

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th March 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Robin Oliver, Peter Barrett, Shaughn O'Brien, James Hartley, and David Best, Parish Clerk.
 No members of the public attended the meeting.

23/033	Apologies for absence: Cllr Jayne Miller, Simon Porter and District Cllr Douglas Webb County Cllr G Reynolds
23/034	Declarations of Interest: None
23/035	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 th February were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
23/036	Open Forum: None
23/037	District and County Councillor Reports: None
23/038 23/038/1	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Trees felled at the Church – A parishioner had written to the Parish Council complaining that trees had been cut down. The Clerk wrote back to advise that the Parish Council were not responsible and suggested that the parishioner take the matter up with the Parochial Church Council.
23/039 23/039/1 23/039/2 23/039/3	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads Installation of hurdles at entrance to villages – An approved contractor is being sourced to install them and OCC Highways will issue the necessary licence. Cllr Peter Barrett will place the order with J.A.C.S. UK Ltd. Stocking Lane sign – The wooden backing plate on which the sign is mounted is rotten. The Clerk will report this to Cherwell District Council. Mowers – There are two mowers owned by the Parish Council in addition to the two kept by Mr Neil Brooks who kindly cuts the grass on The Green. Cllr Peter Barrett and the Clerk were unable to start them. It was agreed that they will be taken to FH Pile to see if they can be put into working order.
23/040 23/040/1	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance Village Hall Ownership – The Village Hall was gifted to the Parish Council by the Earl of Jersey in 1911 and the PC is the Custodian Trustee. Cllr Robin Oliver has contacted Roger Taylor at Wellers Hedley to take legal advice and it was agreed that the paperwork relating to this would be forwarded to the solicitor. It was also agreed that the Clerk would investigate the extent of the boundary of the Village Hall land with HM Land Registry.
23/041 23/041/1	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Emergency Plan – OCC has asked for a copy of parish council Emergency Plan. The plan is currently being updated by Cllr Jayne Miller. OCC will give advice on drafting plans and it was agreed that assistance would be sought from OCC to update it.
23/042	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
23/043	Grant from CDC towards Coronation Celebrations – The village social committee is organising a BBQ on the Village Green on Sunday 7 th May so details of the grant being offered by CDC towards celebrations has been sent to the committee although the grant cannot be used for food and drink.
23/044	Parish Spring Clean – CDC provide equipment for parish councils to carry out spring cleans in villages with volunteers. I was decided to invite volunteers via the Shenington Green email distribution list on the weekend of 25 th and 26 th March.

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 14th March 2023

23/045	Cleanslate Charity – The charity had asked the parish council for a donation to provide counselling for victims of violent and sexual crimes but it was decided that although a worthy cause the charity is unlikely to be providing services in the villages so a donation could not be justified.
23/046	Planning Applications: 21/00517/F – Land used for MotoX in Hornton – notification of review by Cherwell Planning Committee on 9 th March. CDC deferred the review.
23/047	Planning Decisions: 22/00518/F – Tysoe Hill Cottage– Storage building – CDC permitted 22/02/2023.
23/048 23/029/1	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – Bank Balances – On 28 th February the total balances were £19,596.16 (£12,331.95 Current & £7,264.21 Deposit).
23/049	Second Open Forum: None
23/050	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £156.00 – Oxfordshire Association of Local Councils £55.00 – Community First Oxfordshire £44.80 - HMRC – PAYE for February £179.40 – D Best – Pay for February The Oxford Association of Local Councils and Community First Oxfordshire memberships will be reviewed every quarter and will be discontinued next year if it is considered that they have not been of benefit.
23/051	Any Other Business: Mud on road from quarry lorries – It was agreed that the Clerk will contact OCC Planning to request a solution to this. It was suggested that the owner would be asked to clean the wheels of the lorries before they leave the quarry.
23/052	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 8.49pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 9th April 2023 April at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....