

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 25th August 2021 at
6.30pm

The meeting commenced at 6.30pm

Present – Cllrs Robin Oliver, Jayne Miller, Peter Barrett, Simon Porter and David Best, Parish Clerk. 16 members of the public attended the Alkerton Quarry agenda item. 43 members of the public attended the Elan Homes agenda item

21/093	Apologies for absence: District Cllr Douglas Webb and Cllr Simon Porter
21/094	Declarations of Interest: None
21/095	<p>Alkerton Quarry Proposals: Mr Rick Bright of Bright & Associates gave a presentation on the proposals for the restoration of Alkerton Quarry. Alkerton Quarry was purchased by AP Contractors from Bennie's in 2020. The new owners have employed Bright & Associates, who are landscape & environmental consultants, to devise a restoration scheme. Bright & Associates have submitted two Scoping Requests to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC refs: MW0029.21 and MW0086.21) but no planning application has been submitted yet. The previous restoration scheme was to use the site for agriculture. Topsoil and subsoil was removed from the site by Bennie's so any restoration scheme will involve bringing in subsoil and topsoil. This could be up to 12 lorries per day for 3 years. Rick Bright advised that the new restoration proposal involves bringing in material to restore the levels, and establish a nature reserve and install 18 holiday lodges. Rick Bright confirmed that he wanted to maintain a dialogue with the parish council and residents during the planning process. In answer to specific questions Rick Bright confirmed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alkerton Quarry was not related to the Edge Hill quarry proposals and Rick Bright was not aware of it. 2. All the infill will be inert soil. There will be municipal waste. 3. There may be further extraction at the same time as infill. 4. He was not aware of any plans for housing development and that is not in their brief. 5. Discussions are taking place with Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust. 6. The restoration could revert to the current approved restoration scheme but that could not be delivered without importation of soil which was removed by the previous owner. 7. The client might agree to a covenant on the use of the land. 8. There is unlikely to be public access to the restored site. 9. There is no obligation to do anything with the site in the original planning consent for quarrying. <p>There was a short break between this agenda item and the next which was scheduled for 7.30pm</p>
21/096	<p>Elan Homes Proposed Development between Rattlecombe Road and Stocking Lane: The parish council and some residents had received a letter from Elan Homes advising that it was preparing a full application for a housing development in Shenington. The purpose of consulting the local community was to make residents aware and produce a Statement of Community Involvement which will form part of the application documentation. The proposal is for 58 houses with a mix of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom homes. There are currently 135 houses on the electoral register. The clerk had received correspondence from 24 residents who were all opposed to the development. The objections included road congestion/ increased traffic, change in nature and tranquillity of the village, Inappropriate scale, dangerous access, Category C status of the village, lack of capacity in the school and doctor's surgery. The parish council confirmed to residents that neither they or the CPRE were going to make a response at this stage but it was fine for individuals and residents to do so. An action committee has been formed which was scheduled to meet after the parish council meeting ended.</p>
21/097	Any Other Business: None
21/098	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 7.53pm

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The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for 15th September 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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