

**Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at**  
**7.30pm**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** – Cllrs Robin Oliver Simon Porter, Peter Barrett, County Cllr G Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.

<b>21/140</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Jayne Miller & District Cllr Douglas Webb
<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 9 <sup>th</sup> November 2021 were a correct record after two changes and signed by the Chairman.
<b>21/143</b>	<b>Open Forum:</b> No discussion.
<b>21/144</b> 21/144/1  21/144/2 21/144/3  21/144/4	<b>District and County Councillor Reports:</b> <b>Council Budget and Council Tax</b> – There is likely to be a 5% increase in the Council Tax for 2022-23 <b>COVID Booster Jabs</b> – Everyone is being encouraged to have their jab. <b>Alkerton Quarry Restoration Scheme Application</b> – OCC has asked the applicants for more information, and it could be determined at the Planning Committee meeting in January. <b>Clearing the Gullies on the hills</b> – Cllr Robin Oliver asked County Councillor George Reynolds if he could put pressure on OCC Highways to get the gullies cleared as they are overflowing when it rains, and properties are getting flooded at the bottom of Well Lane. It has been reported on Fix My Street, but nothing has been done.
<b>21/145</b> 21/145/1  21/145/2  21/145/3  21/145/4	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>Parish Survey</b> – One survey response has been received so far. It was agreed that the Clerk would summarise all the responses. <b>Dog Bins</b> – It was agreed that these will be discussed and agreed when the three current councillor vacancies have been filled. <b>New Parish Councillors</b> – One candidate has come forward, but he cannot attend meetings on Mondays and Tuesdays and has asked if the meetings could be moved back to Wednesdays. Councillor Simon Porter will consider if he can make Wednesday meetings in future, and it was agreed that the Clerk would thank the candidate for their interest and advise that midweek meetings were being considered. <b>Agree whether to continue donation to Shenington Parochial Church Council</b> – The Local Government Act 1894 prohibit councils' involvement in property relating to the affairs of the church e.g. the maintenance or improvement of buildings or land or contributing to costs. It was agreed that the Clerk would write back to the Treasurer and enquire what the donation would be used for if given. It was also agreed that a donation would be considered if it was for work that would make the church usable for other purposes that services.
<b>21/146</b>	<b>Councillor Reports:</b> None until working Groups/Councillor responsibilities agreed.
<b>21/147</b> 21/147/1 21/147/2 21/147/3 21/147/4	<b>Planning Applications:</b> <b>21/03519/F</b> – Land SE of Garters – changed plans – PC no objection <b>21/03827/F</b> – Stratton House – Raise garage roof – PC no objection <b>21/03602/LB</b> – Replace back door – PC no objection <b>21/04011/F</b> – Sugarswell – 10,000 sq ft unit – PC no objection
<b>21/148</b> 21/148/1	<b>Planning Decisions:</b> <b>21/02970/F</b> – Oriel High – Replace windows – Permitted by CDC 11/11/2021

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<p><b>21/149</b> 21/149/1  21/149/2</p>	<p><b>Financial/Administration:</b>  <b>Bank Balances</b> – On 30<sup>th</sup> November, the total balances were £19, 515.50 (£12,258.49 Current &amp; £7,257.01 Deposit).  <b>Budget and Precept</b> – The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2022-23 which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was agreed that the Precept would be increased by 5% in line with inflation. The Precept level is lower than Shutford, Barford St Michael and Cropredy (the other Parishes where Mr Best is Clerk).</p>
<p><b>21/150</b></p>	<p><b>Second Open Forum:</b> No discussion</p>
<p><b>20/151</b></p>	<p><b>Passing of accounts for payment:</b>  The following were approved for payment:  £100.00 – N Brooks – Grass Cutting  £39.93 – Wix/G Marshall – Website calendar function  £40.20 – HMRC – PAYE for November  £160.60 – D Best – Pay November</p>
<p><b>21/152</b> 21/152/1 21/152/2</p>	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b>  <b>The Bell</b> – The pub will not be opening on Christmas Day or Boxing Day  <b>Councillor Responsibilities</b> – Cllr Robin Oliver requested that Councillors review the responsibilities before the January meeting.</p>
<p><b>21/153</b></p>	<p><b>Closure of the meeting:</b> The meeting ended at 8.32pm</p>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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