

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 15th November 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Peter Barrett, Shaughn O’Brien, James Hartley, County Cllr G Reynolds and David Best, Parish Clerk. No members of the public attended the meeting.

23/167	Apologies for absence: Cllrs Jayne Miller, Simon Porter and District Cllr Douglas Webb,
23/168	Declarations of Interest: None
23/169	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 th October were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
23/170 23/170/1 23/170/2 23/170/3 23/170/4	Open Forum: Complaints about 20mph speed limits – Complaints have been received about the 20mph speed limit on the Wroxton Road but there is nothing that the parish council can do. It is likely that 20mph speed limits will be implemented in other villages in the area as OCC expects the implementation programme to continue through 2024 and into 2025. Defibrillator – Peter Barrett has been liaising with Heartsafe about water on the lip of the door. There is a rubber seal between the door and the interior cabinet which Heartsafe has advised will stop water ingress into the cabinet but they are supplying a wooded backing plate which they recommend fitting. Councillor Vacancies – There are two vacancies for councillors and it is hoped that these can be filled as three councillors are required for meetings to be quorate and some meetings have had to be cancelled. Bank Mandate – Cllr Peter Barrett went into Barclays Bank in Banbury to try to get other councillors added as signatories on the account, but they advised that they could not help and the business banking centre in Leicester must be contacted.
23/171 23/171/1 23/171/2	District and County Councillor Reports: OCC - Business at Oxfordshire County Council has been hindered since the Labour/Liberal coalition has broken down. CDC – The council is planning to move into the top floor of shops in the town centre and it is hoped that this will reduce running costs.
23/172 23/172/1	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Damaged Salt Bin in Stocking Lane – The clerk has reported this to OCC Highways who have confirmed that they will replace this free of charge and fill it with salt before the winter.
23/173	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: No Update
23/174	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: No update.
23/175 23/175/1	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Emergency Plan – Redrafting is ongoing.
23/176 23/176/1	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: Fibre to the Premiss (FTTP) - Voneus are still digging up the road in Pig Lane. It is hoped that their work in the village will be completed soon.
23/177 23/177/1 23/177/2	Parish Matters: Memorial Bench donated by the Tyley Family – This has been delivered and Cllr Peter Barrett and the clerk are planning to install it on The Green next week. Bus Shelter – It was agreed that Cllr Peter Barrett and the clerk would treat this with wood preservative/stain.
23/178 23/178/1	Planning Applications: 23/02802/F – Sunnymead, Alkerton – replacement conservatory roof – PC has no objections.

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23/179	Planning Decisions: None since previous meeting
23/180 23/180/1 23/180/2	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances were £18,927.49 on 31 st October 2023 (£11,619.57 in current account and £7,307.92 in deposit account). Budget – The draft budget had been circulated prior to the meeting and was reviewed. It was agreed not to increase the Precept as there are no large items of expenditure planned or predicted in the next few years.
23/181	Second Open Forum: No items discussed.
23/182	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £39.93 – Wix, Website Calendar £205.20 – Nr Prickett, Verge Mowing £50.00 – Royal British Legion - Wreath £44.80 - HMRC – PAYE for September £179.40 – D Best – Pay for September
23/183	Any Other Business: None
23/184	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 8.26pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 24th January 2024** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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