



Shenley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2022, AT 7.30PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 108 LONDON ROAD, SHENLEY

(DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ONLY COUNCILLORS WERE ABLE TO ATTEND IN PERSON, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WERE ABLE TO VIEW VIA ZOOM)

PRESENT: Councillors Cllr Nicky Beaton (Chair), Annie Keen, Anthony Spencer, Natalie Susman and William Susman.

In attendance:

- Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
- 9 members of the public were present via Zoom at its most.

93/21.22. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received and approved for Cllr Justine Ash, Rosemary Gilligan (who attended the meeting via zoom, due to having to shield because of Covid), Gavin O'Sullivan, Sharon Madsen (who viewed the meeting via zoom) and County Councillor Morris Bright

94/21.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Councillors Gilligan, Madsen and Spencer declared an Interest in the item concerning Shenley Park Trust, Cllrs Keen, Spencer, N. Susman and W. Susman declared an interest in the item concerning the Shenley United Jewish Community and Cllr Spencer declared that he sits on the HBC Planning Committee.

95/21.22 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4th JANUARY 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting, held on the 4th January 2022 be confirmed as a correct record, and to be signed by Cllr Beaton and adopted by the Council.

96/21.22 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN FROM ABOVE MEETINGS

The Action plan was **NOTED**.

97/21.22 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11th JANUARY 2022

The meeting **NOTED** the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting, held on the 11th January 2022

98/21.22 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 25th JANUARY 2022

The meeting **NOTED** the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting, held on the 25th January 2022

99/21.22 PUBLIC ISSUES

There were none.

Unfortunately, County Councilor Morris Bright was unable to attend the meeting and answer questions from residents as he was unwell. The Council wished him a speedy recovery. The clerk will invite Cllr Bright to March Parish Council meeting



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100/21.22 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AND CLERK

(i) Horticultural sheds

Cllr Susman presented the various quotes received for the horticultural sheds which involve 1 of the 3 sheds being removed and the other 2 repaired. After a lengthy discussion it was **AGREED** that Cllr Susman would ask HBC to quote for the works. The clerk will ask how much insurance will cost for the sheds. It was also **AGREED** that if the 2 viable sheds remain it must be agreed what they will be used for.

(ii) Queens Jubilee

The meeting **AGREED** that the Parish Council should run an event to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Several ideas were discussed. It was **AGREED** that a working party will be established run by Cllr N Susman, the clerk will ask for volunteers via Facebook. The meeting will be held via Zoom on the 9th February. Cllr Susman informed the meeting that she has managed to secure the planting of a specimen tree by HBC in Hillcrest field that will have a celebratory plaque for the jubilee. The meeting was also informed that SPC took part in the queen's canopy by planting trees in the allotments with the help of students from Shenley Primary School.

(iii) L'Italiana parking update

The meeting was informed that the sandwich board that had been ordered are too big and replacement one has been ordered. There is an upcoming meeting with Highways where options will be looked at including yellow lines. Cllr Gilligan informed the meeting that 2 parking spaces in the forecourt of the adjoining houses were for the restaurant to use. Cllr Gilligan will confirm this.

(iv) Borough Councillors Update

Cllr N Susman gave the meeting an overview of her work over the past few months which included much lobbying to oppose the Local Plan which has now been scrapped.

At this point Cllr Beaton informed the meeting that it was Shenley Parish Council together with the Neighborhood Plan Steering group and along with several residents who prepared and presented 2 Zoom meetings plus a face-to-face meeting at the Chapel about the Draft Local Plan. As well as organizing flyers, posters and banners. Save Our Shenley and all the other Hertsmere Campaign Groups including Greenbelt Guards contributed to generating the unprecedented response - 20,000 comments, which made Hertsmere decide to shelve their Draft Local Plan. Hertsmere is now vulnerable to speculative developers and as a Parish Council we expect HBC to robustly defend the Green Belt.

Cllr Susman went on to say she has been working with the Afghan refugees in Hertsmere. As well as working on Climate change, combating fly tipping and HBC grounds maintenance, which has resulted in an offer from HBC to send some equipment for the ACS team as well as the possibility of assisting with costs for the skips.



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At this point Cllr Susman gave an update on the HBC Community Governance Review (CGR). HBC are required to carry out a CGR every 10-15 years. Currently Shenley, Ridge and South Mimms as well as Aldenham are being looked at. For Shenley, Ridge and South Mimms the question of what to do with Ridge is to be addressed as it is no longer running with a Parish Council. There are 3 options that are being explored which are reinstating combining Ridge with South Mimms. Combining Ridge with Shenley or combining all 3. The CGR is now open for commenting, which must be done by the HBC website. Cllr Susman is arranging 2 public meetings on 24th February at Ridge Village Hall, 6pm and 8pm to inform the community.

Cllr Beaton said that the Parish Council must discuss its response. The consultation ends on 1st April. She also pointed out that Hertsmere have said that residents can make as many responses as they like, and that the Parish Council's response will have no greater weight than residents comments. All agreed that Ridge residents should decide what happens to them.

Cllr Spencer informed the meeting that he has been unwell but is now back in action.

(v) The Spinney

The meeting was informed that the Groundwork team are now working on clearing the brambles from the main section of The Spinney. In total the team did 21.5 hours of work in January

(vi) Allotments

The renewals for 2021/22 have been returned. There are currently only 3 vacant plots.

(vii) Action for a Cleaner Shenley – Update

The meeting was informed that in January the team collected 55 bags of rubbish, 4 of which was recycling. Combined the team did 51 hours of work in January. As ACS has more team members litter picking now takes place across the month which means that more litter is being collected and some roads i.e. Green Street, London Road and Black Lion Hill are getting litter picked twice.

(viii) Community Payback Scheme – Update

The meeting was informed that the team finished clearing along Black Lion Hill and are now working on Shenleybury down towards the Harper Lane roundabout. Cllr Gilligan said that she has mentioned to the Park Trust about them also engaging in using the Community Payback Team.

At this point Cllr W Susman informed the meeting that he, Cllr Beaton and several residents will be meeting with a company who supply cameras that can detect litter being thrown out of cars.

(ix) Harris Lane/Rookery Field/Pursley Field

The lease for Pursley Field has been agreed and is still with the solicitors as amendments are needed.



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(x) Media Committee

Shenley Village Matters has been proofread and finalized. Thanks was given to the editor Mr. Beaton for all his hard work. Cllr Beaton reminded the meeting that the cost of the adverts received, increased this year to £2040 from £1800 which means that £680 is offset against the printing and delivery costs of each edition.

Following a proposer and a seconder the printing costs of £1,968.00 were **AGREED**.

At this point it was **AGREED** that if Cllr N Susman could get leaflets advertising the Community Governance Review public meeting on 24th Feb printed then this could be distributed with SVM.

(xi) Shenley Community Activities Group

The Parish Council will endeavor to run trips in the summer and at Christmas

(xii) Police Update

A detailed article will be appearing in SVM

(xiii) Shenley Park Trust

The meeting was informed that Park Trust will be holding a meeting in 2 weeks' time. Cllr Spencer informed the meeting that the Park Trust are doing more commercial activities which are proving successful.

(xiv) Shenley Village Hall

The meeting requested that Cllr O'Sullivan gives an update at the March meeting

At this point it was **AGREED** that at the Annual Shenley Parish Meeting on Tuesday 1st March: -

- The meeting will be held in the same format as the Parish Council meetings
- The meeting will begin at 6.30pm
- Cllr Beaton will present the Chair's Report
- Cllr N Susman will give a short presentation on the Community Governance Review
- Cllr W Susman will give an update on Christmas lights
- There will be an update on the Queens Jubilee celebrations

101/21.22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- i. The Accounts for payment for January 2022 were received and it was: -
Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly Accounts for January 2022 totaling £13,800.38 be **APPROVED**.
- ii. Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly budget monitoring reports for January 2022 be **APPROVED**.



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- iii. Grant Requests using the General Power of Competence: -
Cllr Spencer made a request for a grant for Shenley United Synagogue towards ventilation. Following a lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED** that if the synagogue wanted a grant, then they would need to submit a request/proposal to the Parish Council. It was also **AGREED** that the Parish Council would need to know how much has been given previously to other religious groups.
- iv. The Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the amendment by Hertsmere Borough Council for the slight change to the 2022/23 tax base for Shenley Parish Council (there has been an amendment to the tax base as a result of the removal of discounts for empty properties and second discounts. This means there was an increase of 6.9 band D equivalent for Shenley Parish Council. The precept amount of £82,992.50 remains the same, however the percentage increase is now 3.41% instead of 3.80%
- v. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk notify Hertsmere Borough Council accordingly
- vi. CIL expenditure Following a lengthy discussion it was **AGREED** that the Parish Council needs to discuss CIL further including what CIL money can be spent on and other possible grants available. It was also **AGREED** the Clerk would arrange a site meeting at the Harris Lane pavilion with the Councillors and HBC.

At this point Cllr N Susman informed the meeting she had been contacted by the mother of a young artist who has painted a picture of Shenley. It was **AGREED** the picture should be used.

102/21.22 The meeting ended at 9.40p.m.

Chair

ACTION LIST - 4TH JANUARY 2022

PROVISION	ACTION	BY	ACTION
L'Italiana parking	Purchase a sandwich board Wording for board to be discussed with the restaurant Additional parking spaces by the adjoining houses	Clerk Cllr Madsen Cllr Gilligan	ASAP
March Agenda	To add: - • Christmas Lights • Community Governance Review • CIL • Fly Tipping • Bus Shelters	Clerk	March 2022 meeting
Allotment sheds	Options to be presented in March Meeting Quote for insurance	Cllr N Susman Clerk	March 2022 meeting
Christmas Lights	Options to be presented in March meeting	Cllr W Susman and Clerk	March 2022 meeting
Highways	Who owns path between Newcome Road and	Clerk	ASAP



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	Anderson Road? Who owns Menorial waste on Rectory Lane?		
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