

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 20th March 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Peter Barrett, Simon Porter, Shaughn O'Brien, James Hartley, Tom Horsman, Leo Oliver
County Cllr G Reynolds, and David Best, Parish Clerk. Two members of the public attended the meeting.

24/040	Apologies for absence: District Cllr Douglas Webb & Cllr Jayne Miller
24/041	Declarations of Interest: None
24/042	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 21 st February were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
24/043 24/043/1 24/043/2	Open Forum: Hedge overhanging the road in Alkerton – A resident complained hedge at Tanners Pool in July last year and attended the meeting to ask about it again. It was confirmed that it had been cut but has grown again. Cllr Leo Oliver will ask the owners to cut it again and the clerk will report it on Fix my Street. Upton House sewer planning application – This has been discussed with the National Trust and it was agreed that the manager will be invited to the next meeting. It is expected to go to the Cherwell Planning Committee in June.
24/044 24/044/1	District and County Councillor Reports: Cherwell District Council Budget – This has been passed for next year.
24/045 24/045/1 24/045/2	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Conversion of Bus Shelter to a book exchange – Planning permission isn't required for a bus shelter. The existing one could be moved, or a new one installed nearer the road. Spring Clean – 20 people assisted on Saturday and 6 people assisted on Sunday and it was a great success.
24/046	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: 20 mph Speed Limit – The result of the survey since the last meeting was that 92 residents responded and 64% were in favour of implementing a 20mph speed limit. The next stage is that Oxfordshire County Council will start the formal consultation process. OCC has not advised the date for this but residents will be advised when the start date for the consultation is known.
24/047	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: Registration of Village Hall with HM Land Registry – Legal advice has been received and the village hall will be registered in the name of the Parish Council.
24/048	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: The emergency plan is being updated.
24/049	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
24/050 24/050/1 24/050/2 24/050/3 24/050/4	Parish Matters: Busses not stopping in Shenington with National Grid road closure – The Parish Council has tried to contact Stagecoach but no calls or messages have been returned. The PC will continue to try to contact Stagecoach. Defibrillator Light – A motion sensor activated light is being investigated. CCOTS choir request for grant – It was agreed that the PC will support this local choir with a grant, but it was agreed that the amount will be decided when it is known whether the other parish councils that have been asked for a grant will be donating. Dog fouling complaint from resident – A resident has complained that owners are leaving bags on footpaths and bridleways. Residents are asked to either to place the bags in the dog bins which are provided or to place the bags in their dustbins when they get home. Signs will be put up and the Air BnB owners will be asked to remind their guests that dog poo bags should not be left on footpaths and bridleways.

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<p>24/051 24/051/1 24/051/2</p>	<p>Planning Applications since last meeting: 24/00628/Q56 – Quarry Farm Barn – Re-consultation on Barn Conversion – PC supports. 24/00375/F – Land adjacent to A422. – Fishing Lakes & Lodges – PC supports.</p>
<p>24/052 24/052/2</p>	<p>Planning Decisions since last meeting: 24/00628 – 3 Marshalls Close, Shenington – Extend existing garage – CDC permitted.</p>
<p>24/053 24/053/1 24/053/2</p>	<p>Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances were £13,966.39 on 29th February (£6,633.02 in current account and £7,333.37 in deposit account). Mandate changes – New signatories have been added.</p>
<p>24/054 24/054/1</p>	<p>Second Open Forum: Electric Car Scheme – Hook Norton is successfully running an electric car share scheme and have offered to extend it to Shenington and Alkerton. Drivers pay a £5 subscription to give access to the booking system. A location for the car is being considered but the most suitable location is probably behind the existing bus shelter.</p>
<p>24/055</p>	<p>Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £135.00 – Alderwood Electrical – Rewiring Defibrillator cabinet £168.00 – OALC Subscription £48.80 - HMRC – PAYE for February £195.40 – D Best – Pay for February</p>
<p>24/056</p>	<p>Any Other Business: None.</p>
<p>24/057</p>	<p>Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.38pm</p>

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 17th April 2024** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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