

**Shirland and Higham Parish Council**  
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting  
held at Stonebroom Pavilion, Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7pm.

Councillors Present: Mr D Williamson (Chair), Rev J Epton, Mrs H Liggett, Mr A Lomax,  
Ms S Smith and Miss L Williams

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), County Cllr B Lewis, District Cllr C Cupit,  
Alison Loydall (NEDDC) and 15 members of the public.

**1/02/19 To consider accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr B Barnes, Cllr S Davies and Cllr D Skinner.

**2/02/19 To Record Declarations of Interest:** None.

**3/02/19 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** None.

**4/02/19 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:**  
It was unanimously agreed that agenda item 7 be moved to confidential.

**5/02/19 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21 January 2019:** Cllr H Liggett approved, Cllr J Epton seconded.

**6/02/19 Residents or public questions/comments and introduction to the new NEDDC Community Development Worker – Alison Loydall. (A period of not more than 15 minutes is allocated for members of the public and councillors to comment on any matter relating to the Parish):**

Alison Loydall provided an overview of her role and the Community Health Champion Programme. A concerned parishioner spoke in detail regarding the proposed development of 30 dwellings on land north of 92 Chesterfield Road Shirland.

An issue with the gate at Shirland Village Hall was reported.

**7/02/19 Village Hall update**

The Chair reported that the damaged fencing has been removed and the replacement roof tiles are still being sourced.

Cllr Williamson and the Clerk recently held a meeting with the Chair and another representative of the Village Hall Committee regarding the lease and this was discussed in the confidential part of the meeting.

**8/02/19 Report from County Councillor**

Cllr Lewis spoke about highway works currently being carried out throughout the County and about budgets and pressures for the new financial year. Cllr Lewis also spoke about the Community based libraries and answered queries from Cllr Lomax regarding these.

Cllr Lewis informed the Council that Action Grants can still be applied for with a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

Cllr Lewis recommended that the Parish Council considers making a statement about the large-scale developments currently taking place and proposed for the area.

### 9/02/19 Report from District Councillors

Cllr Cupit reported that North East Derbyshire District Council have agreed a 1.75% increase in Council Tax.

Cllr Cupit informed the meeting that she has sent in objections to the planning application for land to the north of 92 Chesterfield Road Shirland.

Cllr Cupit spoke about highway works ongoing in the Parish and mentioned a couple of other issues that she is currently dealing with at North East Derbyshire District Council.

### 10/02/19 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies

Cllr Liggett reported the 'Shirland' sign which has been damaged and requires re-siting, Cllr Cupit to report. Cllr Liggett also mentioned that the sprayed 'No Fouling' messages on Hallfield Gate Lane have washed away, Cllr Cupit to report to North East Derbyshire District Council.

### 11/02/19 Correspondence:

Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum 25 April 2019 – previously circulated to Councillors.

### 12/02/19 Dalc Circulars 02/2019 & 03/2019

Circulars distributed electronically to Councillors. It was unanimously agreed that the Clerk attends the Cemetery Management training on 4 April 2019.

### 13/02/19 Planning Applications

<b>Application Number:</b>	18/01208/FL
<b>Proposal:4</b>	Change of use of police office to B1 office with extension to front (Revised scheme of 17/01288/FL)
<b>Address:</b>	Police House Town End Shirland

This revised plan of application 17/01288/FL still retains the extension to the front which puts it well proud of the existing building line, interfering with the amenity of neighbours either side of the property and would not sit comfortably with the existing street scene and may cause visibility issues for highway users. Surface and roof water could also become a nuisance to neighbouring properties.

<b>Application Number:</b>	19/00037/FL
<b>Proposal:</b>	Retention of lighting for Manege (Affecting a public right of way)
<b>Address:</b>	90 High Street Stonebroom

No comments

<b>Application Number:</b>	18/00466/OL – This has gone to Appeal
<b>Proposal:</b>	Outline application with all matters reserved for the construction of 1 no. 3 bed dwelling (Revised scheme of 17/01325/OL)
<b>Address:</b>	Land west of Stables and Smithy Brook Farm Smithy Moor Stretton

No comments

<b>Application Number:</b>	19/00056/OL
<b>Proposal:</b>	Outline application (all matters other than access reserved for further approval) for the erection of 30 dwellings, new access and provision of open space. (Revised scheme of NED/17/01243/OL)
<b>Address:</b>	Land North of 92 Chesterfield Road Shirland

- The total area of proposed hardscaping needs querying.
- Although the number of properties has been reduced larger properties are proposed which are likely to be occupied by larger families with children. This will mean a larger impact on doctor's surgeries and schools. The local school is already virtually at capacity (NOR 191) and turning away applicants and Parishioners often face a long wait to see a doctor and this proposed development will only mean resources are stretched even further.
- The amount of privacy screening appears to be inadequate. No screening is proposed to the properties on Well Lane.
- The application states that all trees are to be retained however there are two mature trees at the proposed entrance to the site which are likely to require felling.
- A recent traffic census showed significant problems with vehicles exceeding the speed limit and the development is likely to cause queuing traffic at busy times. The vehicle movements to and from this proposed development would further contribute to an already choked A61. At peak times traffic movement along this road is a slow procession all the way to Chesterfield, and when the M1 is closed and traffic diverted, becomes a totally clogged main arterial route within the county's road network. This proposed development, when combined with traffic from the developments that are already underway at Wingerworth will generate flows of traffic that the A61 is not designed to accommodate.
- The western field of the site is currently sown to a cereal crop, and therefore will certainly act as a food source for farmland birds. Indeed, it is the only arable field in the area for some distance and would be a loss to wildlife including badgers and bats and we would request that thorough wildlife/breeding bird surveys be carried out. The bird survey that was carried out appears to have been for a very limited period and ideally should have been done for an entire breeding season.
- Drainage and the potential for flood both on and in the vicinity of the site is still a major concern and we as a Parish Council rely on the Local Planning Authority to obtain all information pertinent to the discharge in land not within the control of the applicant, which is fundamental to allow the drainage of the proposed development site and would request that the local authority satisfies itself of the good condition of the watercourses and infrastructure outside and downstream of the developable area prior to outline planning consideration. This should also include details of how the on-site surface water drainage systems will be maintained and whose responsibility, both practically and as regards the cost burden, that will be. There is nothing in the application regarding the maintenance of the holding capacity of the pond as it silts up over time, or the attenuation tanks and that is a prime consideration if they are to function at their proposed capacity and reduce flood risk for the lifetime of the development.
- This proposed development sits on land adjacent to Higham Conservation Area. The setting and views into and out of the area contribute to village character and

appearance as described in NEDDC's own Character Statement publication of May 2000. Preservation of these aspects is a cornerstone of a Conservation Area.

- The proposed development would close the settlement gap between the villages and mean the loss of green fields.
- Common Lane which is the access point to the development is an unlit, rural road with no footways.

<b>Application Number:</b>	19/00093/TPO
<b>Proposal:</b>	Application for 30% reduction of crown as regular maintenance of 1 no. Oak tree covered by TPO 220 (T1)
<b>Address:</b>	5 Fernwood Close Shirland

No comments

#### 14/02/2019 Finance

The bank reconciliation for January 2019 had been circulated prior to the meeting and these along with the bank statements were presented for signature.

The following payments were authorised: -

Payee	Goods	Amount £
Derbyshire Constabulary	Search fee following road traffic collision	35.00
Shelter Maintenance Ltd	Shelter Cleaning	58.10
O2	Council Mobile	24.70
BT	Broadband Stonebroom Pavilion	52.08
North East Derbyshire District Council	Routine maintenance of pumping station at Shirland Village Hall – October & November 2018	126.21
	Emptying of dog bins – October to December 2018	819.00
Viking	Stamps and ink	140.86
North East Midlands Brass Band Association Youth Band	S137 grant	200.00
Wages and Salaries including HMRC	3 employees	1574.68
British Gas	Gas – Stonebroom Pavilion	230.13
Brian Stone **	Paint, brushes and WD40	18.66

\*\* Recorded on late payment schedule, invoice received after publication of the agenda.

**Receipts since last meeting:-**

<b>Received from:</b>	<b>Amount £</b>
Table Tennis	52.50
Burial fees	1500.00
Memorial fees	99.00
VAT Claim October – December 2018	1972.68
Memorial fees **	134.00

\*\* Recorded on late income schedule, payment received after publication of the agenda.

The next meeting of Shirland and Higham Parish Council will take place at **7pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Stonebroom Pavilion.**