

SHUTTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT SHUTTINGTON & ALVECOTE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 17th MAY 2023

1.	Present: Cllr N O'Mara in the Chair & Cllrs B Frost, A White, C Holloway & L Sly + PC Mike Redman & County Cllr M Humphreys +2 members of the public. Clerk: A Allsopp. Apologies – Borough Cllrs D Humphreys + Brynna Ririe.	
2.	Declaration of additional Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests – BF & AW declared a Hall interest.	
3.	Police Report & Parking Concerns on Main Road/New Road Junction – PC Mike Redman reported a burglary on Milner Drive and received additional information that might help catch the culprits. A drugs incident is thought to be isolated but he is sharing intelligence with Staffordshire Police. He promoted “Cuppa with a coppa” and it was suggested that he and/or PCSO Simeon Hodson should perhaps informally join one of the monthly coffee mornings held at the Parish Hall. An email had been sent to the Parish Council raising concerns about cars are parked on the pavement where the children catch the school bus and visibility issues, and these were shared with PC MR. This is very difficult to police, and PC MR has already spoken to some residents about this. PCSO Simeon Hodson will be asked to do this again, and if cars continue to park on the junction pavement, fines will be issued. Bollards were suggested to prevent this happening, but the PC would need to obtain funding as there is no County Council money available. BF to check land registry to see who owns the land.	PCSO SH BF
4.	Approve Draft Minutes of Annual Open Meeting & P C Meeting held on 25.4.2023 – Annual Open Meeting Minutes proposed by CH, seconded by LS & unanimously agreed. Minutes of PC Meeting held on 25.4.2023 proposed by BF, seconded by AW and both signed off by NOM as a true record.	
5.	Matters Arising from Minutes – Pond Grid update – CH reported that she has found a purchaser & £100 will go back into the fund. Green Shoots are happy with this or even to donate the grid to another project. Alvecote Bus Shelter – Queensbury are quoting a refurbishment price of £4,200 for a metal frame rather than aluminium. AA was assured by WCC we would only require Traffic Management and not road closure. The forms will be forwarded to Queensbury for final comment and costings. Play Area Picnic Benches – These were moved by the Whippets but AW agreed to put back in position. Formal thanks to be extended to the Parish Hall for the picnic benches. Light, Milner Drive – MH will raise this with Scott Tomkins face to face next week if NOM can forward photos and details again. It is nearly a year now since an Amazon driver admitted liability. Church Lane Land/Steps – Emma Guilfoyle-Carey from NWBC confirmed to AA that the land is theirs. Tamworth Have a Heart – NOM has made contact and will find out exactly what they have to offer. Advertising Clerk’s Vacancy – AA to check with WALC about the specific legality of advertising and AA to place position on website and noticeboards.	CH NOM AW AA NOM/MH NOM AA
6.	Parish Hall Sign & Parking – It was suggested that signs for the Village Hall might help slow traffic, NOM asked Cllrs to submit specific location suggestions, so that we can then forward to WCC. It had been suggested that marked parking bays might help with parking at the Hall, but after discussion at a Parish Hall meeting, the Committee wasn’t convinced it was a good idea. However it was agreed that we do need disabled access into the Hall. This will be looked into, and the Parish Hall Committee should report back to the PC if marked parking bays are still favoured, and it will then be considered.	ALL NOM Hall
7.	Open Forum – A complaints was raised that the Playground road signs are obscured. It was agreed that there is no way you can stop people parking on Main Road outside Wessex Court. It was reported that some footpaths are obscured by farmers’ crops and virtually impassable. AA to contact WCC Footpaths after liaising with AW as to exact positions.	AW AA/AW
8.	Planning – No new planning applications to date.	
9.	Correspondence – the May Correspondence List had been emailed to Councillors.	
10.	Invoices – Approved as per the Correspondence List	AA

11.	Urgent Councillors' Items – NOM reminded Cllrs to ensure they returned their election expenses forms by 1 st June.	ALL
12.	Dates of next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 21st June 2023 @ 6pm	

Anita Allsopp
22nd May, 2023

Signed..... Date.....