

## Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council

### Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

**Present** – Cllrs D Brummell, R Oliver, S Porter J Woodcock, and David Best, Parish Clerk. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

<b>21/060</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> County Cllr G Reynolds, District Cllr D Webb and Cllr & R Anderson
<b>21/061</b>	<b>Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman</b> <b>Cllr Robin Oliver was elected Chairman</b> proposed Cllr John Woodcock, seconded Cllr Simon Porter. <b>Cllr Simon Porter was elected Vice Chairman</b> proposed Cllr David Brummell seconded, Cllr John Woodcock
<b>21/062</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest: None</b>
<b>21/063</b>	<b>Acceptance of minutes:</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021 were a correct record after two changes and signed by the Chairman.
<b>21/064</b> 21/064/1  21/064/2  21/064/3	<b>Open Forum:</b> <b>Dog Bins</b> – Cllr John Woodcock volunteered to install the new dog bins, one will be located behind the bus shelter, the other will be located at the bottom of Kenhill Rd <b>20's Plenty signs</b> – Cllr John Woodcock volunteered to install 2 new signs. One will be located on Rattlecombe Rd near the entrance to the village, the other will be located going down the hill from Shenington to Alkerton. <b>Telephone Box</b> – The price of the telephone boxes was £2,000 so it was decided not to proceed with the purchase.
<b>21/065</b>	<b>District and County Councillor Reports: None</b>
<b>21/066</b> 21/066/1  21/066/2  21/066/3  21/066/4  21/066/5	<b>Parish Matters:</b> <b>Parish Questionnaire</b> – The last questionnaire to help the Parish Council understand if it is addressing the topics that parishioners wanted was carried out in 2011. 28 out of 120 households returned questionnaires on 15 topics. It was agreed to carry out another parish survey on the same topics but adding green issues as well. The aim will be to finalise the questions at the June meeting. Commercial survey platforms will be considered such as Survey Monkey. <b>OALC opinion on bias</b> – Following a complaint received from a parishioner the Clerk sought an opinion from the Oxfordshire Association for Local Councils. The Clerk was asked to review communications of this nature with the Council in advance in future. The Chairman confirmed that the Council would hate to think that it has acted with any bias on any topics. Other Councillors confirmed the desire to ensure that the Parish Council represents the wishes of villagers and maintains a consultative approach with village businesses. It was agreed that adopting a confrontational approach on any issues would likely to be counterproductive. In response to a question from the Chairman, the Clerk confirmed that decisions and actions made by the Parish Council should only be made when they are on the agenda and agreed in the subsequent meeting otherwise, they are subject to legal challenge. It was agreed that Councillors should not act autonomously and only write to outside bodies unless it has been agreed by the Parish Council. <b>Alkerton Quarry Scoping Opinion</b> – Although no planning application has been submitted yet it was agreed that the Chairman would write to OCC as there would be considerable nuisance if considerable additional landfill is permitted. It was reported that landfill schemes were being scoped/ planned in neighbouring parishes and the proposals included compensation schemes for local residents. It was agreed that the Parish Council would seek compensation in the event of a landfill scheme. <b>Shenfest Tribute Band</b> – The Parish Council has no objection to this in principle provided that residents close to The Bell have been consulted and the roads are not obstructed. <b>Councillor Vacancies</b> – The notices giving parishioners the opportunity to request an election to fill the two Councillor vacancies have been displayed in the noticeboards. If parishioners don't request and election the Parish Council will co-opt new Councillors. It was agreed that the Chairman would send an email out via Shenington Green to encourage people to come forward. It is hoped that the composition of the Parish Council will be balanced to reflect the villages in terms

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21/066/6	of age, gender and diversity. It was also agreed that with the recent resignations the Councillors reports/ working groups (Karting and Gliding Club, Village Hall, Highways etc..) should be reviewed and the which Councillors should be responsible for which groups.
21/066/7	<b>Clerk resignation</b> – The Clerk agreed to continue for a further 6 months and agreed to give as much notice as possible on resignation.
21/067	<b>Councillor Reports:</b>
21/067/1	<b>Karting Club and Gliding Club</b> – It was agreed to defer any discussion on this to the June meeting when it is hoped that Cllr Richard Anderson will be present.
21/067/2	<b>Village Hall</b> – This is now open and welcomes bookings.
21/067/3	<b>Highways</b> – No further update has been received from OCC on Stocking Lane crossing the airfield. It was agreed that the Landowner and OCC need to resolve this, but pressure would be maintained on OCC to bring the matter to a resolution as clarity has been lacking for many years. There is a footpath in Shenington without signs. It was agreed that the Clerk would send Councillors the URL to the OCC footpath issue reporting site.
21/067/4	<b>Defibrillator</b> – It was agreed to accept the offer from Mrs L Gosney to manage the defibrillator. It is currently out of action due to a shortage of replacement pads but these are being chased.
21/067/5	<b>Emergency Planning</b> – Cllr David Brummell advised that some items need updating.
21/067/6	<b>Website</b> – Initial discussions have taken place on village website consolidation and content management. Further discussion was deferred to the next meeting.
21/067/7	<b>Village Assets</b> – No update.
21/068	<b>Planning Applications:</b>
21/068/1	21/00517/F – Wroxton Motorcross re-consultation – the original objections will be re-iterated
21/068/2	21/0144/F – The Redlands, Shenington – Two storey extension – Parish Council supports
21/068/3	MW.0063/211 – Alkerton Landfill Site – Continue operations - Parish Council supports provided that traffic management is adopted with no right turn in or out of site and reinstating the separate entrance and exit.
21/069	<b>Planning Decisions:</b>
21/069/1	21/00607/F – The Cottage – Changes to outbuildings – Permitted 20/04/2021 20/03673/F – Sugarswell – Hardstanding and containers – Permitted 19/05/2021
21/070	<b>Financial/Administration:</b>
21/070/1	<b>Bank Balances</b> – On 30 <sup>th</sup> April, the total balances were £20,031.94 (£12,775.29 Current & £7256.65 Deposit)
21/070/2	<b>2020-21 Annual Governance Statement</b> – this had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed.
21/070/3	<b>2002-21 Accounts and Accounting Statement</b> - these had been circulated prior to the meeting and were agreed subject to the depreciation policy on assets being agreed
21/070/4	<b>2020-21 Certificate of Exemption</b> - this had been circulated prior to the meeting and was agreed.
21/071	<b>Second Open Forum:</b>
21/071/1	<b>Parish Council Conduct</b> - The member of the public who had complained about the conduct of the Parish Council advised that he had been reassured by the discussion in the meeting but recommended OALC training courses as one member was falling below the standards of someone in public office.
21/071/2	<b>Questionnaire</b> – a member of the public urged care in drafting the questionnaire to ensure that questions are not leading and advised of the need to weight non respondents.
21/071/3	<b>Condition of road outside quarry</b> – A member of the public welcomed the discussion on landfill and observed that the road sweepers did not remove the debris and mud from the road.
20/072	<b>Passing of accounts for payment:</b> The following were approved for payment: £40.00 – HMRC – PAYE for April £160.80 – D Best – Pay April

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	£257.60 – Zurich – Insurance £186.00 – N Prickett, verge mowing £60.00 – M Coles, Internal audit
<b>21/073</b>	<b>Any Other Business: None</b>
<b>21/074</b>	<b>Closure of the meeting:</b> The meeting ended at 9.35pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is 16<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....

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