

SHUTTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT SHUTTINGTON & ALVECOTE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2022

1.	<p>Present: Cllr N O'Mara in the Chair. Cllrs B Frost, M Smith, C Holloway & A White + Borough & County Cllr Marian Humphreys & Borough Cllr David Humphreys & Anne Wilde from Unipart at Mercia, junction 11 + 1 member of the public. Clerk: A Allsopp.</p> <p>Apologies – Cllr L Sly, PC Mike Redman + Lisa Tunnicliffe.</p>	
2.	<p>Declaration of additional Pecuniary & Non-Pecuniary Interests – BF & AW declared a Hall interest. AW also declared an interest in respect of a quote he has submitted for possible fencing work to be done (item 13).</p>	
3.	<p>Approve Draft Minutes of P C Meeting held on 28.9.2022 – Minutes proposed by BF, seconded by CH, unanimously agreed and signed off by NOM as a true record.</p>	
4.	<p>Police Report – PC Mike Redman had sent through a report that NOM read out.</p>	
5.	<p>Mercia Representative Visit – Anne Wilde explained that Unipart is building a team of employees locally and doing their best to reduce impact by providing a bus service from Tamworth, stagger shifts and encourage lift-sharing. It was made very clear that the Parish Council has major concerns about the amount of traffic that uses Shuttington as a short-cut and she was asked to encourage employees to use the better route around Shuttington via Hangmans crossroads. She was also asked if Mercia might support funding new signs with better directions. She agreed to make enquiries for us.</p>	
6.	<p>Matters Arising from Minutes – Cadent still pending and contact has been made again. Sewage Problem Main Rd/School Lane – A Site Manager was due to visit but no report back as yet. Light Milner Drive – AA has received no response to our enquires, but AA will follow up again. Hedges on Main Rd appear to have been trimmed but are still overhanging the footpath. Sunken bits. New Rd – These have been marked with yellow paint. The Verge on School Lane has been dealt with. Thanks go to AW.</p>	AA AA AA
7.	<p>Open Forum – Both defibrillators are now working, although the one in Alvecote is on loan whilst ours is being serviced. We will shortly require a new battery. Thanks go to Liz for this. NOM has submitted diagrams and recommendations for Highways to look at regarding misleading signage. MH recommended that we get Graham Stanley involved over these matters and request a site visit and/or that he attend a meeting. He knows the area well and there is a lack of communication at WCC. NOM to forward information to GS along with a request for the steps between Coronation Crescent and Church Lane to be improved and a light, as raised by BF. Potholes along the verges in School Lane also need attention. BF reported that Nick will need to increase his grass cutting charges next year but not sure by how much. NOM still to look for Dog signage for field, to deter those who refuse to pick up. BF to make sure the field light comes on when electrical repair work has been carried out. AA to let Dave Cuttler know that no repair work is required where the play area is going to be.</p>	AA NOM AA NOM BF AA
8.	<p>Milner Drive flower Meadow + Pond Fencing – CH had supplied an update with pictures to Cllrs and Green Shoots, who she updates monthly. Marstons have cut down the Virginia Creeper but in the process damaged the meadow. Thanks to AW for top soil that has filled hollows before reseeding and covered the pond liner and improved the planting. An invoice to be submitted for the seed - £18. Scarifying was discussed, but it was decided that this will be reconsidered in the spring. Thanks go to all those who continue to help with the Meadow.</p>	Liz/AA
9.	<p>Village Traffic Issues – These were covered above.</p>	
10.	<p>Notice Board Plaque and suggestions for additional information to be put on boards – After some discussion a brass plaque with black lettering and lacquered with the wording “In Memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II 1926 – 2022” was proposed by AW, seconded CH and unanimously agreed.</p>	AW/ NOM
11.	<p>Alvecote Report – Defibrillator dealt with above and AW will now try to retrieve the old Defibrillator cabinet from the Sam Barlow. NWBC has agreed to replace the litter bin outside the Travellers' Site. NOM and others to get a quote from his window cleaner for cleaning the bus shelters.</p>	AW NOM ALL

12.	Shuttington Play Area Update, to include additional costs and funding shortfall – Lisa Tunnicliffe explained there is a funding shortfall due to the increased cost of fencing via a phone call as she was unable to attend in person. Statfold has generously provided £500 and there is an on-going raffle raising additional funds. The Parish Council has asked the Parish Hall if they will consider contributing, along with the Parish Council, to meet the remaining shortfall. This will be discussed at their meeting on Saturday.	BF/AA
13.	Funding for front of Hall fencing – AW provided a quote for fencing and planters. This was discussed but deferred until we know how much will need to be contributed towards the Play Area.	
14.	Parish Archive Update – MS advised that this is now ready to make available and will draw up an invitation to go on the notice board and elsewhere, inviting further contributions.	MS/AA
15.	Planning – No new planning applications. Solar Farm, Thorpe Estate – NOM & CH have responded with requests that vehicles should avoid Shuttington, but have received no response. NOM to chase.	NOM
16.	Casual Field Hire charges and restrictions – The Parish Hall has included a bit on their booking form to alert Margaret when a booking is made. For a bouncy castle the fee was suggested at £6/hour and this will be taken by the Hall and then passed on to the Parish Council. Other types of hire will need to be looked at on a booking by booking basis.	
17.	Correspondence – the October/November Correspondence List had been emailed to Councillors. There is very little that is not emailed direct to Cllrs these days.	
18.	Invoices – The Correspondence List showed payments made since the last meeting, a cheque signed for grass cutting and an invoice for £18 to be submitted for payment.	Liz/AA
19.	Urgent Councillors' Items – There were no additional items raised.	
20.	Dates of next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 7th December 2022 @ 6pm	

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5th November, 2022

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