

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council Meeting
Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present: Cllrs S Porter, G Smith, D Brummell, G Marshall, L Gosney, District Cllr G Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk.

19/038	Apologies for absence: Cllrs J Woodcock & R Anderson.
19/039	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Brummell – 5a i & ii & 5b ii.
19/040	Open Forum: Footpath 339/3 – The Chairman has received correspondence from some parishioners about changes to the footpath proposed by the owner of the land which the footpath crosses. The first change is to install a new gate at the beginning of the footpath (there is currently a broken gate approximately 15 yards along the footpath). This could restrict access to a neighbouring property. The landowner is also proposing to change the surface at the start of the footpath from grass to bark chippings over hardcore to match the surface from the existing gate to the first stile. The Cherwell District Councillor, who represents the Parish, has also received correspondence from parishioners about the proposed changes to the footpath. The landowner is in consultation with the Oxfordshire County Council Footpaths Officer who has advised that moving the gate 15 to 20 yards may be permitted but is not keen on bark chippings as a surface. The Chairman has advised the parishioners that any access issues should be resolved by the parties involved. The landowner will be advised ensure that any conservation area guidelines met if a new gate is installed.
19/041	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th July were a correct record (unanimous) and signed by the Chairman.
19/042 19/042/1 19/042/2 19/042/3 19/042/4 19/042/5 19/042/6 19/042/7	Councillor's Reports: Outside Organisations: 1. Gliding Club – no new report. 2. Karting Club – Cllrs Smith and Woodcock are due to meet with the Karting Club. Communication: 1. School – No new report. 2. Village Hall Trustees – No new report. Highways – Several potholes have been repaired Assets: 1. Defibrillator – New pads and batteries have been purchased and have been installed. Emergency Planning – The report is out of date and will be redrafted by Cllr D Brummell.
19/043	District and County Councillor Reports: District Councillor G Reynolds confirmed that the separation of CDC from South Northants is almost complete.
19/044	Planning Applications: 19/01202/F – Sugarswell Lane – Construction of Oil Storage Depot – The Parish Council has objected to this application. Oxfordshire and Warwickshire County Councils Highways departments have objections and the Environment Agency has registered concerns. A lot of members of the public have communicated to Cherwell Planning that they are in favour of it.
19/045 19/045/1 19/045/2 19/045/3 19/045/4	Planning Decisions: 19/00455/LB – The Old Rectory, Alkerton – Permitted 9/09/2019 19/00833/F – Erection of dwelling on land on Stocking Lane – Permitted 23/07/2019 19/00888/LB – Adze Cottage, Alkerton – Permitted 19/07/2019 19/01349/TCA – Barn House, Alkerton – Permitted 07/08/2019

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<p>19/046 19/046/1 19/046/2</p>	<p>Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances at 30th August were £8,948.84 in the current account and £9,496.12 in the deposit account. Reserves – There was a discussion on the size of the reserves. Although reserves of twice the Precept are normal/ allowed, Councillors will consider projects to benefit the community.</p>
<p>19/047</p>	<p>Second Open Forum: New Website – Cllr Anderson has reviewed the development and Cllr Marshall has made some changes. The clerk will check if sponsors are permitted on Parish Council websites. There will be a soft go live to members of the Parish Council prior to the go live.</p>
<p>19/048</p>	<p>Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £448.46 to the clerk for July and August £112.00 to HMRC for PAYE for July and August £108.40 for defibrillator pads and batteries</p>
<p>19/049</p>	<p>Any Other Business: Public Car Charging Points – There is a government grant for provision of public charging points. These would be a benefit as some houses do not have off street parking. The grant is made available through District Councils. District Councillor G Reynolds agreed to check with Cherwell District Council if they are participating with this scheme.</p>
<p>19/050</p>	<p>Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 8.55pm</p>

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 16th October at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....

Minutes are marked as draft until the Parish Council agrees that they are a correct record at the next meeting.