

## SHUTTINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT SHUTTINGTON & ALVECOTE PARISH HALL ON WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

1.	<b>Present:</b> Cllr N O'Mara in the Chair. Cllrs B Frost, M Smith, C Holloway & L Sly + PC Mike Redman & 8 members of the public. Clerk: A M Allsopp. <b>Apologies</b> – Cllr A White + Borough & County Cllr Marian Humphreys & Borough Cllr David Humphreys.	
2.	<b>Declaration of additional Pecuniary &amp; Non-Pecuniary Interests</b> – BF declared a Hall interest.	
3.	<b>Approve Draft Minutes of P C Meeting held on 20.7.2022</b> – Minutes proposed by CH, seconded by LS, unanimously agreed and signed off by NOM as a true record.	
4.	<b>Police Report</b> – PC Mike Redman was welcomed back and updated the previous 2 weeks. He was asked to make enquiries about some outstanding issues and requests will go on Shuttington Informed to enlist the help of residents where required, particularly as it was thanks to community information and support that criminals were caught on the evening of our July meeting.	
5.	<b>Shuttington Play Area plans discussion</b> – The Play Area Committee reported that they had received all the funding needed to enable them to purchase all the equipment requested by residents. Extensions and deadlines mean that the equipment needs to be ordered quickly, but because the drawings lack dimensions there were some concerns raised by the Parish Council, particularly in respect of the 1 meter safety area required for the zip wire. In order to keep the field area clear for the Whippets, there was a recommendation that a couple of pieces of equipment be moved and/or rotated, as a larger area than originally agreed is actually required. The entrances and fencing were also discussed and agreed. NOM agreed to draw up a revised plan which accurate dimensions could then be added to.	NOM
6.	<b>Matters Arising from Minutes</b> – Cadent still pending. The Notice Boards are awaiting an installation date. NOM proposed that it would be nice to put a plaque on the Shuttington Notice Board in memory of Queen Elizabeth II – all agreed. Verge School Lane – AW not present.	NOM/BF AW
7.	<b>Open Forum</b> – Condolences were sent to the Palace from Shuttington Parish Council. A report of a lot of dog faeces on the field was made by the Archery Group. Various ways to improve the situation were discussed. AA agreed to contact Polesworth Parish Council to see what they do in Warton, where there is less of a problem. New signage will be investigated for the next meeting. Main Road sign near Village Hall has been dislodged and new location identified in front of the Hall fence as per photo submitted by NWBC. Residents are asking when the street light, that was knocked over by an Amazon driver on Milner Drive, will be replaced. AA to contact WCC lighting as they removed it because it was dangerous.	AA NOM AA AA
8.	<b>Milner Drive flower Meadow + Pond Fencing</b> – CH reported the meadow was generously mowed by NWBC and the pond has now been fenced. There is good biodiversity starting with the pond, although the wildflower/grass mix ground cover is not ideal. Despite the very hot weather, only 10% of the hedging has been lost, and our grateful thanks go to Barry Beaumont for regularly topping up the pond. Chick weed is a bit of a problem along with the Virginia Creeper coming from the Wolferstan Arms.	AA
9.	<b>Village Traffic Issues</b> – Subsidence was reported on New Road. CH to forward exact locations to AA. MS asked if bollards could be placed on Main Road to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement. Hedges overgrowing the footpath on Main Road are causing problems – AA to contact the owner. In an attempt to stop unnecessary traffic coming through Shuttington NOM to draw up a list of the misleading signage that guides drivers through, rather than around Shuttington and we will then fight to get the default at the bottom of the hill changed. Farm vehicles are also an issue.	AA AA NOM AA
10.	<b>Alvecote Report</b> – The Defibrillator in Alvecote is out of commission at the moment awaiting a service. The results of the bus shelter questionnaire indicate that an improved bus service is required, but the bus shelter should be replaced or cleaned. It doesn't seem to pose a problem to vision for most people.	AA
11.	<b>Sewage problem Main Road/School Lane</b> – There have been 3 call-outs in 2 months and Severn Trent and South Staffs Water have been out. It is now under investigation by a Site Manager.	AA

12.	<b>Planning – Shuttington Fields Farm PAP/2021/0277.</b> Now out of time but no objections.	
13.	<b>Casual Field Hire hourly rate &amp; booking form and restrictions</b> – It appears that occasionally people hiring the Hall also wish to make use of part of the field. This will need to be discussed in detail in the future, but it was agreed that vehicles should not be permitted to park on the field and that the Hall will amend their booking form to accommodate the additional requirement for the time being. Further thoughts to propose at the next Parish Council meeting.	BF
14.	<b>Invitation to Mercia Representative to attend October Meeting</b> – Anne Wilde from Mercia has agreed to attend our next meeting.	
15.	<b>Agree Purchase of a New Printer</b> – Having investigated the printer suggested, NOM is satisfied the purchase would save money long-term. CH proposed we make the purchase, LS seconded and all agreed	
16.	<b>Correspondence</b> – the September Correspondence List had been emailed to Councillors.	
17.	<b>Invoices</b> – The Correspondence List showed payments made since the July meeting with no additional ones to be approved, apart from the Printer purchase at £179.99.	
16.	<b>Urgent Councillors’ Items</b> – There were no additional items raised.	
17.	<b>Dates of next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022 @ 6pm</b>	

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30<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

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