

**Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council**  
**Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**The meeting commenced at 7.30pm**

**Present** – Cllrs Robin Oliver, Peter Barrett, Shaughn O'Brien, James Hartley, District Cllr Douglas Webb, County Cllr G Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.

<b>23/001</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr Jayne Miller and Simon Porter
<b>23/002</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None
<b>23/003</b>	<b>Acceptance of minutes:</b> It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 13 <sup>th</sup> December were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
<b>23/003</b>	<b>Open Forum:</b> None
<b>23/004</b> 23/004/1  23/004/2	<b>District and County Councillor Reports:</b> <b>Cherwell Local Plan</b> – Publication of the final draft is imminent and due to be issued on 19 <sup>th</sup> January. CDC meetings to agree the Plan start on 11 <sup>th</sup> January. It should be just infill allowed in Shenington and Alkerton. It is rumoured that Cherwell want to take the Oxford city housing allocation, but it is not clear what the benefit would be for Cherwell District. <b>OCC Priorities</b> – County Cllr George Reynolds reported that OCC is spending a lot of time on Social Neds and Traffic management.
<b>23/005</b> 23/005/1	<b>Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement:</b> <b>Village Hall</b> – The future and suitability of the Village Hall was discussed. One suggestion is to sell the Village Hall and utilise the funds to convert the Church into a more suitable space to accommodate meetings and events.
<b>23/006</b> 23/006/1  23/006/2 23/006/3  23/006/4	<b>Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads</b> <b>Installation of hurdles at entrance to villages</b> – The postponed meeting with OCC Highways to discuss this project is scheduled to take place on Thursday morning 12 <sup>th</sup> January. <b>Faded White Lines</b> – Cllr Robin Oliver will chase OCC Highways to repaint these. <b>Pig Lane Footpath</b> – This still doesn't go anywhere. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Oxfordshire County Council footpaths officer. <b>Potholes</b> – There are a number that need to be reported.
<b>23/007</b> 23/007/1	<b>Councillor Report: Planning, Legal &amp; Finance</b> <b>Parish Local Plan</b> – There was discussion on whether the Parish Council should prepare a local plan. District Councillor Douglas Webb advised that it requires a lot of work and in his experience is of limited use in fighting planning applications.
<b>23/008</b> 23/008/1	<b>Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention &amp; Environment:</b> <b>Defibrillator</b> – Cllr Robin Oliver will speak to the resident that has responsibility for this as no one knows how to use it. It was suggested that it would be helpful to book a training session on using the defibrillator.
<b>23/009</b>	<b>Councillor Report: Internet &amp; Social Media:</b> No update
<b>23/010</b>	<b>Planning Applications:</b> None since last meeting
<b>23/010</b>	<b>Planning Decisions:</b> <b>22/03170/F</b> - Coppers Farm – Agricultural Building – CDC permitted 14/12/2022
<b>23/011</b> 23/011/1  23/011/2	<b>Financial/Administration:</b> <b>Bank Balances</b> – Bank Balances – On 30 <sup>th</sup> December the total balances were £20,337.59 (£13,073.38 Current & £7,264.21 Deposit). <b>2023-24 Budget</b> – The draft budget had been issued prior to the meeting December meeting. It was agreed to increase the Precept to £6,000 from £5,600.

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<b>23/012</b>	<b>Second Open Forum:</b> None
<b>23/013</b>	<b>Passing of accounts for payment:</b> The following were approved for payment: £30.00 –Village Hall £173.03 – Neil Brooks – reimburse fuel and mower parts £44.80 - HMRC – PAYE for December £179.40 – D Best – Pay for December
<b>23/014</b> 23/014/1	<b>Any Other Business:</b> <b>Mud on road from quarry lorries</b> – It was agreed that the Clerk will contact OCC Planning to request a solution to this.
<b>23/015</b>	<b>Closure of the meeting:</b> The meeting ended at 8.47pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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