

## **Shirland and Higham Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting**

held at Stonebroom Pavilion, Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm

Councillors Present: Cllr Anne Brown (Chair), Cllr Peter Allsop, Cllr Barry Barnes, Cllr John Epton, Cllr Michelle Green, Cllr Guy Liggett, Cllr Heather Liggett, Cllr Alistair Lomax, Cllr Geoff Mather, Cllr Mike Roe, Cllr Sue Smith, Cllr David Williamson

In Attendance: Helen Dowson (Clerk & RFO), District Cllr C Cupit and several members of the public.

#### **1/05/19 Appointment of Chairman and signing of the declaration of acceptance:**

Cllr Anne Brown was elected as Chair, the declaration of acceptance to be completed at the end of the meeting.

#### **2/05/19 Appointment of Vice Chairman and signing of the declaration of acceptance:**

Cllr Guy Liggett was elected as Vice Chair, the declaration of acceptance to be completed at the end of the meeting.

**3/05/19 To consider accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr B Lewis.

**4/05/19 To Record Declarations of Interest:** Cllr G Liggett and Cllr H Liggett – planning application 19/00335/OL – owners of land which borders the site of the proposed development.

**5/05/19 To receive and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest:** None.

**6/05/19 To determine if any item on the agenda should be taken with the public excluded:** None.

**7/05/19 To consider for approval the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 15 April 2019:** Cllr H Liggett approved, Cllr S Smith seconded.

#### **8/05/19 Residents or public questions/comments (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):**

Several members of the public spoke in detail about their concerns regarding the planning application for 120 houses on land to the South of Hallfield Gate Lane and concerns about future applications for new developments in the Parish.

A member of the public enquired about the notice board not being up to date in Stonebroom, the Clerk responded saying that the lock had been vandalised and was awaiting repair.

A lady queried the publication of election results and the Clerk informed her that these are available on North East Derbyshire District Council's website.

A gentleman asked when Councillors details will be available on the website, the Clerk responded saying that they will be online towards the end of the week now that the necessary acceptance of office forms have been completed.

**9/05/19 To consider the Internal Audit Report:**

This had been circulated to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

**10/05/19 To consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2018/19:**

The Clerk read the statement to Councillors, Cllr H Liggett proposed and Cllr D Williamson seconded that the statement be approved. The statement was signed by the Chair and the Clerk.

The new Councillors were unable to comment on the statement as it referred to the previous financial year.

**11/05/19 To consider and approve the Accounting Statement 2018/19:**

Cllr M Roe proposed and Cllr D Williamson seconded that the statement be approved. This was signed by the Chair and the Clerk/RFO.

**12/05/19 To consider for approval the adoption of the Code of Conduct:**

Moved to next meeting.

**13/05/19 To consider for approval the adoption of the Dismissal, Disciplinary and Grievance procedures:**

Moved to next meeting.

**14/05/19 To consider and approve a Member to oversee financial transactions:**

Cllr A Brown proposed and Cllr D Williamson seconded that Cllr S Smith be appointed to this position. Cllr S Smith accepted the nomination.

**15/05/19 To consider the quotation received for the maintenance work to the BMX track:**

Cllr D Williamson proposed and Cllr A Lomax seconded that the quote be accepted and an order placed for these necessary works.

**16/05/19 To consider the request for a contribution towards the cost of servicing the clock at St Peters Church Stonebroom:**

Cllr M Roe proposed and Cllr P Allsop seconded that a payment of £174 be made.

**17/05/19 To consider booking places on the Councillor Essential Training course:**

The following Councillors agreed to attend the training: Cllr A Brown, Cllr J Epton, Cllr M Green, Cllr G Liggett, Cllr H Liggett and Cllr M Roe. Cllr M Green proposed and Cllr M Roe seconded that the Clerk makes the necessary bookings with DALC.

**18/05/19 To consider the setting up of a Working Party to look at the provision of outdoor fitness equipment at Stonebroom:**

It was agreed that Cllr P Allsop, Cllr A Brown, Cllr A Lomax and the Clerk will meet with potential suppliers.

**19/05/19 To consider the requests received regarding charity football matches at Stonebroom:**

It was unanimously agreed that the two events could take place without charge.

**20/05/19 Report from County Councillors:**

No report received.

**21/05/19 Report from District Councillors:**

Cllr Cupit congratulated all Councillors elected onto the Parish Council.

Cllr Cupit spoke about the planning application at Hallfield Gate Lane and stated that she will keep residents informed about this application.

Cllr Cupit also spoke about other applications and enforcement actions in the Parish.

Cllr Cupit reported that a number of new litterbins have recently been put up in the Parish.

Cllr Liggett spoke about problems with the Wheeldon development in relation to blocked drains and boundary disputes.

**22/05/19 Reports from Councillors on outside bodies:**

Cllr B Barnes reported that North East Derbyshire District Council are pursuing the landowner with regard to the flytipping by the railway bridge on Morton Lane.

Cllr B Barnes reported that Cllr S Smith and himself had looked at the gates at Stonebroom sportsground and felt that the kerbs require lowering and the current pedestrian gate removing to allow access for wheelchairs and pushchairs and added that appropriate signage will be necessary.

Cllr B Barnes also reported that the football for 5-9 year olds is proving very popular at Stonebroom on Wednesday evenings.

**23/05/19 Correspondence:**

Query regarding cost of Lamp Post Poppies Campaign 2018 - the Clerk provided the enquirer with all the relevant information.

Street naming of land adjacent to Chesterfield Road Shirland – previously circulated to Councillors.

Complaint regarding cemetery grass cutting operation – the Clerk responded to this complaint.

Notification of repair carried out to Village Hall gates – the repair has now been carried out and this was confirmed by Cllr A Brown.

Confirmation of renewal of insurance cover with Zurich Municipal – the policy will renew on 1 June 2019.

**24/05/19 Dalc Circular 05/2019 and 06/2019:**

Circulars distributed electronically to Councillors.

**25/05/19 To consider the following planning applications:****Town and Country Planning Act 1990****Consultation of Parish Council**

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| <b>Application Number:</b> | 19/00335/OL   |
| <b>Proposal:</b>           | Outline planning application for up to 120 new residential units and site access with all other matters reserved (apart from access) (Major development/Departure from Development Plan/Affecting Setting of Conservation Area) |
| <b>Address:</b>            | Land to the South of Hallfieldgate Lane Shirland  |

The Parish Council strongly object to this application and would like to make the following comments:

- Hallfield Gate Lane is a busy road with heavy traffic particularly at peak times. We understand that the traffic survey was done on a midweek afternoon. The treatment of the junction at Hallfieldgate Lane and the A61 as two junctions represents an unfair view of the volume of traffic that will back up from the junction at those peak times
- The proposed development would have a large impact on the functionality of local doctors' surgeries and schools. The village school is currently at full capacity and turning children away. The new proposed extension will mean just another 30 places are available, however these will soon be taken by children from developments in the village which are currently under construction.
- Routes around this area i.e. Chesterfield Road, Town End and Goose Green Lane are already extremely busy both in the morning and evening
- We note that a 'walk to school' club has been proposed; Councillors are extremely concerned about the safety of this route.
- The application suggests that traffic leaving the development would exit via the A61 however the Parish Council believes that in practice, the majority of vehicles bound for Chesterfield would turn onto Belper Road which will impact on the amount of traffic travelling through the conservation area of Higham.
- Concern about the foul sewage flow; the figure quoted is actually for the average flow not the peak flow as stated, the peak flow is still of an unknown quantity.
- The future maintenance of the balancing ponds is of concern, as it is not sufficient to State that it will be "undertaken by a management company in perpetuity". Who will pay for this and who is inspecting the area to decide when maintenance needs to be actioned?
- Apparently, an archaeological survey is not required as it is thought by the County department that the site has been opencast. This is not something that both local residents and the Parish Council are aware of, so the County Archaeologist may wish to re-visit this.
- Concern about how pedestrians would safely leave the development.
- The proposed development would greatly affect the street scene and views from the A61, and would significantly impact the amenity of vistas both looking towards and looking out of the village.
- The Parish Council are concerned about the impact on wildlife, and habitat destruction.
- The Parish Council are also concerned about the retention of mature trees which have TPO's, and have been a highly visual aspect of that part of the village for many years.
- To conclude this application is not sustainable on the grounds that it violates at least two of the primary objectives that the latest version of National Planning Policy Framework defines as 'sustainable development':

The second social objective is intended to “support strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering a well-designed and safe built environment, with accessible services and open spaces that reflect current and future needs and support communities’ health, social and cultural well-being;”

This application certainly does not meet the needs of present and future generations, and does not support “communities’ health, social and cultural well-being” because the current parish does not have the necessary infrastructure.

The third environmental objective is intended to “contribute to protecting and enhancing our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, helping to improve biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.”

This application violates most, if not all, of the points in this objective.

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| <b>Application Number:</b> | 19/00353/FLH   |
| <b>Proposal:</b>           | Application for 2 no. dormer windows with alterations to existing window heights and re-roofing with Solar PV roofing slates (Conservation Area) |
| <b>Address:</b>            | The Barn Corner Farm Main Road Higham  |

**The Parish Council object to this application on the grounds of overlooking and the impact on neighbours privacy.**

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| <b>Application Number:</b> | 19/00424/FLH  |
| <b>Proposal:</b>           | Application for 2 no. Velux windows and re-roofing with Solar PV roofing slates (Conservation Area) |
| <b>Address:</b>            | The Barn Corner Farm Main Road Higham   |

**No comments.**

**Any applications received for comment after the publication of the Agenda.**

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| <b>Application Number:</b> | 19/00478/LDC  |
| <b>Proposal:</b>           | Application for certificate of lawful use of land for static caravans |
| <b>Address:</b>            | Ainmoor Grange Caravan and Camping Park Mickley Lane Stretton         |

**No comments.**

## 26/05/19 Finance

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

The following payments were authorised: -

| Payee                             | Goods                            | Amount £ |
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| Zurich Municipal                  | Insurance                        | 3678.61  |
| O2                                | Council Mobile                   | 27.06    |
| Wall's Skip Hire                  | Emptying of skip at cemetery     | 150.00   |
| British Telecom                   | Broadband–Stonebroom Pavilion    | 52.08    |
| Bridge Thermoplastics             | 2 no. planters                   | 114.00   |
| LA Landscaping                    | Grounds Maintenance – April 2019 | 912.00   |
| Helen Dowson                      | Lock for cemetery grave boards   | 10.68    |
|                                   | Hi-vis waistcoats                | 71.88    |
|                                   | Skip for allotments              | 234.00   |
| Markovitz                         | Grave boards                     | 111.13   |
| Joanne Taylor                     | Internal audit                   | 100.00   |
| Wages and salaries including HMRC | 3 employees                      | 2124.67  |
| Barry Barnes                      | Mileage                          | 11.70    |
| Viking                            | Ink, paper, files                | 165.90   |
| British Gas                       | Gas – Stonebroom Pavilion        | 191.61   |
| Brian Stone **                    | Petrol                           | 12.53    |

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

## Receipts since last meeting:-

| Received from:          | Amount £ |
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| Table Tennis            | 75.00    |
| Football                | 97.00    |
| Allotment Fees          | 50.00    |
| Memorial Application ** | 99.00    |

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