertising training courses being held for existing councillors if anyone was interested in attending.

26/24 Police report

There was no police report or police presence this month.

27/24 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern.

It was reported that there is litter accumulating in the dyke at the front of Francis Field. The Clerk pointed out that for Health and Safety reasons and because of the steep depth of the dyke neither the Parish Council litter picker nor the Bassetlaw District Council Litter Busters are able to remove the litter. The dyke would therefore require cleaning out on a regular basis to ensure that the drainage pipe does not get blocked up. District Councillor Pressley said he would take this up on behalf of the Parish Council.

It was reported on litter and general rubbish being left at the village name sign on Spring Lane and asked if the litter picker could collect from the river Ryton up to the name sign. It was indicated that for Health and Safety reasons the litter picker is not authorised to collect beyond the river Ryton owing to the narrow road and there being no footpath.

It was reported that officers had been out to inspect the river Ryton after the recent floods. They were informed about the blockage under the bridge at Spring Lane. They also said that they were looking at Brancliffe Lane Beaver Dam.

An email had been received to advise that the Best Kept Village Competition is returning this year. It was decided that Shireoaks would enter.

A request had been made to place a tree in the flowerbed adjacent to the canal bridge at the top of Shireoaks Common. Members thought that due to lack of soil no large tree would survive in this location and bushes would be more practical.

Meeting ended at 21:35pm

Date of next meeting 12th March 2024

Balanced to statements as at**25.1.24**

Nat West Current	8,194.14
Nat West Reserve	5,812.54
	<u>14,006.68</u>

Payments received since last meeting (inc in above) interest	6.69
	<u>6.69</u>

The following Cheques are still unpresented

2187 village hall - rent	72.00
	<u>72.00</u>

The following are to pay this meeting

2190 S MacDonald - clerk wages	318.80
S MacDonald - expenses	34.99
2191 HMRC	79.60
2192 SWH Ltd	500.00
	300.00
2193	50.00

This months cheques	<u>1,283.39</u>
Total of all outstanding cheques	<u>1,355.39</u>

After the above movements the balances will be:

Nat West Current	6,838.75
Nat West Reserve	5,812.54

TOTAL FUNDS HELD **12,651.29**

Of which Firework balance is 862.39

Remaining Parish Council funds **11,788.90**