

**Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at**  
**7.30pm**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** – Cllrs Robin Oliver, Simon Porter, Jayne Miller, District Cllr Douglas Webb, County Cllr G Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

<b>21/140</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Peter Barrett
<b>21/141</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
<b>21/142</b>	<b>Acceptance of minutes:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2021 were a correct record after two changes and signed by the Chairman.
<b>21/143</b>	<b>Open Forum:</b> <b>Hedges and Trees growing over the road</b> – A member of the public attended the meeting and pointed out that some residents were allowing their hedges and trees to grow into the road which are forcing drivers into the middle of the road in some places. It was agreed that Councillors would request owners to trim trees and hedges to improve road safety. <b>Victoria Prentice MP surgery meeting in The Bell</b> – Victoria Prentice is holding a surgery meeting with residents in The Bell. It was confirmed that this was not a meeting of the Elan Homes Action Group. Planning Application 21/03519/F – The applicant attended the meeting to explain the changes being made to the application relating to a plot off Stocking Lane. It was confirmed that Cherwell District Council had not yet consulted the Parish Council on this application. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Cherwell Planning to ask why they had not been consulted.
<b>21/144</b> 21/144/1  21/144/2 21/144/3  21/144/4	<b>District and County Councillor Reports:</b> <b>Castle Quay II Development</b> – This is progressing well and should be fully operational next Spring. <b>Cherwell Finance</b> – The budget is likely to be extremely tight next year. <b>20mph Village speed limit initiative</b> – Pilots are being carried out in 5 Oxfordshire Villages. The initiative will either be rolled out or traffic calming will be considered if the speed limits do not lead to significant speed reductions. <b>Civil Parking Enforcement</b> – This has been contracted out. The Parish Council considered that this would be of little benefit and that parking charges should be reduced or scrapped in the town to encourage more people and businesses into the centre.
<b>21/145</b> 21/145/1  21/145/2  21/145/3  21/145/4	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>Agree Working Groups and Councillor responsibilities</b> – The following were proposed and agreed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Village Maintenance and Improvement</li> <li>2. Transport, Traffic and Roads</li> <li>3. Planning, Finance and Legal</li> <li>4. Village Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention and Environment</li> <li>5. Internet and Social media</li> </ol> This will be scoped out further and agreed at the next meeting. <b>Broadband</b> – Mr Lewis is still trying to get an update from BT Openreach on the cost estimate which appears to have been overestimated as it did not take into account the fibre run to the school. <b>New Parish Councillors</b> – An advertisement for additional Councillors has been put into Shenington Green <b>Tree Survey</b> – Requests have been made to tree surgeons but they have not yet responded back
<b>21/146</b>	<b>Councillor Reports:</b> None until working Groups/Councillor responsibilities agreed.
<b>21/147</b> 21/147/1	<b>Planning Applications:</b> <b>21/02970/F</b> – Oriol High – Replace windows – No objections from Parish Council

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21/147/2	<b>Cherwell Local Plan 2040</b> – It was agreed that Councillors could respond individually and Cllr Robin Oliver would do a response.
21/147/3	<b>MW.0124/21 Alkerton Quarry revised restoration scheme</b> – It was agreed that Cllr Simon Porter would draft a response to Cllr Robin Oliver and that County Cllr George Reynolds would be copied in and that he would ask for it to be called in to committee.
<b>21/148</b>	<b>Planning Decisions:</b> None since last meeting
<b>21/149</b> 21/149/1	<b>Financial/Administration:</b> <b>Bank Balances</b> – On 29 <sup>th</sup> October, the total balances were £20,263.5 (£13,006.49 Current & £7,257.01 Deposit).
<b>21/150</b> 21/150/1	<b>Second Open Forum:</b> <b>White Lines in the Road</b> – A member of the public pointed out that there used to be white lines in the middle of the road. It was believed having it reinstated might help to keep cars on the correct side of the road. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a request to OCC Highways.
<b>20/152</b>	<b>Passing of accounts for payment:</b> The following were approved for payment: £40.00 – HMRC – PAYE for October £160.80– D Best – Pay October £186.00 – N Prickett – last verge cut
<b>21/153</b>	<b>Any Other Business:</b> None
<b>21/154</b>	<b>Closure of the meeting:</b> The meeting ended at 8.54pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (to be confirmed) at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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