

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13th December 2022

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.

22/146	Apologies for absence: Cllr Jayne Miller and County Cllr G Reynolds
22/147	Declarations of Interest: None
22/148	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 th November were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
22/149	Open Forum: Roads with no name in Shenington – Two roads off The Green have no road name signs. One is believed to be Pig Lane, the name of the other leading to the church is unknown. The Clerk will ask Cherwell District Council to confirm the names and erect signs.
22/150 22/150/1 22/150/2	District and County Councillor Reports: Cherwell Local Plan – Publication of the final draft has been delayed until January 2023. Salting the roads – Only the main route through the villages are salted by Oxfordshire County Council. Residents should salt the other roads as required from salt in the bins. The Clerk will ask OCC to fill up the bins. A pallet of salt in bags is also available from OCC. It will be ordered as soon as a storage location is identified.
22/151 22/151/1	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Play Area – The possibility of access to the school playground will be discussed with the school. Options will be worked up and residents will be asked to give their views at a PC meeting in the New Year.
22/152 22/134/1 22/134/2 22/134/3 22/134/4 22/134/5	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads Installation of hurdles at entrance to villages –OCC Highways has advised that they need to carry out a site visit to ensure the hurdles do not obstruct road views. The scheduled site visit was cancelled by OCC due to COVID. The Clerk will chase OCC for a new date. Hedgehogs being killed on the road – Warning signs are available but it appears that the hedgehogs are crossing the road as food is being put down for them by residents. Pig Lane Footpath – This still doesn’t go anywhere. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Oxfordshire County Council footpaths officer.
22/153	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance – No update.
22/154 22/154/1	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Defibrillator – Cllr Robin Oliver will speak to the resident that has responsibility for this as no one knows how to use it.
22/155	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
22/156 22/156/1 22/156/2	Planning Applications: 22/03170/F – Copper Farm House – The Parish Council objected due to the blocked footpath 22/03232/F – Level End House – PC no objections
22/157	Planning Decisions: None since last meeting
22/158 22/158/1 22/158/2	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – Bank Balances – On 30 th November the total balances were £20,753.27 (£13,838.23 Current & £7,260.16 Deposit). 2023-24 Budget – The draft budget had been issued prior to the meeting. It was discussed but the Precept will be decided at the meeting on 10 th December

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22/159 22/159/1	Second Open Forum: Church Being developed as a community centre – Plans are being discussed to develop the Church as a community centre. This may make the Village Hall redundant. The Village Hall Trustees and the Parish Council will work together on the future of the Village Hall.
22/160	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £39.93 – Wix – Website Calendar function £20.00 – Neil Brooks – Grass cutting £72.80 - HMRC – PAYE for November and back tax April-October £291.40 – D Best – Pay for November and back pay for April-October
22/161 22/161/1	Any Other Business: Mud on road from quarry lorries – It was agreed hat the Clerk will contact OCC Planning to request a solution to this.
22/162	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.15pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Tuesday 10th January 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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