

SHIREOAKS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of 8th September 2015 held at 7.15pm at Shireoaks Village Hall

Present

Cllr P Blagg (chair)

Cllrs M Long, B Ayton, S Fielding, M Wild, G Robinson, I Jones and clerk S MacDonald

5112. Open Forum for discussion of any topic raised by residents
Rachel from the Sports & Social club came to discuss the upcoming firework display. There is now a committee of 4 trying to organise all the event meeting at fortnightly intervals. Marshalls are still needed for the night. The preparation is ongoing at the meetings. One concern raised was that there goats in a field adjoining the field from which the fireworks will be set off. These belong to a lady named Tracy living at Ford Cottage, so a letter will be sent to her advising of the event. A letter is to be sent to the field owner as he requested to allay his fears with regards to liability from stray fireworks. **ACTION: Clerk**
This is a joint venture with Rhodesia Parish Council. Cllr Fielding is to attend their next meeting and speak to them with regards to what they are going to do to help with this event. **ACTION: Cllr Fielding**
5113. Apologies for absence
None were received.
5114. Declaration of Interest
Cllr Fielding declared an interest in any Planning matters.
5115. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2015
The minutes were approved by Cllr Long and seconded by Cllr Ayton as a true record of the last meeting and then signed by Cllr Blagg as chairman.
5116. Matters arising from the previous minutes
5062 – Car park – Monks Way.
There was a letter received from St Luke's School stating that they were not responsible for this car park despite the email from Bassetlaw District Council which states that they are. An email is to be sent to Kelly Douglas asking for her help in resolving this issue. **ACTION: Clerk**
5075 – Shireoaks Cricket Pavilion. A letter was received from Shireoaks Cricket club. The response indicated that both Shireoaks Cricket Club and Woodsetts cricket Club wanted to play on the ground. Shireoaks had been refused as the owner did not want cricket played on Sundays.
Woodsetts had withdrawn because of high maintenance costs which were to be imposed on them.
Bassetlaw District Council have replied saying that this is no longer a planning matter and will be dealt with by their legal department.
A reply had still not been received from the owner of the cricket ground. It does appear that the use of sports facilities are now being discouraged. It was resolved to

- 1) Send a further letter to the cricket ground owners to enquire as to their future plans for use of the sports facilities.
- 2) To send copy correspondence to Bassetlaw District Council's legal department. A letter will also be sent to Shireoaks cricket club thanking them for their reply and to ask them if this letter can be sent to Bassetlaw District Council in support of the complaint from the Parish Council. It will also state that the Parish Council will do everything they can to assist in bringing cricket back to this ground. **ACTION: Clerk**
5098 – Newton House wall. An email was received from enforcement but stated that these matters take time to investigate. Cllr Fielding offered to chase this matter. The clerk will forward the email and give Cllr Fielding the details to enable her to do so. **ACTION: Clerk/Fielding**
5098 – Emptying bins on canalside. An email had been sent to RDS and a reply received giving the handyman permission to go down the private road in his car to collect the rubbish from the 2 canalside bins. If anyone speaks to him he is to say that Simon has giving permission. The clerk will speak to the handyman and relay this message. **ACTION: Clerk**

5117. Co-option of New Councillor.

The proposed new councillor did not attend the meeting.

5118. Planning

A. Correspondence

Re: 93 Shireoaks Common

A letter had been received advising that that had approved a change of address for the above residence. It will now be called The Laurels, 93 Shireoaks Common, Shireoaks S81 8PL

B. Applications

15/01128/FUL replacement antennas

This was discussed and it was resolved to send a letter of no objection to Bassetlaw District Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

15/01154/VOC variation of condition 4 for roof coverings at Newton House. Another variation had been received with reference to Newton House. It was decided to send a letter of no objection to Bassetlaw District Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

15/01174/CAT reduction of Sycamore tree at Newton House. It was discussed that yet again trees were being forfeited for a planning application. However a report had been received from Bassetlaw tree officer supporting the application. It was resolved to send a letter of no objection to Bassetlaw District Council. **ACTION: Clerk**

C. Decision Notices

The following decision notices had been received:-

15/00179/FUL Shireoaks Pavilion canopy - granted

15/00834/CAT trees at Newton House - granted

14/000632/FUL Newton House variation - granted

15/00879/HSE 66 Middle Meadow, Shireoaks - refused

Land off Shireoaks Common – still pending decision

5119. To receive reports/information from County & District Councillors
Cllr Fielding informed the members that the bus freeways would now be marked out around the first week in December. She also informed them of the appearance of double yellow lines at the top of Shireoaks row, on the private road to RDS Transport. These lines had strayed onto the public highway and a letter was being sent from Bassetlaw District Council to ask them to be removed at RDS expense.

Cllr Pressley said that there was a meeting in the coming week of councillors with regards to the combined authority and the bid for devolution. They will discuss who is responsible for what and also discuss the election of a new mayor. He also asked if there were any future projects that Shireoaks and Rhodesia could perhaps jointly apply to the lottery fund for money from.

5120. Handyman

The minimum wage is to increase to £6.70 with effect from 1.10.15. It was therefore resolved to increase the wages of the handyman to this amount. It was also resolved to renew his contract for another 6 months. This was proposed by Cllr Blagg and seconded by Cllr Jones. **ACTION: Clerk**

5121. War Memorial Renovation Update

An email had been received from Lidsters with regards to the pointing and finishing off of the memorial. A member of staff who is capable of using lime mortar is away on holidays and returns shortly. When this person returns the job will be scheduled and Lidsters will let the clerk know. This will then enable the clerk to inform Simon Britt of Bassetlaw District Council who can then release grant funds to the Parish Council, after his inspection.

Concern was expressed as to how long this project has taken, and is still not complete. Care must be taken in future to dot I's and cross T's before embarking on future projects to enable them to run smoothly. However it should be noted that the brief was changed when the application for a grant went to Bassetlaw District Council, and when the church architect was involved too. **ACTION: Clerk**

5122. Memorial Clock

An email had been received from Time assured with regards to the clock maintenance. It would appear that one of the clock people had broken off the locks, the last time he attended. The owner of Time Assured was not aware of this. Therefore when another clock-man came to see to the clock he thought it was malicious damage. So Time Assured will replace the locks FOC and supply the council with spare keys. Two new mercury switches are needed to enable the clock to work again. Time Assured will buy one and the council will buy the second one. Time Assured will then FOC fit these switches at the same time as the new locks as an apology for the misunderstanding surrounding the clock. Time Assured will let the clerk know when these will be fitted.

Also Cllr Ayton has a key both for the clock and the door to the tower. A further set of keys will be made for the clerk in case Cllr Ayton is not available when the clock-man needs to access the church tower. **ACTION: Clerk/Cllr Ayton**

5123. Future Projects

a) Fencing at village sign

- This was put back to the next meeting.
- b) Winter planting in tubs
It was resolved to buy pansies for the tubs this year instead of daffodils, as these were not ready to pull out in time for spring planting and Best Kept Village competition. **ACTION: Clerk**
- c) Defibrillator
This was put back to the next meeting
- d) Fireworks
This was discussed in the public forum.

5124.	Finance	
Balanced to statements as at 30.8.15		
	Nat West Current	£11,627.25
	Nat West Reserve	£8,441.73
	Nationwide Clock Fund	£889.07
		<u>£20,958.05</u>

The following Cheques are still unrepresented

0.00

Payments received since last meeting

0.00

The following are to pay this meeting

D Gower wages September	1515	353.35
D Gower HMRC	1516	56.80
SWHL	1517	316.66
		<u>726.81</u>

After the above movements the balances in the bank accounts will be:

Nat West Current	£10,900.44
Nat West Reserve	£8,441.73
Nationwide Clock Fund	£889.07
TOTAL FUNDS HELD	<u>£20,231.24</u>

Of which Woodlands balance is £5,456.00
of which N Plan balance is £3,950.00

d. new signatories on account

A form had been obtained from the Nat West and was signed in order to let 2 new councillors to be signatories on the Council account. This needs to be taken into the Nat West in Worksop. **ACTION: Clerk**

e. The annual return had been received from Grant Thornton with no problems highlighted. The accounts were signed off by them on 1st September 2015. A notice was placed in the notice board to inform parish residents. **ACTION: Clerk**

5125. Correspondence

No correspondence had been received.

5126. Members reports and exchange of information on matters of concern

It was explained that a bank account for the Youth action had been closed. These funds have been put into the account of the Parish council for future use. **ACTION: Clerk**

A member asked if the Village garden could be added as an item onto next month's agenda as there are some outstanding issues. They also asked for the council diary to be placed on the agenda too. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was agreed to write to Notts County Council and in particular Johnny Davis to congratulate him and his team on clearing the problem bushes from Spring Lane after his site visit to Shireoaks. **ACTION: Clerk**

It was reported that 3 oak trees are growing at the A57 end of the village and they are in need of attention. It was resolved that Cllr Fielding would ask about this matter. **ACTION: Cllr Fielding**

An update was received about the new Coronation meadow. This has now been mown and the hay pushed into the woods. However this cannot be done every year and next year it will have to be bailed and sold as animal feed.

A member asked if benches in the village can be added to next month's agenda.

ACTION: Clerk

It was reported that at the back of no 49 slabs had been used instead of ridge tiles. This needs to be reported to enforcement. **ACTION: Clerk**

There is still concern about the work done at the A57 end of the village around the bus shelters. There is an exposed man hole cover and the area was not grassed over as promised. At the speed sign, again where the cable was dug, the area has not been grassed over and so leaves a bare patch of ground which looks unsightly.

ACTION: Cllr Fielding

There was also a report of a house putting gates from the back of the property to open out onto Brancliffe Lane. This has not gone through the planning procedure and so must be reported to enforcement. **ACTION: Clerk**

5127. Proposed date of next meeting – Tuesday 13th October 2015

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

Signed 

Date 13th October, 2015