

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th January 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Peter Barrett, Jayne Miller, Simon Porter, County Cllr G Reynolds, District Cllr Douglas Webb and David Best, Parish Clerk. Ten members of the public attended the meeting.

24/001	Apologies for absence: Cllrs Shaughn O'Brien and James Hartley
24/002	Declarations of Interest: None
24/003	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 th November were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
24/004	Co-option of new Councillor – Mr Tom Horsman was co-opted as a new councillor.
24/005 24/005/1 24/005/2 24/005/3	Open Forum: 20mph speed limit in Wroxton – A member of the public complained at the length of the 20mph speed limit on the main road through Wroxton. It was confirmed that consultation with the Parish Council and with the public takes place prior to implementation and that it is most unlikely to be changed. If residents wish to complain they should address them to Wroxton Parish Council. 20mph speed limit in Shenington and Alkerton – It was confirmed that the parish council had expressed interest in reducing the speed limit in the two villages to OCC. This was because in a survey carried out by the parish council in 2011 71% of the respondents advised that speed and volume of traffic was a concern. The next step will be that OCC submits a proposal to the Parish Council. If this accepted a full public consultation will be carried out by OCC. It was agreed that residents will be invited to attend the next meeting on 21 st February to discuss implementing a 20mph speed limit instead of 30mph Upton House planning application for a new foul drainage system – Residents, particularly in Alkerton, had submitted objections to CDC as gardens regularly flood with sewage. It was agreed that the parish council will submit an objection to CDC planning and request David Peckford to call the application in to the planning committee for a decision rather than have it delegated to a planning officer. The deadline to “call in to committee” has passed but David Peckford is able to call it in.
24/006 24/006/1 24/006/2	District and County Councillor Reports: New Chief Executive at Cherwell District Council – A new chief executive has been appointed. Oxfordshire County Council move – OCC is trying to move from County Hall to reduce costs.
24/007	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: No update.
24/008	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: No Update
24/009	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: No update.
24/010	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: No Update
24/011	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
24/012 24/012/1 24/012/2 24/012/3 24/012/4	Parish Matters: Tyley Memorial Bench – This has been installed on The Green. Bus Shelter – It was proposed by Cllr Simon Porter that the bus shelter be converted to a book exchange. This was agreed and CDC planning will be consulted. Road Names around The Green – A resident had complained that delivery drivers had difficulty finding houses as the roads off the green do not have names. CDC has advised that names can be allocated but the Post Office will change the postcodes for the houses in roads with new names. An alternative is to put a sign with house names at the start of the road to assist delivery drivers. It was agreed that the parish council will discuss the two options with the residents. Village Hall Ownership – Holy Trinity Church Shenington is considering creating a “community space” and asked the trustees of the village hall if they would consider seeing it to help fund the

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24/012/5	changes in the church. This has been rejected by the village Hall trustees.
24/012/6	Shipston Home Nursing – Shenington and Alkerton are within the area that nursing services are provided by Shipston Home Nursing and the parish council has been asked by the charity to help raise awareness of the services and fundraising events. This was agreed.
	Grass Cutting price increase – A price increase for mowing the verges was agreed.
24/013	Planning Applications:
24/013/1	23/03138/F – Alkerton Oaks Bus. Park. – New Veterinary Surgery – PC supports.
24/013/2	23/03190/F – Upton Estate – New rising main foul drainage system – PC objects.
24/013/3	23/03455/Q56 – Quarry Farm Barn – Barn Conversion – PC supports.
24/013/4	24/00013/F – Foxstone – Replace existing PVC windows – PC supports.
24/014	Planning Decisions:
24/014/1	23/02102/F – Stoneholt – Replace doors and windows – Withdrawn 12/12/2023.
24/014/2	23/02802/F – Sunnymead – New conservatory roof – CDC permitted 18/12/2023.
24/015	Financial/Administration:
24/015/1	Bank Balances – The bank balances were £15,084.04 on 29 th December 2023 (£7,750.67 in current account and £7,333.37 in deposit account).
24/015/2	Mandate changes – Forms had been sent to Barclays but they require additional forms to be completed.
24/016	Second Open Forum:
	Agendas and minutes – A resident complained that these were not being made public. It was confirmed that the agenda for the 17 th January meeting was not on the website because the resident that manages the website was in hospital. The agendas are always put in the noticeboards. It was agreed that the agendas will also be distributed via the Shenington Green email list. All minutes are on the website.
24/017	Passing of accounts for payment:
	The following were approved for payment:
	£57.50 – 50% contribution for Christmas tree
	£36.00 – Village Hall room hire
	£176.40 – slabs & concrete for bench (Mr Tyley has reimbursed PC)
	£100 – N Brooks for grass cutting
	£76.80 - HMRC – PAYE for November
	£307.40 – D Best – Pay for November including £140 for April to October back pay)
	£48.80 – HMRC – PAYE for December
	£195.40 – D Best – Pay for December
24/018	Any Other Business:
	Stocking Lane road sign – This is hanging off and it was agreed that the clerk will ask CDC to repair this.
24/019	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.15pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 21st February 2024** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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