

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

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Robin Oliver, Simon Porter, Peter Barrett, Shaughn O'Brien, James Hartley, District Cllr Douglas Webb and David Best, Parish Clerk. One member of the public attended the meeting.

23/016	Apologies for absence: Cllr Jayne Miller and County Cllr G Reynolds
23/017	Declarations of Interest: None
23/018	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 th January were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
23/019	Open Forum: Parish Council agendas and minutes – The member of the public who attended the meeting pointed out that the Parish Council was not meeting the requirements of the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities as agendas and minutes were not always made public and that this might contribute to the apparent lack of interest from residents in parish matters. The Clerk undertook to ensure that agendas and minutes would be published in the noticeboards and on the website.
23/020 23/020/1 23/020/2	District and County Councillor Reports: OCC consultation on Banbury Cycleways – The deadline for submissions is 26 th February on this consultation. Although there is probably a need for further cycling provision it should not bring Banbury to a standstill as it may do if all the proposals go forward. The cost will probably be in excess of £10 million so implementation is likely to be protracted. One of the original consultants commented that "we must try prevent cars going into the centre of town". There are many problems with the proposals but also good points but the idea of forcing all Broughton Road traffic entering town via the Bloxham road, itself being cut down to one narrow Lane at the Oxford Road junction, especially with another 1000 houses to be built on the edge of town is a concern. Similarly, the Warwick Road will be narrowed and again there are many houses still to be built. Cherwell District Council budget – this is a balanced budget this year.
23/021 23/021/1 23/021/2 23/021/3 23/021/4	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Tree donated to the PC by OCC – OCC is donating a tree to every Parish Council and the location that they have proposed in Stocking Lane was accepted. Representative on Village Hall Committee – The Charities Commission Scheme provides for a Councillor to be appointed to the Management Committee. No current Councillor is currently on the Management Committee so it was decided that Cllr Simon Porter would be appointed. 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. It was agreed to take legal advice on this. PC representative on Village Hall Management Committee – There has been no representative on the committee since David Brummell resigned from the PC. It was agreed that Cllr Simon Porter would represent the PC on the committee.
23/022 23/022/1 23/022/2 23/022/3 23/022/4	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads Installation of hurdles at entrance to villages – OCC Highways has approved the installation of hurdles. They advised that an approved contractor should be used who will have to obtain a permit. It was agreed that Cllr Peter Barrett will place the order with J.A.C.S. UK Ltd who will also do the installation. Faded White Lines – Cllr Robin Oliver will chase OCC Highways to repaint these. Pig Lane Footpath – This still doesn't go anywhere. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Oxfordshire County Council footpaths officer. Potholes – There are a number that need to be reported.
23/023	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance – No update
23/024 23/024/1	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Defibrillator – Cllr Robin Oliver will speak to the resident that has responsibility for this as no one

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	<p>knows how to use it. It was suggested that it would be helpful to book a training session on using the defibrillator.</p> <p>Emergency Plan – OCC has asked for a copy of parish council Emergency Plans. 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.</p>
23/025	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
23/026	Gant from OCC towards Coronation Celebrations – OCC is offering PCs a grant, but it cannot be used for food and drink. It was agreed to put out feelers on how residents would like to celebrate the Coronation.
23/027	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>21/00517/F – Land used for MotoX in Hornton – consultation on draft conditions.</p> <p>The member of public that attended the meeting advised that she thought that Hornton Parish Council had been very diligent in opposing the increase in activity at the site and that Cherwell District Council did not appear to have acted in the interest of residents and requested that the previous response from the Chairman of the PC be reiterated. The Chairman advised that he had held a conference call with Hornton PC on the matter and that a response from the PC to CDC had been drafted and circulated prior to the meeting. District Councillor Douglas Webb pointed out that conditions need to be clearly defined and enforceable.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Chairman would strengthen the response and submit it to CDC.</p>
23/028	<p>Planning Decisions:</p> <p>22/03232/F – Level End House – Extension over garage – CDC permitted 3/2/2023.</p>
23/029 23/029/1	<p>Financial/Administration:</p> <p>Bank Balances – Bank Balances – On 30th January the total balances were £19,790.36 (£12,526.15 Current & £7,264.21 Deposit).</p>
23/030 23/030/1	<p>Second Open Forum:</p> <p>Difficulty hearing in the Village Hall – The member of the public who attended the meeting advised that the acoustics were not very good in the village hall and there appears to be no hearing aid loop. There appears to be a public address system, but the microphone is missing, and no councillors knew how to operate it. It was agreed that Cllr Robin Oliver would investigate this.</p>
23/031	<p>Passing of accounts for payment:</p> <p>The following were approved for payment: £45.00 - HMRC – PAYE for January £179.20 – D Best – Pay for January</p> <p>Community First Oxfordshire subscription – It was agreed that councillors would decide whether to renew this subscription.</p>
23/032	<p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>Mud on road from quarry lorries – It was agreed that the Clerk will contact OCC Planning to request a solution to this.</p>
23/032	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.09pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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