



## Shenley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2019, AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 108 LONDON ROAD, SHENLEY

**PRESENT:** Councillors Nicky Beaton, Annette Edel, Rosemary Gilligan, Nigel Heller, Helen Hussain, Gavin O'Sullivan, Anthony Spencer, William Susman (Chair) and Peter Wayne

- In attendance: Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
- 5 members of the public were present

### **109/18. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies for absence were submitted from County Councillor Morris Bright.

The Chairman took the opportunity to thank those Councillors that would not be standing again in the Parish Council elections. He thanked Councillor Beaton for her amazing work whilst on the Parish Council and is delighted that she will continue with the Neighbourhood Plan, Shenley Village Matters and the fete. The Chairman thanked both Councillors Wayne and Hussain for all their hard work whilst on the Parish Council.

### **110/18. Declarations of Interests**

**PERSONAL** – Councillors Gilligan, Spencer and Susman declared a personal interest in the item concerning Shenley Park Trust.

**PREJUDICIAL** -none.

### **111/18. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting, held on the 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by Cllr Susman and adopted by the Council

### **112/18. Review of Action Plan from above meetings**

The Action plan was **NOTED**. At this point it was asked by a resident if there had been any development regarding the Community Right to Bid request. The clerk informed the meeting that she was still waiting on a reply and would chase Hertsmere Borough Council.

### **113/18. Questions by residents of Shenley Parish**

The chairman invited questions. A resident that the acronym of SCAG should not be used when referring the Shenley Community Activity Group. It was agreed that a new shortened 'Nickname' would be agreed on.

The Chairman thanked the residents for attending.

**114/18. Reports of Committee, Members and Clerk**

(i) Black Lion Hill - Speeding

The Chairman welcomed residents to highlight what happened at the meeting at Hertfordshire County Council with Councillors Bibby and Bright. The report that followed the meeting stated that Black Lion Hill does not currently fall into the 30mph strategy and as such they will not put any speeding devices along Black Lion Hill as they do not believe it is enforceable.

It was confirmed that the speed limit was 30mph originally and was changed to 40mph for a brief time in the 1980's. It was then changed back to 30mph.

Following this meeting Councillor Heller contacted Police Inspector Bilsden who confirmed it is the police's responsibility to enforce the speed limit. The inspector stated that if the speed limit was increased to 40mph they would then enforce speeding. The inspector suggested working with Clore Shalom School to try and influence speed calming measures.

Following a lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED** that: -

- Councillor Heller will contact the Police commissioner again regarding the historical speeding limits
- Councillor Gilligan will contact Councillor Bibby's predecessor for advice
- Councillor Gilligan will forward Councillor Heller the Neighbourhood Plan report regarding speeding

(ii) Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting thanked Councillors Beaton, Gilligan and the Steering Group for all their hard work in producing the Neighbourhood Plan which now includes a special policy area. Councillor Beaton stated that minor changes may still be made. The final version is to be given to Mark Silverman at Hertsmere Borough Council. Councillor Beaton gave an update on the mock Exam that was held.

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: - **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Neighbourhood Plan be adopted by Shenley Parish Council

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(iii) Drive Safe

Councillor Susman to chase

(iv) Action for a Cleaner Shenley – Update

The meeting was informed that the ACS group will be meeting this weekend. The meeting thanked the volunteers for their continued hard work. Councillor Susman informed the meeting that he has spoken with Shenley Park Trust who have **AGREED** to keep a permanent skip in order to dispose of the rubbish from both the Action for a Cleaner Shenley and

Community Payback Group. The Parish Council will be invoiced accordingly. The meeting AGREED this was an excellent idea.

Councillor Spencer informed the meeting that he had met Michael Gove MP and asked him specifically what is being done to prevent littering.

(v) Community Payback Scheme – Update

The meeting AGREED the team are doing a great job. The request for the painting of the railings outside the Village Hall during holiday times will be passed on to the team by Councillor O’Sullivan.

(vi) Harris Lane/Rookery Field

Councillor Edel informed the meeting that some of the new benches are now in place.

(vii) Allotments

A meeting is required.

(viii) Shenley Fete

Councillor Beaton informed the meeting that plans were progressing well.

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: - **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that the Shenley Fete can use Harris Lane and Rookery Field to hold the event.

(ix) Media Committee

A meeting is required.

(x) Shenley Community Activities Group

The Clerk informed the meeting that there are 80 people attending the trip to Chartwell House on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April.

The Clerk thanked Mrs Susman for accompanying her on the reccy to Southend On Sea. The summer trip has been confirmed for Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June to Southend On Sea.

(xi) Police Update

Councillor Heller informed the meeting that unfortunately there were no stats available for the meeting. Councillor Heller confirmed there would be more speeding events as held previously. Due to recent crimes something will be put on Facebook regarding crime prevention.

Councillor Heller also said that schools in Hertsmere including Shenley Primary School will be having presentations held by the police. It was also confirmed that the SID on Porters Park Drive has been very effective.

(xii) Shenley Park Trust

The meeting was informed that there was a good turnout at the Park Trust AGM.

**106/18. Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were before the meeting. The meeting **AGREED** that;

- (1) Subject to Hertsmere Borough Council taking into consideration any comments of neighbouring owners/occupiers, the Parish Council raises no objection to the following proposals.

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
19/0268/HSE	21 Juniper Gardens Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9LA	Erection of single storey rear extension following removal of existing extension <sup>21</sup>
19/0398/MPO	Site of Former 25 London Road Shenley Hertfordshire	Application to modify a planning obligation dated 29 June 2017 to amend clause 2.3 to make clear that the obligations are not binding on individual owners once the plots are sold pursuant to planning application 17/0078/FUL for Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of 6 dwellings (2 x 5 bed detached dwellings and 2 pairs of 4 bed semis) each to include an integral garage with associated landscaping and access
19/0431/CLP	2 Frank Cottages Radlett Lane Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9AH	Construction of two outbuildings (garden room and garden shed) to rear of property. Certificate of Lawful Development (proposed).
19/0419/HSE	47 North Avenue Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9DF	Retention of brick boundary walls and outbuilding in rear garden. Retrospective Application
*19/0432/FUL	Woodhall Farm Office, Woodhall Lane, Shenley, Hertfordshire, WD7 9AA	Demolition of existing stable block and construction of office building (Class B1).

With regards to: -

19/0366/FUL	University College London Sports Ground and Watford Football Club Training Ground Bell Lane London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1BZ	Construction of a two-storey rear extension to create additional offices and recreational space, and single storey side extension to extend existing offices with associated internal alterations
19/0380/VOC	University College London Sports Ground and Watford Football Club Training Ground Bell Lane London Colney Hertfordshire AL2 1BZ	Application for variation of condition 4 to allow for the retention of the inflatable dome on a year-round basis following grant of planning permission 17/2417/FUL

The Meeting objected to the application by Watford Football Club and UCL sports ground to the retention of the indoor training pitch currently on site. While a case may be made in due course for such a facility the current building is not it. When the community did not object to the temporary use of an indoor pitch, at that time no one expected the huge and inappropriate inflated building currently on site.

It is intrusive into the open countryside and green belt, as it is so tall, it can be seen from most views of the site. The top of Black lion hill, the motorway, Bell lane and the footpaths in the surrounding countryside, it therefore does not add to the openness of the greenbelt. It is lit after dark all night and is a nuisance to the residents of bell lane. London Colney our neighbours can see it from their side of the motorway and will also be objecting.

You can compare it to the adjacent Arsenal Training ground, which officers worked with Arsenal to limit the impact on the surrounding area and neighbours. Their site had mandatory tree planting to hide the buildings and now those trees are matured you would not know the site was there. They also have limits on the timings of indoor use after dark and it is not available to the public other than when Arsenal do their community engagement events. All of these conditions were put in place to limit the effect of their buildings on the open countryside and the residents of Bell lane.

The building is not compliant with the objectives of Shenley Neighbourhood plan now formally submitted to HBC to start the final consultation before going for examination, which must form a material consideration for all developments from now on, in particular to maintain the rural character of the whole parish and encourages involvement with the community.

We would encourage Watford Football Club and UCL to consult the community and parish council on any other applications.

(i) Other planning matters were noted, and

(ii) The council instructs the Clerk to advise Hertsmere Borough Council accordingly.

(\*Denotes that at this point, the Council moved to discuss planning applications which had been brought to its attention at the meeting. They were proposed and seconded.)

**116/18. Financial matters**

(I) April 2019 meeting

The Accounts for payment for the March 2019 meeting were received and it was: - **RESOLVED** that the monthly Accounts for payment totalling £11,251.47 be approved.

(II) It was **NOTED** that the monthly budget monitoring reports for March 2019 will be approved at the May meeting

(III) It was **NOTED** that the monthly petty cash report for March 2019 will be approved at the May meeting

(IV) Section 137 Grant Requests: -  
There were none

(I) The Council **REVIEWED** and **APPROVED** the 'Review Of Internal Audit Effectiveness'.

(II) The Council **REVIEWED** and **APPROVED** the 'Financial And Management Risk Assessment'.

(III) The Council **NOTED** and **ACCEPTED** the Internal Audit Engagement Letter with IAC.

**117/18.** The meeting ended at 9.25p.m.

Chairman

**ACTION LIST - TUESDAY 2 APRIL 2019**

<b>PROVISION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>BY</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Planning Applications	Letter to Hertsmere Borough Council advising of the Council's opinions.	Clerk	ASAP
Right to Bid	Request to reinstate Right to Bid on White Horse and Black Lion – Chase again	Clerk	ASAP
Community Pay Back	See if the team can paint the railings outside the Village Hall	Cllr O'Sullivan	ASAP
Shenley Community Activities Group	Suggestions for new abbreviation	All Cllrs	ASAP
Speeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Councillor Heller will contact the Police commissioner again regarding the historical speeding limits</li> <li>• Councillor Gilligan will contact Councillor Bibby's predecessor for advice</li> <li>• Councillor Gilligan will forward Councillor Heller the Neighbourhood Plan report regarding speeding</li> </ul>		ASAP