



## Shenley Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2020, AT 7.40PM REMOTELY, VIA ZOOM

**PRESENT:** Councillors Justine Ash, Rosemary Gilligan, Annie Keen, \*Gavin O’Sullivan, \*Natalie Susman, William Susman and Anthony Spencer.

In attendance:

- Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
- \*County Councillor Morris Bright
- 118 members of the public were present at its most

(\* Denotes attended for only part of the meeting.)

#### COMMENCEMENT OF THE MEETING

The Chairman Councillor William Susman formally called the meeting to order and welcomed those present. Cllr Susman informed the meeting of the death of Mr. Bob Gough and asked that the meeting be dedicated in his memory and in the memory of those who have passed away during this difficult time. The chairman asked the meeting to hold a one minute’s silence as a mark of respect.

#### 31/20.21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were submitted from Cllr Jonathan Bonn.

#### 32/20.21. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors William and Natalie Susman declared a personal interest in the item concerning Shenley Primary School playing field and the abutting land – Agenda Item 35/20.21  
Councillor Rosemary Gilligan declared a personal interest in the planning item 20/0900/FUL.

Councillors Gilligan, Keen and Spencer declared a personal interest in the item concerning Shenley Park Trust.

#### 33/20.21 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2020

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting, held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 be confirmed as a correct record, and to be signed by Cllr Susman and adopted by the Council.

#### 34/20.21 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN FROM ABOVE MEETINGS

The Action plan was **NOTED**.

#### 35/20.21 PUBLIC ISSUES

At this point, the chair of the meeting was handed over to Councillor Gilligan.



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### Shenley Primary School playing field and abutting land

The issue of the private land sale, of land that had previously been rented to HCC for the use of Shenley Primary School, had caused great upset amongst the local community as well as parents at the school.

Councillor Gilligan read out a statement on behalf of Shenley Parish Council, and then invited William Susman to read out a statement on behalf of himself and Natalie Susman. Councillor Gilligan then invited the Clerk to read the questions that had been submitted in advance of the meeting. Several other members of the public were invited to ask questions.

The questions asked related to the purchase of land by two of the Parish Councillors, in their private capacity. Residents were passionate about this and upset that the land in question is used by Shenley Primary School and that the children of the school may lose this valuable amenity.

During the questions and statements both the County Councillor and Head of Governors made representations. The meeting was informed that Shenley Parish Council would always support the school. It is noted that during the time of this discussion the meeting became heated and at times very personal.

There was a question relating to a planning application and it was agreed this point would be discussed when the agenda reached point 37/20.21 (Application No. 20/0667/FUL)

At this point the Chair was handed back to William Susman

### **36/20.21 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AND CLERK**

(i) Request for swimming grant from Shenley Primary School

Following a proposer and a seconder it was **RESOLVED** to approve a donation of £1,500.00.

(ii) Parish Council Vacancy

The meeting was informed that the required signatures have been received and the by-election will be held on Thursday 6th May 2021, unless the covid legislation changes.

(iii) The Spinney – Question from resident

The meeting was asked what was happening with the pond at the Spinney that has been drained and now fenced off, believing that this piece of land had been given to HBC.

The meeting was informed that an onsite meeting will be held, with the resident, a representative of SPC, a representative of the landowner and a representative of HBC has been arranged. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would correspond with the resident to ensure all the information is available.



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(iv) Allotments – gates from houses opening onto the allotments

The meeting was asked about gates that had been erected in the gardens of the newly developed houses abutting the allotments. The meeting was informed that because of this, a deed will be drawn up for those homeowners who also have allotments. It was confirmed that this is best practice at other Parish Councils with similar allotments. The deed will be put to the next meeting of the allotment committee before it is sent to the homeowners.

The meeting was asked if a lock could be put on a gate at the allotments, that is allowing access for quad bikes to get on to Pursley Field. It was **AGREED** this would be looked at.

(v) Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting was informed that following the fact that the Shenley NP has passed its examination, they are now waiting for this to be confirmed at an HBC Executive meeting.

(vi) Action for a Cleaner Shenley – Update

The meeting thanked the team for their continued hard work. The last session involved 15 volunteers collecting 35 bags of litter. The next session will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August.

(vii) Community Payback Scheme – Update

Nothing to report.

(viii) Harris Lane/Rookery Field/Allotments

The meeting was informed that the lease at Pursley Field is almost complete.

The Harris Lane play area is once again open, however the gym equipment remains cordoned off as the equipment does not have a 2 meters gap.

The meeting also discussed the possibility of using new signs to stop litter. It was **AGREED** that even though effective, the language may not be deemed appropriate.

(ix) Media Committee

Nothing to report

(x) Shenley Community Activities Group

Unfortunately, no trips have been able to take place this year due to Covid 19. It is very much hoped something can be organised towards the end of the year but this will depend on government guidelines and will be kept under review.

(xi) Police Update

The Clerk read out a police report, that primarily focused on anti-social behaviour in around Ribston Close.



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The meeting was also informed about anti-social behaviour taking place in New Road. It was **NOTED** that the police have been informed and this will be followed up

(xii) Shenley Park Trust

The meeting was informed that the volunteers will be returning on Thursday, but only 2 at a time were to be permitted.

The meeting also **NOTED** a question from a resident concerning the use of the tennis courts and read a reply from the Park Trust that stated they have been deemed unfit to use and needed resurfacing. A resident then said there is possible funding available. It was **AGREED** this information would be passed on to the Park Trust.

### 37/20.21 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 proposal.

Application No.	Address	Proposed Development
20/0750/HSE	54 Greenwood Gardens, Shenley, Hertfordshire, WD7 9LF	Conversion of garage to habitable space and change of garage door to window
20/0896/HSE	9 North Avenue Shenley, Hertfordshire WD7 9DF	Erection of new front porch.
20/0900/FUL	The White Cottage Mimms Lane Shenley Radlett	Demolition of existing house and construction of replacement detached 3 bed dwelling to include access, landscaping, parking and bin store.

With Regards To: -

20/0667/FUL	Ridge Hill Stables, Rectory Lane, Shenley, Hertfordshire, WD7 9BG	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 6 x 4 bed, 2 storey detached dwellings; 2 x 4 bed, 2 storey semi-detached dwellings; and 5 detached garages (2 x single and 3 x double) with gardens and amenity space.
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The meeting **NOTED** that if HBC were to approve the application it should be subject to conditions as laid out by the following statutory consultees - Affinity Water concerning possible contamination of drinking water for the surrounding area and HCC Public Rights of Way concerns regarding the waste water from the proposed development will flood the Public Right of Way. This was an issue the previous owner was aware of. The meeting also **NOTED** environmental Health are concerned with contaminated land on the site and the need for good noise abatement to protect the future residents from noise from the M25.



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The meeting also **AGREED** that Shenley needs smaller and more affordable housing as per the Shenley Neighbourhood Plan.

With Regards To: -

20/0786/FUL	Land Adjacent To 1, Black Lion Hill, Shenley, WD7 9DE	Construction of a 2 storey, 4 bed dwelling and garage with amenity space, parking, access and associated works.
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Whilst the meeting **NOTED** the existing planning permission for the site which allows for all parking at the rear of the residence. The meeting **OBJECTED** to the use of parking and access via Black Lion Hill, as this is a renowned accident black spot. The meeting then **NOTED** the Highways report, where Highways said they would not support access from the front of the property.

At this point it was **NOTED** that much of the former King William Pub has been demolished. It was agreed that Planning and enforcement would be contacted regarding this.

(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.)

At this point following a proposer and a seconder it was **AGREED** to extend the meeting by 30mins (to allow the 2.5-hour time limit in the standing orders to be extended to 3 hours)

### 38/20.21 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- (i) The Accounts for payment for June 2020 were received and it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly Accounts for payment June totalling £11,044.27 **APPROVED**
- (II) Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly budget monitoring reports for June 2020 be **APPROVED**
- (III) Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly petty cash report for June 2020 be **APPROVED**.
- (iv) Grant Rewarding Policy  
Following a proposer and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to approve and adopt Grant Rewarding Policy
- (V) Grant Requests using the General Power of Competence: -There were none
- (VI) Road Safety Fund  
Following a proposer and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to contribute 10% of the cost for 2 x SID's (£14,800 = £1,480.00)
- (VII) Unity Trust Bank Account  
Following a proposer and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to add A. Keen and remove N. Heller as signatories
- (VIII) Internal Financial Controls  
Following a proposer and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** and **ADOPT** the Internal Financial Controls





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39/20.21 The meeting ended at 10.12p.m.

Chairman

### ACTION LIST - TUESDAY 7 JULY 2020

PROVISION	ACTION	BY	ACTION
Planning Applications	Letter to Hertsmere Borough Council advising of the Council's opinions.	Clerk	ASAP