

SHUTTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT SHUTTINGTON & ALVECOTE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2023

1.	<p>Present: Cllr N O'Mara in the Chair & Cllrs B Frost, A White, C Holloway & L Sly + PCSO Simeon Hodson. Clerk: A Allsopp.</p> <p>Apologies – Borough & County Cllr M Humphreys + Borough Cllr D Humphreys + PC Mike Redman</p>	
2.	Declaration of additional Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests – BF & AW declared a Hall interest.	
3.	Approve Draft Minutes of P C Meeting held on 25.1.2022 – Minutes proposed by BF, seconded by CH, unanimously agreed and signed off by NOM as a true record.	
4.	Police Report – PCSO SH expanded on the reports submitted by email and confirmed that most incidents were domestics. He also reported that the police had achieved some good car crime results whilst linking with Staffordshire and West Midlands forces recently.	
5.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes – Dog signage – left in AW's capable hands.</p> <p>Sewage Problem Main Rd/School Lane – AA to phone again. All confirmed working well now, but still no explanation about why the problem keeps happening.</p> <p>Light, Milner Drive – AA phoned again but no return call from Kevin Fennell. Full details to be supplied to DH with a request for him to chase up.</p> <p>Sunken bits. New Road – Marked for repair 8th/9th March.</p> <p>School Lane, Potholes – No remedial work done as yet on them – non urgent work so may take time.</p> <p>Notice Board Plaque to commemorate the queen – left pending.</p> <p>Parish Archive – Hopefully to be included for viewing with the official Play Area opening.</p> <p>Church Lane Steps possible Ramp & Light – It would seem that this is not WCC responsibility/ MH had supplied a list of funding possibilities, but when fully investigated by BF these were not suitable.</p> <p>Further research required for funding with emphasis on the old peoples' bungalows and their requirements.</p>	<p>AW</p> <p>AA</p> <p>NOM/DH</p>
6.	<p>Open Forum – AW reported regular rubbish being dropped along Back Lane from Polesworth Lane to Hangman's Corner and when tins are cut up by verge cutting, it is dangerous for dogs' paws. AA to report to NWBC. CH reported that she is getting no support for litter picks.</p> <p>The Parish Council was asked if they were doing anything for the Coronation. BF said the Hall would be doing something, but it is still in the planning stages.</p>	<p>AA</p> <p>Hall Comm</p>
7.	<p>Shuttington Play Area – The Play Area has been installed and the equipment now insured. The Play Area will be officially opened by Mark Albrighton, but we don't have a date as yet.</p> <p>We still need to provide a pathway from the Play Area gate to the car park without a step so that it is wheelchair friendly. AW to quote and also to investigate the requirement of any notice and contact address when he attends a Play Area Inspection Course in the near future.</p>	<p>AW</p>
8.	Milner Drive flower Meadow – removal of Pond Grid suggestion – This was discussed in detail bearing in mind that the area is now fenced with a locked gate. The grid does not favour the ecology of the pond-life. When put to the vote 4 Cllrs voted for its removal with one abstention. AW to remove.	<p>AW</p>
9.	Village Traffic Issues update – No report back from DH.	<p>DH</p>
10.	Play Area Reports and work required – There are only 8 very low items brought to our attention.	<p>BF/AW</p>
11.	Alvecote Report – Things are generally quiet in Alvecote..	
12.	Alvecote Bus Shelter – It will be necessary to secure funding.	
13.	Defibrillator considerations – One new battery has been purchased and the defibrillator on loan returned to Keith at Mercia. The suitability of the cabinet had been raised, but this was carefully researched before purchase and reassurances given. AA to respond to Keith's email diplomatically. The battery warning message appeared before the cold snap and the battery is well in date. Liz will continue to monitor as the warning is no longer appearing, although it only shows 2 green bars instead of 4. It is still under warranty so we are in communication with the supplier.	<p>AA</p>

14.	Whippet mid-week running request – The Whippets have requested use of the field on a Tuesday evening for training during the 4 summer months for about 3 hours and offered to pay either a lump sum or an hourly rate. BF proposed £15 per evening. This was seconded by AW and unanimously agreed.	AA
15.	Planning – No new planning applications to date. Land 100M South-west of Newton Regis Garden Store, Shuttington Lane – PAP/2023/0039 – Erection of Log Cabin for Tourists. This was submitted in 2018 and then withdrawn. Cllrs didn't think this a very suitable site for a number of reasons, including access and egress onto a busy road, lack of facilities, and the inability to turn a vehicle round on the site. AA to submit Parish Council objections. The Solar Farm and has been in touch and NOM stressed that Alvecote is a very unsuitable route for their traffic. They would like to attend one of our meetings and have community funding that might provide solar panels for the Parish Hall. The details of the layout of the 24 houses proposed for the Land at the side of the Parish Hall has not yet been approved.	AA
16.	Correspondence – the February Correspondence List had been emailed to Councillors.	
17.	Invoices – Approved as per the Correspondence List	AA
18.	Urgent Councillors' Items – CH has requested that McDonalds litter pick New Road again. There was a query as to whether Linden Lane is gritted now that it is believed to have become a bus route. It was agreed to revisit this question in September/October. New Road is never gritted because it is not a bus route, although it is particularly dangerous when it is icy.	
19.	Dates of next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 29th March 2023 @ 6pm	

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10th March, 2023

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