



Shenley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 6 OCTOBER 2020, AT 7.30PM REMOTELY, VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Councillors Justine Ash, Rosemary Gilligan, Annie Keen, Gavin O'Sullivan, Natalie Susman and William Susman

In attendance:

- Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
- 7 members of the public were present at its most

49/20.21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were submitted from Cllr Anthony Spencer and County Councillor Morris Bright

50/20.21. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors N Susman and W Susman declared a personal interest in agenda items 54/20.21 (iv) and 55/20.21(20/1450/FUL)

Councillors Keen declared a personal interest in the item concerning Shenley Park Trust.

51/20.21 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting, held on the 1st September 2020 be confirmed as a correct record, and to be signed by Cllr Susman and adopted by the Council.

52/20.21 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN FROM ABOVE MEETINGS

The Action plan was **NOTED**.

53/20.21 PUBLIC ISSUES

At this point, the chair of the meeting invited questions from the public

The meeting was addressed, concerning planning application 20/1450/FUL. The reasoning behind the application was explained.

The meeting was asked for an update on the lease at Pursley Field. It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council are expecting to come back with a proposal for a sub-lease within the next couple of weeks.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their questions

54/20.21 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AND CLERK

(i) Mobile phone issues

The meeting discussed the poor mobile phone reception in Shenley. It was **AGREED** that as no solution could be suggested that it would be best to leave at the present moment.



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(ii) Youth Working Party

The interested members of the public have been put in contact with one another and the Parish Council will offer whatever support is required.

(iii) Allotments

The meeting was informed that, the allotment committee met on 01/10/20, and action points from the meeting would be addressed.

(iv) The Spinney

The meeting was updated on Woodhall Spinney, it appears that the remains of hedge cuttings have been left along The Spinney and the length of the hedge has still not been cut to the approved height. It was **AGREED** the Clerk will contact HCC Public Rights of Way to see if the landowner was contacted to ask for the hedges to be cut down to the approved height.

The meeting was informed that the temporary fence erected by the landowners around the pond and abutting area is now permanent.

(v) Neighbourhood Plan

The meeting was informed that the neighbourhood plan will be active from the 14th October 2020. Cllr Gilligan will prepare training for the Councillors with regards to implementing the Neighbourhood plan

(vi) Action for a Cleaner Shenley – Update

The meeting was informed that 37 bags collected in September. The October meeting cancelled because of torrential rain. 301 bags of litter have been collected to date over 248 hours to date. Last year 215 bags collected in 171 hours over the whole year. The meeting thanked the team for their continued hard work.

(vii) Community Payback Scheme – Update

The meeting was informed that at the moment the team can not come back to Shenley due to covid restrictions.

(viii) Harris Lane/Rookery Field/Pursley Field

Nothing to report

(ix) Media Committee

The next edition of Shenley Village Matters has been approved and will be going to print shortly.

(x) Shenley Community Activities Group



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Nothing to report

(xi) Police Update

The meeting discussed the anti-social behaviour in New Road. Both HBC planning and Environmental Health have been contacted regarding this, as has the PCSO and local police Sergeant. Unfortunately, there has been no response from the police regarding this. It was **AGREED** Cllr Ash would contact Val Kane at HBC regarding this.

It was also **AGREED** that the clerk will send all the Parish Council meeting dates to the PCSO and ask where shifts allow, the PCSO attends meetings to update the community/

(xii) Shenley Park Trust

The meeting was informed that the Shenley Park survey was distributed to Porters Park homes, with copies available in the post office. Of the 35 responses only one was negative.

It was NOTED that the works to the entrance to the Park have now been completed

(xiii) Remembrance Sunday

It was NOTED that HCC have said that at the present moment actual Remembrance Sunday events can take place, however there are restrictions and guidelines to adhere to concerning Covid and the safety of the community. It was NOTED that local religious leaders along with the Chairman of the Parish Council and clerk had met via Zoom to discuss this and it was AGREED that the best course of action will be to have a recording going out to the community on Remembrance Sunday

55/20.21 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
20/1362/FUL	McDonalds Restaurant Ltd, Bell Lane, London Colney, Hertfordshire, AL2 1BX	Description: Installation of 2 rapid electric vehicle charging stations and associated works in main car park.
20/1407/HSE	7 Allen Close Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9JS	Conversion of garage to habitable room and alterations to front and rear elevations.
20/1405/HSE	49 North Avenue Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9DF	Erection of new front porch.
*20/1499/HSE	1 Hazel Court, Shenley, Hertfordshire, WD7 9LQ	Single storey rear extension



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*20/1546/VOC	Site of Former 26 Woodhall Lane Shenley Hertfordshire	Application for variation of a Condition 6 (plans) to allow for changes to external landscaping and relocation of outdoor pool following grant of planning permission 19/1804/FUL
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With Regards To: -

20/1450/FUL	Land at Pinks Cottage, Rectory Lane, Shenley, Hertfordshire, WD7 9AW	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of replacement 2 storey, detached, 5-bedroom dwelling to include landscaping, access and installation of rear outdoor swimming pool, tennis court, double garage, log store and storage shed.
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The Council **OBJECTED** to this application on the grounds of: -

We supported the current existing permission in July for 4 x 3 bed semi detached houses at the affordable end of the private market as this is the type of dwelling badly needed in the Parish, and in conformity with the Neighbourhood Plan. Despite the application now having a slightly smaller footprint than the original application, the replacement of a large single dwelling and the loss of four smaller properties goes against the Shenley Neighbourhood Plan which encourages smaller affordable development.

(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.)

56/20.21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (i) The Accounts for payment for September 2020 were received and it was: -
Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly Accounts for payment in September totalling £6,958.76 be **APPROVED**
- (II) Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly budget monitoring reports for September 2020 be **APPROVED**
- (III) Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly petty cash report for September 2020 be **APPROVED**.
- (IV) Grant Requests using the General Power of Competence: -There were none
- (V) It was resolved to **ACCEPT and APPROVE** the external auditor's signed annual return and opinion for year ended 31 March 2020
- (VI) It was **RESOLVED** that the annual return and notice of audit was displayed on the Andrew Close notice board for in excess of 14 days
- (VII) The council resolved to **ACCEPT and APPROVE** the Parish Council insurance quote came and company for £2,141.00 (using ecclesiastical, this includes a reduction due to agreeing to along-term agreement which expires 30th October 2023).



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- (viii) The council resolved to **ACCEPT and APPROVE** the quote from Christmas Illumination ltd for Christmas Lights For £2800 + VAT plus repairs cost £5 per meter
- (ix) The council resolved to **ACCEPT and APPROVE** the quote from Electrical Testing Ltd for Structural Inspection and testing service needed for Christmas Lights For £697.00 + VAT
- (x) The council resolved to **ACCEPT and APPROVE** the National Salary Award Pay Scale Increase (Spinal Column Point 33)
- (xi) The council resolved to **ACCEPT and APPROVE** the WCA website site up and associated costs, as necessary to be compliant with the requirements of the new Web Content Accessibility Guidelines - £1,228.00 + VAT
- (xii) The Council **NOTED** the CIL monies available to the Parish Council totaling £29,573.56
- (xiii) The Council **NOTED** the proposal for the new Shenley School library. Following a discussion it was **AGREED** this is a very worthwhile cause to support and the Parish Council will be happy to support it. It was **AGREED** to add this item to the November agenda with a full proposal. The clerk will find out the percentage of children attending the school that live in Shenley, following a request from the Council.

57/20.21 The meeting ended at 8.52p.m.

Chairman

ACTION LIST - TUESDAY 6 OCTOBER 2020

PROVISION	ACTION	BY	ACTION
Planning Applications	Letter to Hertsmere Borough Council advising of the Council's opinions.	Clerk	ASAP
The Spinney	This to remain as a full agenda item. Chase HCC re: cutting back of bushes	Clerk	Ongoing
Pursley Lease	Sub-lease proposal	Cllr W Susman	ASAP
Anti-social behaviour	Continue to chase police & environmental health	Cllr Ash	Ongoing
Shenley Primary School library	Proposal to assist	Cllr W Susman & Clerk	November meeting