



## Shenley Parish Council

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY, 5 JULY 2022, AT 7PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 108 LONDON ROAD, SHENLEY

**PRESENT:** Councillors Nicky Beaton (Chair), Rosemary Gilligan, Sharon Madsen, Gavin O'Sullivan, Anthony Spencer, Natalie Susman and William Susman.

In attendance:

- Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
- Mr Michael Ward - independent, non-voting advisor
- 16 members of the public attended in person
- 19 members of the public attended via zoom

#### **39/22.23 ABSENCE OF MEMBERS AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Cllrs Justine Ash and Annie Keen and

#### **40/22.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

- Councillors N & W Susman declared a pecuniary interest in point 45/22.23
- Councillor Madsen declared a non-registerable interest in point 45/22.23
- Councillors Gilligan, Madsen, and Spencer declared a Personal Interest in the item concerning Shenley Park Trust as they are Trustees representing the Parish Council (Madsen and Gilligan) and the Borough Council (Spencer).

#### **41/22.23 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting, held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022 be confirmed as a correct record, and to be signed by Cllr Beaton and adopted by the Council.

#### **42/22.23 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN FROM ABOVE MEETINGS**

The Action plan was **NOTED**, and it was **AGREED** that: -

- Further quotes to be obtained for electricians in lamp posts for Christmas lights
- Chase HBC for movable 'No Fly Tipping Banners'
- Wildlife cameras still to be fitted, delay due to nettle. Mr Gough to be asked to help
- Cllr Madsen to meet Mr Gough to arrange cutting back of brambles

#### **43/22.23 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2022**

The meeting **NOTED** the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting, held on the 31<sup>st</sup> May 2022

At this point Cllrs N & W Susman excused themselves from the meeting.

#### **44/22.23 PUBLIC ISSUES**

The chair invited those present to address the meeting. Members of the public addressed the meeting regarding point 45/22.23 (i). Residents spoke in opposition to the planning application 22/0971/OUT, with great concern being raised over the removal of land from the greenbelt for development. The



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meeting was informed that over 1000 people had registered their objections to Hertsmere Borough Council via the online portal, emails, and letters.

At this point Cllrs Madsen excused herself from the meeting.

Following points raised by members of the public, the chair invited a spokesperson from Woolf Bond Planning, who represent the planning application for Land adj. 52 Harris Lane, Shenley, to present to the meeting. Following the presentation, the Chair thanked them for attending

Several additional points were raised by members of the public concerning the application 22/0971/OUT. The chair informed the meeting that this would now be discussed by the Parish Council.

### **45/22.23 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AND CLERK**

(i) Planning Application - 22/0971/OUT

Land Adjacent and To the Rear Of 52 Harris Lane Shenley Hertfordshire  
Proposed Development

Construction of 46 dwellings with associated landscaping and open space to include access from Harris Lane. (Outline Application with Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale Reserved)

The Chair welcomed Mr. Ward, an independent, non-voting advisor to run through the application.

Following a discussion, the Parish Council **OBJECTED** to the application on the grounds that: -

- The Parish Council **OBJECTED** to building anything on this Green Belt site.
- The Parish Council **NOTED** and took into account the swell of local opinion against this application.
- The proposal to build on the Green Belt land is covered in the NPPF which clearly states that only in “exceptional circumstances” should building on Green Belt sites be acceptable. The Parish Council believe that the application does not meet the NPPF clause of “exceptional circumstances”
- Arup the highly respected consultancy group in the UK and across the world produced a Green Belt assessment for Hertsmere Borough Council and in their “Inset Village Boundary Assessment - Final Report March 2021” refers to the proposed development site (SH.5) under Recommended Boundary stating: “It is recommended that no alterations are made to this section of Green Belt boundary.
- Rural Shenley covers a substantial area of the Parish and includes the location of the site. Close to Mimms Lane and Rectory Lane with fields, agricultural land, and woodland. This is an area of



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unquestionable beauty with views enjoyed by many, not only people living in Shenley but across the Borough. The view from Harris Lane site entrance gate is outstanding and marks the beginning of a walk into Rural Shenley via Mimms Lane and this would be destroyed forever!

- The increase in traffic cannot be ignored with its impact on Harris Lane, the village, and Mimms Lane and Rectory Lane using short cuts. Potentially over an additional hundred cars, Harris Lane is narrow and with parking often difficult to maneuver. It should be remembered that Harris Lane is a “country Lane”.
- The proposed density is twice that of the surrounding area and is substantially more so in the recently approved Cowley Hill Stables, Ridge Hill Stables and Garden Centre in London Road.

Following a proposer and a seconder it was **AGREED** to spend up to £1,000 if necessary to employ Angela Koch to question if the application has complied with the Shenley Neighborhood Plan

At this point Councillors Madsen, N and W Susman returned to the meeting.

### (ii) Community Governance Review

The chair read out the proposals suggested for Shenley by HBC in the Community Governance Review.

*“That two Parish Wards (PDF 6.53MB) be created for Shenley Parish Council. The first to be called ‘Shenley South’. The second to be called ‘Shenley North’.*

*That the total number of councillors be 9.*

*That the number of councillors returned for Shenley North Ward be six and the number of councillors returned Shenley South Ward shall be three.”*

At this point the chair welcomed a question from the member of the public who wished to know what each of the Parish Councillors’ thought of this. Of the 7 councillor’s present, 6 were against the recommendation to split Shenley into 2 wards and 1 was in favor. As such the Parish Council voted to **OBJECT** to the recommendation in the HBC Community Governance Review, that 2 Parish Wards be created as it is believed that this would be a divisive move for Shenley.

The clerk will inform HBC accordingly. Councillors were urged to respond individually as well.

### (iii) Anti-Social behaviour – Andrew Close Field

The meeting **NOTED** the email from the resident highlighting the anti-social behavior taking place in the field. The Clerk informed the meeting that the CCTV camera has been adjusted to allow the field to be viewed. The PCSO is aware of the situation and will be keeping an eye out.

It was **AGREED** to: -

Ask Cllr Ash to forward this to the police, in addition to the PCSO.



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Clerk to contact HBC Community Safety Support Committee, to see if there is anything that can be done

Raise this with SPT – as the field is owned by SPT

(iv) Fly Tipping - camera installation- Update  
See point 42/22.23

(v) Borough Councillors Update  
The borough Councillors had no updates specific to Shenley

(vi) Allotments and Horticultural sheds  
The Clerk is looking for quotes to clear 5 of the overgrown plots

(vii) Shenley Fete  
The meeting was informed that attendance this year was the highest for many years and was a huge success. As such more money will be able to be given to charities. Cllr Beaton and Mr. Beaton were thanked all their hard work in organizing the event.

(viii) Shenley Pond  
The meeting had agreed via email communication to carry out the works necessary to tidy up the pond.

(ix) Action for a Cleaner Shenley and Groundwork Team – Update  
The meeting was informed that the ACS team are continuing to litter pick which is going well. They are continuing to work with HBC to use their collection bags.

The meeting was informed that the groundwork team have been made aware of an issue with using a strimmer. As such they have been working on other areas, aside from The Spinney.

(x) Community Payback Team  
Unfortunately, there has been a shortage of people. Attendance will hopefully begin again soon.

(xi) Harris Lane/Rookery Field/Pursley Field  
Pursley Field lease is nearly completed.

(xii) Harris Lane Pavilion  
Cllr Gilligan is waiting for quotes.

(xiii) Media Committee  
The latest edition of SVM has been delivered. Thanks were given to the editor, Mr. Beaton, for all his hard work which is greatly appreciated.



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(xiv) Shenley Community Activities Group

The SCAG trip to Clacton is on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July. The coach is fully booked.

(xv) Police Update

Nothing to report

(xvi) Shenley Park Trust

There is an SPT meeting on 07/07/22

### 46/22.23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

i. The Accounts for payment for June 2022 were received and it was: -

Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly Accounts for June 2022 totaling £5,619.73 be **APPROVED**.

ii. Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the: -

Monthly budget monitoring reports for June 2022 be **APPROVED**.

- Cash Allocation report
- Year to date profit and loss by cost types
- Profit and Loss with Year to Date, Prior Year and Variance
- Balance Sheet
- Statement of Cash Flows
- Bank reconciliation - Unity Trust Bank
- Fixed Asset Summary
- Aged Payables Detail

iii. Grant Requests using the General Power of Competence: -

There were none

iv. Installation of Jubilee Benches

Following a proposer and a seconder it was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** retrospective expenditure for the new concrete pads and installation of the benches and associated works will be £1497 plus VAT

38/22.23 The meeting ended at 9.30p.m.

Chair

### ACTION LIST – 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2022

PROVISION	ACTION	BY	ACTION
Planning Application - 22/0971/OUT	Forward comments on to HBC	Clerk	ASAP
Community Governance Review	Forward comments on to HBC	Clerk	ASAP
Wildlife cameras	To be put up – request assistance from Mr Gough	Cllr W Susman	ASAP





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Christmas Lights	Quotes to be obtained for putting electrics in 6 additional lamp posts	Clerk & Cllr Susman	ASAP
Anti-social behaviour – Andrew Close field	Contact police Contact HBC Community Safety Committee	Cllr Ash Clerk	ASAP
Cutting back brambles	Arrange site visit with Mr A Gough	Cllr Madsen	ASAP
Carpet Bowls	Purchase of Two mat windup storage handling unit'	Clerk & Cllr Spencer	When Carpet bowls are ready
No Fly Tipping Signs	Look into movable banners	Cllr N Susman	ASAP