

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 17th February 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom video conferencing

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs, S Porter, G Smith, D Brummell, R Anderson, R Oliver, J Woodcock, County Cllr G Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

21/015	Apologies for absence: District Cllr D Webb & Cllr L Gosney
21/016	Declarations of Interest: Cllr D Brummell – 5a & 5b on agenda and Cllr Gill Smith – 8e on agenda
21/017	Open Forum:
21/018	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 th January 2021 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
21/019 21/019/1 21/019/2	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>Karting Club – Cllr Richard Anderson advised that he was putting a brief paper together which he will circulate to other Councillors.</p> <p>Stocking Lane – A resident circulated to Councillors before the meeting, a letter written to the Chief Executive Officer of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) about the status of a public highway running across the runway of Shenington Airfield. Various copies of correspondence dating from 1978 between OCC and the Parish Council and OCC and Shenington residents were attached. The resident has advised the Parish Council that the reason for raising this is that the landowner has installed lock gates across the highway to stop residents walking across the airfield which they have done in the past. The most recent piece of correspondence sent from the resident to the CEO of OCC was an email from Mr Nick Blacow, OCC Highways Records Office to the resident dated 4/11/2020. This confirmed that “Stocking Lane where it crosses the airfield remains as Highway Maintainable at Public Expense”. It also advised “an important consideration regarding the route of Stocking Lane is that the operation of the airfield falls within the auspices of the Air Navigation Order (ANO) published by the Civil Aviation Authority.” The communication points out that “the ANO states that a person must not recklessly or negligently act in a manner likely to endanger an aircraft, or any person in an aircraft and someone who walks across an active airfield could be considered to be in breach of this and may be prosecuted.”</p> <p>The landowner attended the meeting and advised that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. He is in possession of a letter from OCC saying that there is no right of way across the airfield and does not believe that the communication from Mr Nick Blacow, OCC Highways to a resident changes anything as the road remains temporarily closed. 2. He is happy to keep the gates shut across the road because of insurance and does not want to be liable. 3. He is aware that most roads across airfields were permanently stopped up after the war. 4. He is in consultation with OCC and is planning to request that the road is permanently stopped up. 5. He will look at options of alternative access. 6. He is aware that a few people walk on the airfield. Some people have been given permission to walk on the airfield, others have been asked not to. People walking on the airfield are on private property. 7. Buildings were erected on the road when the airfield was built which block the road from being used as a highway. 8. He is concerned about aircraft safety and public safety. 9. The current planning permits 25 flights per day but if needed, a planning application would be made to change this to, for example, an average of 175 per week. 10. He is taking advice from the Aviation Authority and legal advice. <p>The following observations/ comments were made by Councillors:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The road still exists, and it is a right of way so parishioners may want to exercise their right to walk along the road. 2. People have a right to walk on the road. How do we address this? There are padlocked gates across a right of way and that is not right. 3. The father of the landowner was willing to change the route of the right of way. 4. Why does the road need to be opened?

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<p>21/019/3</p> <p>20/019/4</p>	<p>5. Some parishioners are concerned at noise from the karting club and airfield and this could aggravate the situation.</p> <p>6. We do not want to send people over a live airfield.</p> <p>7. It is a live airfield and dangerous so it would be great if the landowner could provide an alternative route for the right of way</p> <p>8. There is a need for the right of way to be diverted.</p> <p>9. If the number of flights per day is changed to an average per week there could be a significant increase in weekend flights.</p> <p>10. The Parish Council should wait for the landowner to submit a planning application.</p> <p>11. It should be noted that the landowner and the Parish Council have discussed the situation and that both parties are in discussion with Oxfordshire County Council.</p> <p>The clerk advised that OCC has procedures for requesting changes to the status of a highway and requesting changes to rights of way.</p> <p>Additional 20's Plenty Signs – It was RESOLVED that 4 additional 20's Plenty signs would be purchased and 2 would be erected on the hill coming out of Shenington towards Alkerton, one for traffic coming into Shenington and one for traffic going out of Shenington.</p> <p>Broadband - The application was sent to Openreach on 30/12/2020 and the initial proposal from Openreach is awaited and OCC are chasing this response.</p> <p>The existing voucher scheme is closing on 31/03/2021 and being replaced with a new scheme in April. Shenington and Alkerton are eligible for the new scheme. Openreach are currently prioritising applications that will not be eligible for the new scheme.</p>
<p>21/020</p> <p>21/020/1</p> <p>21/020/2</p> <p>21/020/3</p> <p>21/020/4</p> <p>21/020/5</p> <p>21/020/6</p>	<p>Councillor's Reports:</p> <p>a) Village Hall – There is no news on reopening, but sanitiser details have been passed to the Trustees.</p> <p>b) Highways – It was noted that there is a lot of litter on the road and verges outside the Alkerton Household Waste Recycling Centre. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would ask the operators and Cherwell District Council to the area clean.</p> <p>c) Defibrillator – No update.</p> <p>d) Emergency Planning – The Parish Council is concerned that everyone who has been invited for a COVID-19 vaccination is able to travel to get it. Mrs Gill Marshall and Cllr Gill Smith have advertised that they are available to assist. It was RESOLVED that a message would be sent out via the Shenington green email system asking residents to check on older neighbours and provide Cllr Gill Smith's home and mobile number for people who need assistance to contact.</p> <p>e) Website – Consolidation of the various village websites was discussed. It was questioned whether Shenington Green need a separate site and whether a page could be incorporated into the Shenington with Alkerton Village Website or a link provided from it. It was agreed that Cllrs John Woodcock and Robin Oliver would meet and develop a plan. The operators of the Shenington Green email service have asked for support. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would pay for the email service.</p> <p>f) Village Assets – A communication had been received from a resident about the condition of footpaths and styles. Cllr Simon Porter confirmed that he had responded to this.</p>
<p>21/021</p> <p>21/021/1</p> <p>21/021/2</p> <p>21/021/3</p> <p>21/021/4</p> <p>21/021/5</p>	<p>District and County Councillor Reports:</p> <p>OCC Budget – This has been set and council tax will increase by 3%</p> <p>COVID-19 – The virus remains an issue. Special tests have been introduced for key workers.</p> <p>May Elections – There will be elections this year</p> <p>Road Gulleys – Increased budget has been allocated for clearing these.</p> <p>20mph speed limits – The County Council is putting a scheme together to assist implementation of limits in villages.</p>
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21/023 21/023/1	Planning Decisions: 20/02832/F– Middlecote – Permitted 09/02/21
21/024	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – On 31 st January, the total balances were £18,200.80 (£10,994.33 Current & £7,256.47 Deposit)
21/025 21/025/1 21/025/2 21/025/3	Second Open Forum: Location of historical Parish Council documents - It was noted that former Coucillors appeared to be in possession of Parish Council documents that current Councillors were not aware of. It was agreed to ask them if they are holding any documents. One ex Councillor provided documents that he was storing to the Parish Council a few moths ago. Document storage – It was suggested that there was a need to digitise documents and store them in a cloud that all Councillors have access to. Collection of new dog bins – It was agreed that a resident would be asked if he could collect the new dog bins.
20/026	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £40.20 to HMRC for PAYE January £160.60 to the clerk for January £349.20 – to D Best to reimburse for 2 Broxap dog bins
21/027	Any Other Business: None
21/028	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.32pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 17th March 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall if meeting restrictions have been lifted or by Zoom video Conferencing.

Signed by Chairman.....

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