

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 7th June 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

<p>23/091 23/091/1 23/091/2 23/091/3</p>	<p>Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Cllr Robin Oliver was elected Chairman. Cllr Simon Porter was elected Vice Chairman This item had been deferred from the previous meeting so that all Councillors could be present. Cllr Robin Oliver advised that it was his intention to stand down within a couple of years.</p>
<p>23/092</p>	<p>Apologies for absence: None</p>
<p>23/093</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
<p>23/094</p>	<p>Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17th May were a correct record and signed the Chairman.</p>
<p>23/095</p>	<p>Open Forum: Village Hall – Mrs Charlotte Howard attended the meeting to introduce herself to the Councillors as secretary of the Village Hall. Cllr Robin Oliver is seeking legal advice on the Parish Council's responsibilities to the Village Hall as Trustee.</p>
<p>23/096 23/096/1 23/096/2 23/096/3 23/096/4</p>	<p>District and County Councillor Reports: Leadership of Cherwell District Council – The Conservatives are leading the council in minority. Local Plan and Oxford City Council Housing requirements – Cllr Robin Oliver expressed concern with delay of the new Local Plan. These were noted by the district and county councillors who expressed the desire to resolve them as soon as possible. Oxford City Council Housing requirements – Cllr Robin Oliver expressed concern that Cherwell District Council might pick up some Oxford City housing requirement. 20mph speed limit. Banbury Cycling and Walking Plan – This will be going to Cabinet soon.</p>
<p>23/097 23/097/1 23/097/2</p>	<p>Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Tree donated by OCC planted in Stocking Lane – This appears to have died. Fibre Broadband – The fibre that is being installed around the village is proceeding well.</p>
<p>23/098 23/098/1 23/098/2</p>	<p>Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads Installation of gates at entrance to villages – The installation company had offered a date to install but it was not convenient and so another date will be scheduled. 20s Plenty Signs – There are two spare signs which were going to be installed on the road between Shenington and Alkerton but they require posts to be installed.</p>
<p>23/099</p>	<p>Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance Village Hall Ownership – Cllr Robin Oliver has written to Roger Taylor, solicitor to enquire what the Parish Council rights are with regard to the Village Hall but has not heard back so will chase a response.</p>
<p>23/100</p>	<p>Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Emergency Plan – Redrafting is ongoing.</p>
<p>23/101</p>	<p>Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: Agendas – It was agreed that the agenda will be circulated via the Shenington Green email distribution list as well as put on the website and in the noticeboards.</p>

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23/102	Defibrillator – This is currently being checked by Mrs Lyn Gosney but it was considered that a councillor should take over responsibility for this and Cllr Peter Barrett offered to take over responsibility. Mrs Lyn Gosney has advised that new pads are difficult to source for this model and although they are not scheduled for replacement until next year the Parish Council may consider replacing it. It was agreed that a crib sheet will be drafted on how to use it. South Central Ambulance Service provide training but the last time that training was organised no one attended it. Cllr Jayne Miller volunteered to seek advice from the surgery.
23/103	Planning Applications: None since last meeting
23/104	Planning Decisions: None since last meeting
23/105	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances were £21,788.35 on 31 st May 2023 (£14,515.12 in current account and £7,273.23 in deposit account).
23/106	Second Open Forum: Tables and Benches on the green outside The Bell – The Parish Council gave permission for The Bell to place these on the green during lockdown. It was agreed that Cllr Simon Porter would write to the pub formally again to give continued permission on condition that the area is cleaned up including any broken glasses.
23/107	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £44.80 - HMRC – PAYE for May £179.40 – D Best – Pay for May
23/108	Any Other Business: None
23/109	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 8.37pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday 19th July 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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