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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 15 MARCH 2022, AT 7.10PM, FOLLOWING ON FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, 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, Gavin O'Sullivan, Natalie Susman and William Susman and County Councillor Morris Bright

In attendance:

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

103/21.22. 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), Sharon Madsen and Anthony Spencer.

104/21.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

Cllrs N. Susman and W. Susman declared an interest in the item concerning the Shenley Primary School playing field and Cllr Beaton an interest in the item concerning the fete.

105/21.22 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2022.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting, held on the 1st February 2022 be confirmed as a correct record, and to be signed by Cllr Beaton and adopted by the Council.

106/21.22 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN FROM ABOVE MEETINGS

The Action plan was **NOTED**. The meeting was informed that the owners of L'Italiana have managed to purchase the green next to the restaurant and this will be used for additional parking. The meeting was also informed that L'Italiana have not been using the 2 allocated spaces in the residents parking next door as the homeowners have not wanted them to. It was **AGREED** that Cllr Madsen will speak to L'Italiana about this. The meeting also noted that the new considerate parking signs have been effective, however it has resulted in more parking further up London Road.

107/21.22 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22nd FEBRUARY 2022

The meeting **NOTED** the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting, held on the 22nd February 2022

108/21.22 PUBLIC ISSUES

There was a question asked in advance of the meeting for County Councillor Bright, which was: -

"The Shenley Neighbourhood Plan was adopted by an overwhelming majority last year. There is a view that Planning Applications assessed and decided by Hertsmere Borough Council are not giving the re-



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quired due regard to this Neighbourhood Plan. Is the Leader of Hertsmere Borough Council satisfied that due regard is being given to the Shenley Neighbourhood Plan, and if not what will he do to remedy this situation”?

County Councillor Morris Bright said he was grateful for the question and highlighted he was attending the meeting as a County Councillor. He began by stating he is a fan of the Neighborhood Plan, however as leader of Hertsmere Borough Council he does not get involved in planning applications. It was **AGREED** that following the meeting Cllr Beaton will highlight why there are these feelings regarding the Neighborhood Plan. Cllr Bright was pleased that the chair will be meeting regularly with the head of planning and reiterated that he is totally in support of the Shenley Neighborhood Plan. Cllr Bright went on to say he will be suggesting to Hertsmere that there should be mandatory member training at HBC for Neighborhood Plans and perhaps there should be a refresher training on Neighborhood Plans for those Councillors that sit on Planning.

Councillor Beaton asked if there was any progress with regards to the Hertsmere Local Plan. Cllr Bright explained that residents had made it clear they didn't want the amount of houses suggested in the plan and the Hertsmere MP agreed that the plan needed to be shelved. There has to be a Local Plan, but more work needs to be done with regards to up to date numbers including the 2021 census. Cllr Bright will be having serious conversations with Government as can not build the 12,000 homes suggested in Hertsmere, there needs to be a new lesser figure.

Cllr Beaton asked if Hertsmere are still at the regulation stage or will the process start again. Cllr Bright said that amendments can not simply be made to the plan, all 18,000 comments that were made need to be read and noted.

Cllr Beaton asked if there were any plans to resurface London Road towards the Black Lion Hill roundabout. Cllr Bright said he will check to see if this is on the works list. He will also send out a list of what works are currently on the list in Shenley in his locality budget.

Cllr Beaton thanked Cllr Bright for attending and answering the questions.

109/21.22 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AND CLERK

(i) To REVIEW, APPROVE and ADOPT Treasury & Investment Policy

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** and **ADOPT** the Treasury & Investment Policy.

(ii) To APPROVE the following motion: -

This Council supports the petition launched by ADSO and LLG on 5 January with regard to remote and hybrid meetings. We agree to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures.



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Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED to APPROVE** the above motion and to write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities calling on the Government to change the law to allow councils the flexibility to hold such meetings when they deem appropriate within agreed rules and procedures.

Cllr Gilligan informed the meeting she personally is greatly affected by this, and she has been unable to physically attend meetings, despite wishing to do so.

Cllr Bright said that the Government will not change their minds on this. As such some authorities have used quoracy numbers to enable some members to not attend physically but partake online, without voting rights.

(iii) Opening meetings to the public

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that from the April 2022 Parish Council meeting, the public will be able to attend in person once again. It was **AGREED** that meetings will still be held on Zoom as well.

(iv) L'Italiana Parking

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED to APPROVE** the traffic regulations on Rectory Lane

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED to APPROVE** maximum spending of £4,000 towards the implementation of traffic regulations.

To discuss parking for residents of London Road – The meeting was informed that it is unlikely that the green on Pound Lane will be able to be developed for parking.

(v) Christmas Lights update

The meeting **NOTED** the update on Christmas lights from the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Susman gave a brief overview of the options available. It was confirmed the Clerk will get quotes for updated electrics for 4 columns.

Cllr Bright informed the meeting that he will be giving £2,000 towards the Shenley Christmas lights from his locality budget. This will need to be applied for in May 2022.

(vi) Fly Tipping - camera installation- Update

Cllr W Susman informed the meeting that the camera on Woodhall Lane needs adjusting to pick up nighttime activity.

Cllr N Susman informed the meeting that Cllr Beaton, herself and 2 residents had met with the head of Street Scene to look at overflowing bins. Hopefully, there will be new bins around Porters Park Drive. There is also hope that there will be access to more mobile cameras. Cllr Susman is also looking at getting new anti-fly tipping signs that can be moved between locations.



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It was **AGREED** that the clerk will email John O'Conner regarding reassurance that the bins are being emptied weekly as the Cllrs are reluctant to continue paying the invoices if the bins are not emptied.

(vii) Bus Shelters

The contractor has informed the Parish Council that installation is due 24th and 25th March

(viii) Queens Jubilee

The meeting **NOTED** the update on Queens Jubilee from the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Susman confirmed the event will take place on the Thursday 2nd June. The Clerk confirmed the funding application had been sent to HBC.

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED to APPROVE** maximum spending of £1,000 for the community event.

(ix) Borough Councillors Update

Cllr N Susman gave the meeting an overview of her work as a Borough Councillor. Sitting on the CCTV committee, they are looking at the Stevenage set up.

The litter cam has been investigated and HBC think it is more suitable for major roads not roads such as Porters Park Drive, due mainly to its prohibitive expensive costs.

Cllr Susman has been working closely with several residents regarding housing matters.

At this point Cllr Bright informed that meeting that he has received a message from a resident who Cllr Susman has helped. The resident had previously live in Borehamwood and had not received any help. However, since moving to Shenley, Cllr Susman has really helped them, and they are very thankful.

(x) Allotments and Horticultural sheds

The meeting was informed that the Parish Councils insurance will cover the public liability for the sheds. Further insurance will only be available when repairs have been carried out to the sheds. Following a discussion, the meeting **AGREED** to leave the sheds in their current state. It was also **AGREED** to ask a member of the allotment committee to carry out regular checks on the conditions of the sheds. This let the meeting to **AGREE** to put up signs at the sheds saying something along the lines of *ENTER AT OWN RISK*.

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED to APPROVE** to officially take on the responsibility of the sheds. The clerk will inform the Horticultural society of the decision and also confirm if there are any remaining funds from the horticultural society, the Parish Council could use these for the cost of maintaining the sheds.



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(xi) Action for a Cleaner Shenley and Groundwork Team – Update

The meeting was informed that in February the team collected 45 bags of rubbish. March to date 26.5 bags have been collected. Year to date 126.5 bags have been collected. YTD combined the team have done 136 hours of work. There are now 30 volunteers and 3 Duke of Edinburgh students. The weekly groundwork team are currently working in The Spinney.

At this point Cllr Bright thanked the ACS and Groundwork teams so much for all their hard work, which he is very grateful for.

(xii) Community Payback Team

The team are currently working down Black Lion Hill.

(xiii) Harris Lane/Rookery Field/Pursley Field

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

(xiv) Shenley Fete

The meeting **AGREED** that the fete can officially use Harris Lane and Rookery Field for the fete on 3rd July 2022.

(xv) School Playing Field Update

At this point Cllrs N and W Susman left the meeting.

The Chair said there had been a very productive meeting between herself, County Councillor Morris Bright, the school, and County Council. The school may wish to use Harris Lane field for sports day etc. County Council will fund works to the path between the school and the field for access. They will continue to work together on this matter.

(xvi) Hillcrest Field

The works to the field are still being chased.

(xvii) Media Committee

Shenley Village Matters has been distributed to residents. Cllr Beaton will send an electronic copy to Cllr Bright.

(xviii) Shenley Community Activities Group

The Parish Council will look at the summer trip but may limit it to 1 coach and look for a destination closer to Shenley.

(xix) Police Update

Nothing to report

(xx) Shenley Park Trust



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The meeting was informed that there had been a very positive meeting between the Parish Council and the Park Trust. These meetings will take place annually.

(xxi) Shenley Village Hall
Nothing to report

(xxii) Sir Richard Cox Charity
The meeting was informed that midyear assistance is being given more frequently.

110/21.22 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- i. The Accounts for payment for February 2022 were received and it was: -
Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly Accounts for February 2022 totaling £5,578.59 be **APPROVED**.
- ii. Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly budget monitoring reports for February 2022 be **APPROVED**.
- iii. Grant Requests using the General Power of Competence: -
There were none
- iv. Allotment Sheds – See 109/21.22 (x)
- v. CIL update
Following a discussion, it was **AGREED** that the best use of the CIL money would be to upgrade the Harris Lane pavilion.
Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** £40,00 CIL money to be set aside for the pavilion. It was **AGREED** further funding options will be looked at. It was suggested a working group be established for this.
- vi. Unity Trust Bank
The meeting **REVIEWED** and **APPROVED** current signatories to operate the bank account and their signing rules/permissions (Cllr Gilligan, Keen and W Susman with the Clerk being authorised as the administrator)
- vii. The meeting **NOTED** those authorised will also be users for online banking and dual authority (i.e., two of the listed parties) will be required to make all payments (except internal account transfers).
- viii. The meeting **NOTED** those authorised to operate the account along with the administrator (the Clerk) will be authorised to hold and use the debit cards(s), if and when issued.
- ix. Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the closure of the Nat West account (SCAG Account) and transfer the balance to Unity Trust Account (the email from auditor was **NOTED**)
- x. Unity Trust Bank Account – Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the addition of Cllr Nicky Beaton as a signatory on to the Unity Trust Bank Account
- xi. Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** £1,000 towards costs for Queens Jubilee together with £750 of CIL money for a commemorative Jubilee bench.



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At this point the chair said that the Parish Council needs to formulate a response on the Community Governance Review. As previously mentioned, it was **AGREED** this should be a decision made by the residents of Ridge. Shenley Parish Council feels that it should remain as it is. It does not want to join up with Ridge and South Mimms to become a large Council.

111/21.22 The meeting ended at 9.10p.m.

Chair

ACTION LIST - 15TH MARCH 2022

PROVISION	ACTION	BY	ACTION
L'Italiana parking	Additional parking spaces by the adjoining houses	Cllr Madsen	ASAP
Christmas Lights	Quotes to be obtained for putting electrics in 6 additional lamp posts	Clerk	April 2022 meeting
SCAG Trip	Look into summer location	Clerk	April 2022 meeting
Harris Lane Pavilion	Look into additional funding	Cllrs	April 2022 meeting
Highways	Who owns path between Newcome Road and Anderson Road? Who owns Memorial waste on Rectory Lane?	Clerk	ASAP