

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 21st February 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Peter Barrett, Jayne Miller, Simon Porter, Shaughn O’Brien, James Hartley, Tom Horsman
County Cllr G Reynolds, and David Best, Parish Clerk. Ten members of the public attended the meeting.

24/020	Apologies for absence: Cllrs District Cllr Douglas Webb
24/021	Declarations of Interest: None
24/022	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th January were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
24/023	Co-option of new Councillor – Mrs Leonie Oliver was co-opted as a new councillor.
24/024 24/024/1 24/024/2	Open Forum: 20mph speed limit in Shenington and Alkerton – Oxfordshire County Council is encouraging all villages in Oxfordshire to adopt a 20mph speed limit and has set aside a budget to implement this. Residents had been encouraged to attend the meeting to give their views on the implementation of a 20mph speed limit throughout Alkerton and Shenington. A number of residents raised concerns with a 20mph speed limit including people would ignore it, it would not be enforced, it is dangerous as drivers would be looking at their speedometers rather looking at the road ahead for hazards, the money would be better spent on filling potholes. The Parish Council advised that speeding concerns had been raised by residents for many years, a significant number of vehicles exceeded 40mph when speeds were monitored in 2014 & 2015, and in a Parish Council survey carried out in 2011 71% of respondents advised that volume and speed of traffic was a concern. A vote was taken, and 7 attendees voted against implementing a 20mph speed limit and 6 attendees voted in favour. 8 emails had been received from residents unable to attend the meeting in favour of implementation and no emails against implementation. It was agreed to survey residents via a notice from the Parish Council via the Shenington Green email distribution list. Upton House planning application for a new foul drainage system – Concerns have been raised as the current sewerage system overflows in properties in Alkerton and it is believed that this issue will be aggravated if this planning application is approved. There are three other sewage treatment plants nearer to Upton House that the new system could be connected to. It was confirmed that the application will be “called in to committee” rather than delegated to a planning officer and that the Parish Council will be able to make its case in opposing the application. The Parish Council has raised the issue with Victoria Prentis MP and is in communication with her over the matter. There is an associated planning application with Stratford District Council. It was agreed that the National Trust will be made aware of the concerns with the application.
24/025 24/025/1 24/025/2 24/025/3	District and County Councillor Reports: Oxfordshire County Council Budget – A rate increase of 5% has been agreed. Cherwell District Council Budget – This will be agreed next Monday. Alkerton Recycling Centre – Since 1 st February private householders have been able to leave 5 20 litre bags of DIY waste every 7 days at no charge if that they have obtained a permit in advance from: https://service.oxfordshire.gov.uk/controlledwasteapplication
24/026	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Conversion of Bus Shelter to a book exchange – This was proposed at the last PC meeting but a resident asked for the bus shelter to be moved to main road so that it could be used as a bus shelter. It was agreed that Cherwell District Council, Planning would be asked if permission would be granted for it to be moved.
24/027	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: No Update

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24/028	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: Registration of Village Hall with HM Land Registry – It was agreed that the Village Hall would be registered with HM Land Registry when legal advice has been obtained on whether it should be registered in the name of the Parish Council or the Village Hall Charitable Trust.
24/030	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: The emergency plan is being updated.
24/031	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: Creation of a Parish Council Facebook page is being considered.
24/032 24/032/1	Parish Matters: CDC Sponsored Spring Clean – It was agreed that this will be carried out on Saturday 16 th March and/or Sunday 17 th March. Volunteers will be requested via the Shenington Green email distribution list.
24/033 24/033/1	Planning Applications: 24/0347/F – 3 Marshalls Close, Shenington – Extend existing garage – PC supports.
24/034 24/034/1 24/034/2	Planning Decisions: 23/03455/Q56 – Quarry Farm Barn – Barn Conversion – CDC refused 1/02/2024 23/03138/F – Alkerton Oaks Bus. Park. – New Veterinary Surgery – CDC permitted 9/02/2024.
24/035 24/035/1 24/035/2	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances were £14,483.69 on 31 st January 2024 (£7,150.32 in current account and £7,333.37 in deposit account). Mandate changes – Amended forms had been sent to Barclays but they requested additional forms/changes, but this latest request might have been sent prior the amended forms being returned. It was agreed to wait to see if the latest forms returned to Barclays will be approved.
24/036	Second Open Forum: No items raised
24/037	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £173.04 – FN Pile – Mower service £143.45 – N Brooks – reimbursement for mower fuel £49.00 - HMRC – PAYE for January £307.40 – D Best – Pay for January £60.00 – OALC – Subscription £55.00 – Community First Oxfordshire – Subscription £135.00 – Alderwood Electrical – Rewiring Defibrillator cabinet
24/038	Any Other Business: None.
24/039	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.25pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 20th March 2024** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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