

SHIRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING HELD AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH, SHIRLEY

ON 17 NOVEMBER 2014

PRESENT: Cllr J Foster (Chairman), Cllr J Fletcher, Cllr AJ Summers, Cllr A Taylor, Cllr A Grace (Vice Chairman), Mrs R Crabtree (Clerk)

APOLOGIES: County Cllr Lewer, District Cllr Shirley, Mr P Beetham RFO, Joanne Dales TRO, Tracey McCann PLO

MEMBERS OF PUBLIC IN ATTENDANCE: 11

PUBLIC MEETING

1.A parish meeting was held at 7pm to raise the subject of The Shirley Sports field. Sport has been played on this field since approximately 1935. However, regular clubs have moved elsewhere and the field is under utilised.

Ideas were put forward for its use ie. hockey clubs, pitch and put, contacting the county cricket teams.

Football teams struggle as the pitch is slightly short.

Parishioners must understand this facility will be lost if no one comes forward to form a small committee to 'run' the sports field.

There are some pieces of equipment ie. tractor, gang mower etc and the insurance has been paid to November 2015. The previous committee has handed over the accounts and in the process of changing bank details/signatories.

The up coming Quiz Night profits will be placed in the sports field funds.

Every parishioner will receive a flyer to explain what the circumstances are and perhaps a new committee can be recruited to maintain, organise and raise funds for the continuance of the sports field.

DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTEREST: None

CLERK'S REPORT: The Clerk asked if all Cllrs had received forwarded emails for their deliberation. This was confirmed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer was absent.

PARISH MATTERS:

- Website: going live within the next week or two.
- Conversion of verge on Park Lane to parking: this is all in hand. Planning consent is not needed and approval has been given for the 'go ahead' by Derbyshire County Council. Cllr Lewer says some funding will be available. Contractors have been approached.
- Offer of a defibrillator: the offer is £950 plus VAT. However, information and advice is needed, particularly with reference to Public and Personal Liability, siting, training etc.
- Precept: Cllr Summers referred to, and was in agreement with, a parishioner with concerns at the high level of precept. Cllr Fletcher said Parish Council support for various village amenities had escalated the precept to current levels. Cllr Grace pointed out that the Parish Council is now past most of the expenditure. Costs involved with the maintenance of the church yard could be reimbursed quarterly from DDDC to improve cash flow. It is important to ask for the same level of support from DDDC for this work. A decision will be made at the January meeting when Mr P Beetham RFO has had chance to clarify the figures.
- Response to Consultation on District Plan: A draft response has been prepared. It was circulated to all Cllrs along with the agenda and minutes of this meeting. Cllr Summers proposes a few amendments to provide a more balanced document and this be emailed to all Cllrs for approval. This has to be approved by 4th December 2014.
- Statement of the Way Forward for this Parish Council: This was also circulated along with agenda and minutes of this meeting for the attention of Cllrs. Its approval was proposed by Cllr Grace and seconded by Cllr Foster. The statement will appear on Shirley village website.
- Bushes impeding visibility on Derby Lane junction: This was brought to the attention of the Parish Council. The bushes have now been cut back.
- Winter Road Salt: The order has been placed and will be delivered to Shirley Hall Farm. There are also stocks at Shirley Mill Farm.
- Leafletting re Sports field: This will take place to gauge how many parishioners would still like the use of the facility and if any would be willing to undertake the maintenance, management and raising of funds.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: Payments to C Smith for mowing and pollarding etc were proposed be approved by Cllr Taylor and seconded by Cllr Foster. Payment was also approved for the felling of the Wellingtonias now that the gravestone has been satisfactorily repaired.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING: JANUARY 12TH 2015

MEETING CLOSED : 10.01pm