

# Shireoaks Parish Council

## Minutes of the Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Present: Cllr G Robinson (acting chair)

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

District Cllr D Pressley

Clerk: Susan MacDonald

There were 5 members of the public present, 1 of which was a new flood warden.

Members of the public came to express concern as their properties had yet again been flooded. They stated that no-one from the council had been to see them during or after the floods. Their concern was also that Spring Lane was a particularly bad spot. The river quickly overwhelms the bridge and within 15 minutes the road goes from OK to 3 feet deep. Many cars did not heed the warnings and were stuck in the water, some inside their cars. They asked for the road to be swept again now that the floods have subsided and that the drains need cleaning here on a more regular basis. Cllr Fielding said that she would go to District Council and ask for this. It was asked if a permanent sign would be better to warn drivers on Spring Lane.

### **115/23 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Cllrs B Ayton and R Hauxwell, although Cllr Hauxwell did manage to attend later in the meeting and Cllr Blagg left early for another appointment.

### **116/23 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 Friends of Woodlands (trustee).

Cllr Hauxwell joined the meeting.

### **117/23 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023, copies of which had been previously circulated to members, were confirmed as a true record.

**Proposed** by Cllr Wilkes and **seconded** by Cllr Hauxwell and signed by the acting Chair.

### **118/23 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 next year.

We now need to schedule a date when Smith Derby and Danlec can attend to do the work together. We are also awaiting the Cil monies to pay for this.

#### **b) Speed limit in the village**

Cllr Fielding has had a report from Highways stating that there was no need to change the 40mph to 30mph as suggested. Members found this very disappointing, but Cllr Fielding said she was going to challenge this decision.

#### **c) Church corner planter replacement**

Although the planters have arrived, there is some concern over the colour and so it was asked if a quote could be raised for the respray of these. Also, to ask if there was a swatch, they could send so that the colour could be seen as a picture was not showing the true colour.

The old planters were also discussed as several complaints have been made and to that end it was proposed to remove them, as a H&S risk, until the new ones can be sorted. Proposed by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Hauxwell.

#### **d) Events – Fireworks/Carnival**

Carnival – AGM has been set for December.

Fireworks – overall a good event despite the wet conditions and the rain which spoiled the end of the event. £702 raised from the crowd attending. Therefore, the balance in the firework fund to go to next year is £862.39.

**e) To discuss any Village Maintenance/Lengthsman Scheme concerns**

A cost for the replacement of the bollards opposite the winding wheels had come from SWH Ltd. This was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Hauxwell and the work will be scheduled ASAP.

The permission required has been submitted to Bassetlaw District Council to prune the Cherry Tree in the Village Garden. The council have asked for a few more details before they can go ahead. Meanwhile a quote from H&W was proposed to be accepted by Cllr Wilkes and seconded by Cllr Hauxwell.

The street name signs were discussed again, and it was asked that a quote be found for someone to jet clean them throughout the whole village.

**f) Village Litter Bins**

These are now all completed, and this item can be removed from the agenda.

**g) Friends of Woodland – CIL**

This item was moved to the end of the meeting to allow Cllr Fielding to remove herself from the discussion.

**h) Bus Service to Shireoaks**

This item can now be removed from the agenda.

**i) New container**

It was asked if now we could look at an insulated container. This may keep the condensation down and stop the sand/ bags from perishing so quickly. Also, some racking would be useful inside to place items from the floor.

**119/23 New Business**

**a) Confirm Donation amount to poppy appeal.**

The poppy wreath was a cost of £25. There were no new lamppost poppies bought this year, but Cllr Blagg agreed to count the broken ones as he removed them in the coming days. These will then be sourced next year. It was also reported that some poppies had been removed from the winding wheels.

**b) Grass cutting Tender.**

A grass cutting tender had been received from SWH Ltd with a 6% rise. It was agreed to keep SWH Ltd as they did a good job. This was proposed by Cllr Hewson and seconded by Cllr Wilkes.

**120/23 Planning**

**a) New applications**

23/01312/HSE – Erect 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear extension and carry out alterations – 12 Cartwright Street

23/01273/HSE – Double detached garage and new gates to frontage of drive – 89 Shireoaks Common

There were no objections to either of these applications, but the normal letter will be sent to Bassetlaw District Council ensuring neighbours have been notified.

**b) Appeals**

There were no new appeals.

**c) Decisions and Awaiting Decisions**

22/01714/OUT – Land to the north of Gateford Toll Bar - Outline application for erection of a care home and up to 10 res dwellings has been approved but not yet on website.

**d) Enforcements**

There are no updates to report this month.

### **121/23 Reports from County/District Councillors**

District Cllr Pressley spoke about an ongoing consultation by Bassetlaw District Council on council housing in the district. They wanted to simplify the process for those residents. He also said a grant had been given to the Hugh Hensall which would allow refurbishment and gave access to wheelchairs onto the boat.

He also said there was a new page from Nottinghamshire Police on which residents can report to the police. [Home Page - Notts Alerts](#). It was also proposed to put this onto social media pages.

Cllr Fielding spoke about her meetings with Highways and stated that many staff shortages were impacting that department.

### **122/23 Finance**

- a) balance/payments and receipts  
see report attached.**

Cllr Blagg left the meeting.

### **123/23 Emergency Measures**

- a) Flooding**

30 new sandbags had been ordered from Via to replace some of those used recently. However, it was noted that £200 had been given to the flood defences from Cllr Fielding and so it was asked if we could source some sand and bags from this money.

During the recent flood a lot of new issues were revealed. We have a few new flood wardens now. It was noted that there was a dip in front of the current flood cabin, and this filled with water. Some gravel is needed to fill this to keep the ground level. A light is needed inside the cabin as the car park is very dark at the point where the cabin is.

Cllr Hauxwell had produced findings report and an article will be placed in the next newsletter.

### **124/23 Correspondence**

All correspondence had been circulated prior to the meeting.

### **125/23 Police report**

There was no police report and no police presence at the meeting. There was concern raised about the speeding cars on the A57 each evening. This will be reported back to PCSO and reported on the Notts alert page.

### **126/23 Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern.**

Concern was raised about overgrown bushes encroaching out of the village garden. This will be brought to the attention of SWH Ltd to complete.

SWH Ltd had approached stating that they had a bench which could be refurbished. This could be placed at a57 end of the village as there was a bench before the new builds started. Several members had said that this would be nice as a stop on long walks. This was proposed by Cllr Hauxwell and seconded by Cllr Fielding. A bin would also be put with it and the one from the village garden will be moved.

It was asked if maybe some more signs could be put into the field at York Place stating that no dogs are allowed. This is causing concern as the children who play there have come across dog poo whilst playing.

The path that has been closed off by Network rail has been vandalised again. It was proposed to send an email to Network rail asking when or if the fence on the tracks will be mended.

Cllr Fielding left the meeting.

- g) Friends of Woodland – CIL - cont.**

This item was discussed at much length. The vote was split as to having a car park and the benefits to the village. It was therefore decided that in the next newsletter of 2024 a poll will be entered for the villagers to decide how the CIL money will be spent. The demographic of the village has vastly changed since the Neighbourhood plan was done and so there may be new opinions as to the needs of the village.

**Meeting ended at 21:55pm**

**Date of next meeting 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**