

SHEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON 6th OCTOBER 2022.

Present	Councillors :D Durran, J Gunnell, A Sharp, R Burton District Councillors: None, 3 members of the public
1.	<u>Chairman’s Welcome</u> Condolences were expressed by the Parish Council to the Royal family and a minutes silence was held.
2.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> None.
3.	<u>To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations</u> None.
4.	<u>To sign as an accurate record the minutes of the previous meeting</u> RESOLVED: to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2022 as a correct record. Proposed by AS, Seconded by JG.
5.	<u>To receive reports from District and County</u> Received by email Farm theft still seems to be on the rise, the Rural Crime Team is growing, and the police now have a dedicated Rural Crime Officer based in Market Harborough so they can be more visible and offer more advice. I have asked the police if there is any way to consider a police officer visiting parish councils’ meetings. The response was logistical issues due to a large number of parishes and have sent an email out to parish councils via community safety manager saying they will try to get one a year but if there are specific issues, please invite them. Strategic priorities for rural parts of the district between 2023 and 2028 ➤ Safe and resilient rural communities ➤ Safeguard and enhance the rural environment ➤ To grow a prosperous rural economy ➤ To meet rural housing needs and ensure homes are fit for the 21st century ➤ Rural proofing policies and services to ensure equitable investment into rural communities

	<p>➤ To create better connected enhanced digital connectivity</p> <p>At the last Parish meeting I spoke about arranging community meetings in village halls in the ward, I will shortly be contacting parishes with potential dates and times</p> <p>Regard Stephen and Charmain.</p>
6.	<p><u>Meeting open to the public</u></p>
	<p>Cllr D Durran informed the meeting on the passing of Richard Kew, he expressed sadness for a gentleman who had done so much for the village and the community. The PC expressed condolences to his family at this time.</p>
7.	<p><u>Cox Automotive</u></p> <p>Cllr J Gunnell read report received from Peter Bell of Cox Automotive as follows</p> <p>As I am sure you are aware, there are some significant works due to commence shortly on the A5199 which will include closure of the road for a prolonged period.</p> <p>In the spirit of our commitment to keep you informed, I just wanted to share a brief update from our perspective:</p> <p>We were engaged some time ago by Severn Trent Water’s contractor who outlined the provisional plans. We did not receive any further information until it became apparent that the works were confirmed and happening a few weeks ago. Since then, we have been engaging with local authority and Highways stakeholders to understand more about the planned diversions and discuss the best way forward.</p> <p>Having a far more detailed picture, we are now in the process of submitting a s73 planning application to HDC, requesting an adjustment to the wording of the site Operating Plan to allow transporters to follow official diversion routes in extenuating circumstances, such as road closures on the agreed routing. This will cover this situation and anything similar should it arise in future.</p> <p>To be explicit, we are not requesting any changes to the agreed routing for transporters - this is to ensure that we do not have a situation where we are effectively in a technical breach of the agreed Operating Plan (and prescribed routing within it) if a transporter follows any official diversion route, like the upcoming situation on the A5199.</p> <p>This will also allow us to cover such diversions within the Operating Plan in all aspects, to which:</p> <p>In parallel, we are engaging with all transporter/HGV companies who attend site to ensure that they are aware of the upcoming closures and diversion routes, planning for such and also reinforcing their need for compliance with such. As ever, should we become aware of any deviations or poor driving behaviour, we will investigate and, where appropriate, take enforcement action (up to and including site bans).</p>

	<p>And although not covered within the Operating Plan, we are similarly communicating with those who attend site in Light Commercial Vehicles (LCVs), 'Plater' Drivers and all team members, again, to make sure that they are aware of the closures and diversion routes. Given these driver groups can use any roads locally, we are also taking the opportunity to reinforce our expectations re driving respectfully and, again, that we will investigate and, where appropriate, take enforcement action (up to and including site bans) in the event of any reported poor driving behaviour.</p> <p>My hope is that there will be no impact on Shearsby or its residents from our site traffic as a result of these works, Councillors discussed vehicles travelling through the village, seems to be on the increase, JG to address with Peter</p>
<p>8.</p> <p>9.</p> <p>10.</p>	<p><u>Events</u> DD advised the Music n the Green event was a success raising over £3000, The committee are currently planning next years event and the new stage set up was a better option.</p> <p><u>Funding Opportunities</u> Clerk has applied for the Highway fund for the dropped kerb to be lowered further next to the Green for access. Clerk is to send Phil the latest funding opportunities for the community groups.</p> <p><u>Footpaths/Highway updates/Cycle path</u> Highways issues reported by Clerk and AS, Clerk to chase blocked gully on the Square. Jim Sampson has kindly fixed the gate following the installation of the new pole by BT. The PC give thanks to Jim for addressing so swiftly. Sue asked if anything could be done to improve the Old Road footpath? The PC advised this is owned by LCC. Clerk and RB to conduct a village walkabout to look at areas.</p>
<p>11.</p> <p>12.</p>	<p><u>Tree Planting</u> Sue advised she has spoken to the neighbouring properties who have agreed to small trees being planted on Welford Road. She has paced out the area and would look to plant three fruit trees, RB thinks it would be a good idea to plant bulbs around the trees also. The PC has no objection to this. Resolved: DD proposed for the PC to fund three fruit trees for this area, seconded by RB, all agreed. Mill Lane has been investigating and is not suitable for tree planting due to landowners access for hedge trimming. Currently working on an area on the Green, Sue advised this would be an ideal area for four fruit trees Resolved: JG proposed for the PC to fund four fruit trees, seconded by RB, all agreed. Wildflowers were discussed at length, DD feels areas need to be maintained to prevent them becoming a tangled mess. RB feels the oval around the trees is ideal for wildflowers. AS feels the existing area needs to be continued and concentrated on, Phil is to consult with the nature group to see if this is something they are happy to maintain. Phil will report back on the nature spot directive at the next meeting.</p> <p><u>Councillor Vacancy</u> One application has been received by Teresa Picton-Clark. Resolved: DD proposed to co opt Teresa as Parish Councillor, seconded by RB, all agreed. Teresa and Clerk completed Declaration of office form.</p>

13.	<u>Planning Applications</u> None.		
14.	<u>Boundary Review</u> An update has been received that this will be reviewed in April 2023.		
15.	Monthly action list The PC discussed having an action list created to monitor outstanding actions. This will be created by the Clerk and updated.		
16.	<u>Finance and Accounts</u>		
	a)	Balance 31 st August 2022	£15,725.86
		Receipts: Apr 22 to Aug 22	£8,078.51
		Payments: Apr 22 to Aug 22	£7,332.93
	b)	<u>Payments for authorisation</u>	
		H Denton-Stacey	Clerks salary July, Aug,Sept,Oct 22
			£898.64
		HMRC	Employee Tax
			£232.53
		Leicester Gardening Services	Grass cutting charge
			£360.00
		Eon	Street Lighting
			£506.23
		RESOLVED: Payments be authorised, proposed by Cllr A. Sharp, seconded by Cllr D Durran.	
17.	<u>AOB</u>		
	AS to source post protectors to be placed around the play equipment to protect. The playground inspection is to be reviewed and actioned accordingly. Dog fouling is becoming an issue around the village. Clerk is to speak with dog warden for support. Complaints have been received on the issue of foul language during the football sessions. DD to address.		
18.	<u>Urgent / late items at the Chairman's discretion</u> None		
19.	<u>Correspondence</u>		
	None.		

20.	<u>Items for discussion at next meeting</u>
21.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 15 th December 2022 at 7:00pm
	Meeting closed at 20:25pm

