

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2020, AT
7.30PM REMOTELY, VIA ZOOM

PRESENT: Councillors Justine Ash, Rosemary Gilligan, Annie Keen, Anthony Spencer, Natalie Susman and William Susman

In attendance:

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

58/20.21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were submitted from Cllr Gavin O'Sullivan and County Councillor Morris Bright

59/20.21. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

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

60/20.21 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th October 2020

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting, held on the 6th October 2020 be confirmed as a correct record, and to be signed by Cllr Susman and adopted by the Council.

61/20.21 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN FROM ABOVE MEETINGS

The Action plan was NOTED.

62/20.21 PUBLIC ISSUES

At this point, the chair introduced Valerie Kane, Community Safety Manager, Hertsmere Borough Council to the meeting.

Valerie introduced herself to the meeting and gave an informative introduction as to what her position entails. Emphasis was put on the need for community engagement and people should contact 101 with issues. It was AGREED that details of how people can best contact the police will be put on the Shenley social media sites.

The Chairman thanked Valerie for attending the meeting.

The meeting was asked for an update regarding the Pursley lease for Borehamwood 2000. The meeting was informed this is now being finalized.

63/20.21 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AND CLERK

(i) Planning Committee – Refine current Committee and process

The meeting was informed that as the Neighbourhood Plan is now a material consideration, this needs to be reflected in planning applications brought forward to the Parish Council. Following a proposal and seconder, it was: -RESOLVED that the Planning committee members will be Councillors Ash, Gilligan, Keen and O'Sullivan. Mrs Nicky Beaton will be invited on to the committee in an advisory role as the chair of the Neighbourhood Plan, along with other members of the public when it is felt necessary. Only the Councillors will have voting rights.

(ii) Clore Shalom email – ideas to improve an aspect of the local community for the pupils
Following a discussion, it was AGREED to offer Clore Shalom School an allotment plot when it becomes available.

(iii) Youth Working Party
Nothing to report

(iv) Allotments
The meeting discussed the allotments and the possibility of the Parish Council sponsoring a cup at the next Horticultural show.

(v) The Spinney
The meeting was informed that the hedges have been cut in part, but the rubbish has been left. The clerk will inform Public Rights of Way.

The planted tree area needs attention. This will be looked at once the Community Payback team are able to come back on site. In the meantime, the volunteers from Shenley Park will be asked if they are able to help.

(vi) Neighbourhood Plan
The meeting was informed that the neighbourhood plan has now been recommended for referendum, but due to COVID-19 it is now active and a material consideration in all planning matters.

(vii) Action for a Cleaner Shenley – Update
The meeting was informed that 29 ½ bags were collected in October. 374 bags of litter have been collected to date. The meeting thanked the team for their continued hard work.

(viii) Community Payback Scheme – Update
The meeting was informed that at the moment the team cannot come back to Shenley due to COVID-19 restrictions.

(ix) Harris Lane/Rookery Field/Pursley Field
Nothing to report

(x) Media Committee
Nothing to report

(xi) Shenley Community Activities Group
Nothing to report

(xii) Police Update
The meeting was informed that a knife amnesty was due to take place outside the hub on Tuesday 10th November 2020 between 11am and 1pm. Also, two community engagements have been arranged outside Tesco on Thursday 26th November 2020 between 2pm and 3pm and Wednesday 2nd December 2020 between 5pm and 6pm. However, it is not known if these will now take place due to the latest COVID-19 restrictions.

(xiii) Shenley Park Trust
The meeting was informed that the proposed ice rink in Shenley Park is not able to take place due to COVID-19. The greenhouses are growing produce that the park hopes to sell. The meeting was informed that there is hope to eventually develop the tennis courts.

The meeting were informed that the Parish Council had made a polite request to the estate agent to move the TO LET signs that were displayed away from the properties to a location nearer the properties in question. This was met by a long letter from the Park Trust's solicitor. HBC have confirmed that no one is exempt from following the national regulations regarding the placement of Estate Agent boards.

(xiv) Remembrance Sunday

The meeting was informed that there will not be a gathering on Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial. Instead on Thursday 5th November a short video produced by Simon Jacobs will be shown on Shenley Social Media. This will be followed by a pre-recorded video being aired on Sunday 8th November at 10.45am, allowing Shenley to take part in the 2-minute silence as a community. The chair thanked Simon Jacobs for the amazing job he has done producing these.

64/20.21 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
20/1582/HSE	22 New Road Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9EA	Single storey rear extension and alterations to all elevations
20/1648/FUL	Willows Activity Farm, Coursers Road, Colney Heath, Hertfordshire, AL2 1BB	Temporary use of the car park for the siting of a marquee for corporate Christmas parties and parking for a period of 5 years between 18 November and 29 December each year (Revised Application)

With Regards To: -

20/1554/FUL	Keepers Lodge Rectory Lane Shenley Hertfordshire	Demolition of existing dwelling, sheds and swimming pool and construction of a 6-bed detached dwelling with accommodation in the roof space.
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The Council OBJECTED to this application on the grounds of: -

Inappropriate development in the greenbelt, a replacement building should be similar to the existing one. We have a 2 to 3 bed bungalow turning into a 6-bed substantial house in the Georgian style on 2 and half stories. It is not in keeping with the street scene which is peppered with small farm worker style cottages. It is not in the rural style advocated by the NHP; it is in the style of larger buildings more usual seen in larger market towns. a replacement building of 3 or 4 beds in the rural style of neighbouring properties would have been more appropriate.

There's a new development of about 6 new homes on the site of pinks hotel which the application refers to but that was a one-off development, and should not be used as a template for inappropriate development.

It is not innkeeping with the neighbourhood plan which states we support more modest 3 bed homes that can be sold at the more affordable end of the market. Recent developments across the parish have created numerous large builds which do not help the local need and market. In the NHP we state that we encourage smaller builds and would rather see a few smaller houses in the place of single larger dwellings.

With Regards To: -

20/1677/HSE	14 Ribston Close Shenley Hertfordshire WD7 9JW	Conversion of loft to habitable room with rear dormer and 2 roof lights to front, conversion of garage to habitable room with change from garage door to windows and alterations to rear fenestration
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The Council OBJECTED to the loft conversion as it is felt the dormer is far too large and not in-keeping with the street scene. The Council did not object to the garage conversion.

(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.)

65/20.21 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- (i) The Accounts for payment for October 2020 were received and it was: -
Following a proposal and seconder, it was: -RESOLVED that the monthly Accounts for payment in October totalling £14,692.23 be APPROVED
- (II) Following a proposal and seconder, it was: -RESOLVED that the monthly budget
- (III) monitoring reports for October 2020 be APPROVED
- (IV) Following a proposal and seconder, it was: - RESOLVED that the monthly petty cash report for October 2020 be APPROVED.
- (V) Grant Requests using the General Power of Competence: -There were none
- (vi) The Council discussed the quotes sent through from Shenley Primary School for the new library. Following a proposal and seconder, it was: - RESOLVED that the Parish Council would use CIL money and give £8,312.78, this together with the £4,000 already raised by the school's PTA will pay the £12,312.78 quoted for the new library.

66/20.21 The meeting ended at 9.30p.m.

Chairman

ACTION LIST - 3RD NOVEMBER 2020

PROVISION	ACTION	BY	ACTION
Planning Applications	Letter to Hertsmere Borough Council advising of the Council's opinions.	Clerk	ASAP
Pursley Field/B'Wood 2000	Sub-lease proposal Chase kissing gate	Cllr W Susman Clerk	ASAP
Shenley Primary School library	Inform School of decision	Clerk	ASAP
Planning Committee	Training for committee	Cllr Gilligan	ASAP
The Spinney	Volunteers to help with the planted tree area	Cllr Keen	ASAP