

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.30pm by Zoom video conferencing

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs, S Porter, G Smith, D Brummell, R Anderson, L Gosney, S Oliver, J Woodcock, County Cllr G Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.

21/001	Apologies for absence: District Cllr D Webb
21/002	Declarations of Interest: Cllr D Brummell – 5a, 6a, 8a & 8c and Cllr John Woodcock – 9b
21/003 21/003/1 21/003/2 21/003/3 21/003/4 21/003/5	Open Forum: Transport to Vaccinations – some residents have been unable to attend vaccination appointments at South Newington due to lack of transport. Some Councillors advised that they were happy to transport residents if they were unable to arrange transport themselves. Residents should contact a Councillor if they require assistance. Condition of footpaths – A resident contacted the Parish Council expressing concern at the muddy patches on some footpaths could deter older people especially from exercising. Oxfordshire County Council will not take any action on this and it was decided that residents should use the roads and lanes when the paths are muddy. Footpath access to the airfield restricted by locked gates – A councillor had noticed that access to the airfield from the end of stocking lane had been restricted as the gate is now locked shut. CPRE Star Count – Each year the CPRE asks the nation to help monitor light pollution in their area by counting visible stars. Residents wishing to take part should visit the CPRE website. It has been noticed that some residents have outside lights switched on all night and the Parish Council would like to encourage those residents to switch them off to save energy and reduce light pollution. Publication of agendas and minutes on the website – Some residents have commented that agendas and minutes are not always published on a timely basis. It was agreed that agendas would be published on the website a week in advance of the meetings and minutes from the previous meeting will be published on the website immediately after they are agreed at the subsequent meeting.
21/004	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 16th December 2020 were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
21/005 21/005/1 21/005/2	Parish Matters: Karting Club – The Parish Council is concerned at the increase in days over recent years and would like to reach agreement with the Kart Club on the frequency of meetings and trying to clarify with Cherwell District Council the intensification of activity get a season long noise survey. Dog Bins – It was agreed that two new dog bins would be ordered and a survey of possible additional locations would be undertaken in an attempt to reduce the problem of some dog owners not clearing up after their dogs.
21/006 21/006/1 21/006/2 21/006/3 21/006/4 21/006/5 21/006/6	Councillor's Reports: a) Village Hall – No update. b) Highways – There are an increasing number of potholes along Mill Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk will photograph them and report them to OCC Highways. It was also noted that the wall at School House is bulging and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the owners. c) Defibrillator – The pads require replacing in March. d) Emergency Planning – There is a plan, but it requires some updating. e) Website – No update. f) Village Assets – A quote is being obtained to treat the wood on the bus stop.
21/007 21/007/1 21/007/2	District and County Councillor Reports: COVID-19 – The levels are still high in the area but have dropped slightly in the last week. OCC is concerned that not everyone is obeying the regulations Council Tax – There is likely to be a £5 Band D increase for Cherwell District Council and a £45

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21/007/3	Band D increase for Oxfordshire County Council May Elections – These may be postponed
21/008 21/008/1 21/008/2	Planning Applications: 20/03540/F – Andertons Barn, erection of barn. Although some residents in Alkerton are opposed to the new barn it was noted that planning application is only required due to the proximity to the airfield. It was agreed to support. 20/03631/F – Alkerton House, single storey extension. It was agreed to support 20/03673/F – Sugarwell, harstanding and containers. It was agreed to support.
21/009 21/009/1	Planning Decisions: 20/02945/F – Land NW of Fabis House. Permitted 12/01/2021 20/03062/F – Land between Top Farmhouse and Garters. Permitted 14/01/2021
21/010	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances on 30 th December were £18,604.75
21/011 21/011/1 21/011/2 21/011/3 21/011/4 21/011/5	Second Open Forum: Verge Cutting – It was agreed to accept the quote for cutting these 5 times a year. Some residents have complained about the verges in the past and it should improve road safety. Litter and Rubbish outside the Council Tip – It was noticed that this had increased and it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Cherwell District Council. 20's Plenty Signs – It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the school to see if they could produce some signs like the ones in Wroxton. The Nook – It was noted that work is continuing there – It was agreed that the Clerk would contact Cherwell Planning and update Councillors. Broadband – Craig Bower at Oxfordshire County Council is talking to BT Openreach to find the best solution for fibre broadband. He has advised that houses near the school may benefit for the fibre that is being installed there.
20/012	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £40.20 to HMRC for PAYE for December £160.60 to the clerk for December £203.15 – N Brooks mower repairs and petrol
21/013	Any Other Business: None
21/014	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.03pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 17th February 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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