

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 18th October 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Peter Barrett, Shaughn O'Brien, Simon Porter, County Cllr G Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. One member of the public attended the meeting.

23/149	Election of new Chairman – Peter Barrett was elected chairman (proposed Shaughn O'Brien, seconded Simon Porter).
23/150	Apologies for absence: Cllrs Jayne Miller, James Hartley and District Cllr Douglas Webb,
23/151	Declarations of Interest: None
23/152	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 19 th July were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
23/153 23/153/1	Open Forum: Defibrillator – Peter Barrett and Lyn Gosney who monitors the defibrillator have co-ordinated the installation of the new defibrillator. Anyone wishing to use it should dial 999 and they will be given the code to unlock the cabinet by the emergency services. The following were agreed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The clerk will advise the insurers of the new asset. 2. Lyn Gosney will write an article for the Shenington green and email distribution list advising residents about its use. 3. Jayne Miller will be asked to be joint guardian with Lyn Gosney 4. Lyn will continue checking the defibrillator every Monday for a few weeks and then revert to every two weeks. 5. The old defibrillator will be given to a resident who has a boat, but it will need a replacement battery and pads.
23/153/2	Village Christmas Tree outside the pub – It was agreed that the PC would split the cost of this with the village Social Club.
23/153/3	Memorial Bench donated by the Tyley Family – This has been ordered from Woodcraft UK.
23/153/4	Remembrance Day Wreath – It was agreed that the clerk would collect this from the Royal British Legion representative in Banbury as usual and drop it off with Peter Barrett.
23/153/5	White Light on front of Village Hall – There have been complaints from residents opposite that it shines into their houses. It was agreed that Simon Porter, the PC representative on the Village Hall Committee will ask them to replace it with downward shining light.
23/154	District and County Councillor Reports: Consultation on the Cherwell 2040 Local Plan – Parish Councils are encouraged to send a response to CDC. Shenington and Alkerton are classified as small village with only infill building permitted. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send a response. Banbury Town Centre Development – CDC is inviting Parish Councils to a briefing on plans for the town centre on 26 th October at 18:30. OCC Labour Liberal Coalition – this has broken down so it is unclear what policies will go through. The Liberals continue to push a green agenda. 20 mph speed limits -these continue to be implemented in Oxfordshire villages.
23/155 23/155/1	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Bus Shelter – A resident had suggested to the PC that this needs wood treatment applied to it. It was agreed that Peter Barrett would check the condition and report back.
23/155/2	New Grass Cutting Agreement form OCC – OCC had issued a new agreement for cutting the verges which was signed and will be returned by the clerk.
23/155/3	Dog Fouling – Several residents have complained that dog owners are not picking up after their dogs. It was agreed that this will be reported to the Cherwell District Council Dog Warden who will make random visits to the village and fine any dog owners that are caught not picking up after their dogs.
23/156 23/156/1	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads 20 mph speed limit. – The PC has applied for a 20mph speed limit. OCC has asked for a poll to

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	be carried out to gauge support for the lower limits. It was agreed that the results of the poll carried out a few years would be submitted when 20 of the respondents advised they had concerns about speeding and 6 responded that they had no concerns.
23/157 23/157/1	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: Village Hall – Discussions on use of the Church as an amenity hall are ongoing but the design presented to the Village Hall Trustees was not supported. It was agreed that the clerk would contact Roger Taylor a solicitor who specialises in Parish Councils from whom Robin Oliver was seeking a legal opinion.
23/158 23/118/1	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Emergency Plan – Redrafting is ongoing.
23/159 23/159/1	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: Fibre to the Premiss (FTTP) - Voneus has installed the fibre network around Shenington and Alkerton and residents can apply to them to have FTTP installed to their houses. This gives much faster internet speeds.
23/160 23/160/1	Planning Applications: 23/02103/F – Stone Holt – Replacement doors and windows in converted garage – PC is concerned that this will be used for ancillary accommodation without permission.
23/161 23/161/1	Planning Decisions: 23/01589/F – The Old Manor – Replacement doors and windows – CDC permitted 27/09/2023.
23/162 23/162/1	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances were £17,5534.09 on 29 th September 2023 (£10,226.17 in current account and £7,307.92 in deposit account).
23/163	Second Open Forum: No items discussed.
23/164	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £36.00 – Village Hall, Room Hire £200.77 – CDC, Dog Bin Emptying £102.00 – Alderwood Electrical, new power supply to defibrillator £84.00 – Alderwood Electrical, change light above defibrillator £16.25 – Peter Barrett, Sealant and bulb for defibrillator £2498.40 – Woodcraft UK, New bench (will be refunded by Tyler family) £44.80 - HMRC – PAYE for September £179.40 – D Best – Pay for September
23/165	Any Other Business: None
23/166	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.06pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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