



Shenley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 23rd JANUARY 2023, AT 8PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 108 LONDON ROAD, SHENLEY

PRESENT: Councillors Justine Ash, Nicky Beaton (Chair), Rosemary Gilligan, Annie Keen, Sharon Madsen and Gavin O'Sullivan.

In attendance:

- Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
- 14 members of the public at its most
- 15 members of the public via zoom at its most

96/22.23 **ABSENCE OF MEMBERS**

Apologies for absence were submitted from Cllrs Anthony Spencer, Natalie Susman and William Susman

97/22.23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

- Councillors Gilligan declared a Personal Interest in the item concerning Shenley Park Trust as a Trustees. Cllr Madsen said she had a personal interest in the item concerning Harris Lane as she had originally received a neighbours letter, Cllr Gilligan informed the meeting that she did not believe this was relevant anymore as HBC had applied to the application, and the appeal was with HBC.

98/22.23 **PUBLIC ISSUES**

The chair welcomed residents both online and in the meeting.

99/22.23 **Parish Council Rule 6 Status in relation to the Planning Inspector's Enquiry in April regarding the appeal re Land Adjacent to Harris Lane - Legal advice required - To approve the possible cost of obtaining council's advice - Maximum spend of £10,000.**

The meeting was given an overview of the situation and were explained about the process of the Rule 6 status. The meeting was informed that it is the SPC's intention to work closely with HBC with regards to upholding HBC's decision to refuse the application to build the houses on the land. The meeting was also informed that 1297 people had objected to the application.

Several questions were asked including about the funding and costs. The meeting was informed that the £10,000 requested was not an exact figure but that hopefully HBC will shoulder the bulk of the costs.

Residents requested that the 'Save Our Shenley' campaign be part of the SPC's Rule 6 status. The Save Our Shenley campaign is encouraging fundraising and are intending to match fund with SPC.

Residents were encouraged to attend the 5-day hearing at HBC.



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Following a discussion the meeting **VOTED UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR** of a maximum spend of £10,000 on legal advice. It was **NOTED** that this money will be moved from 'Ear Marked Reserves'.

100/22.23 Proposed letter to Charities Commission

The meeting discussed the concerns with the Shenley Park Trust and that trying to work together has not proven successful.

At this point in Cllr W Susman's absence his email stating ".... that I am not in favour of that letter being sent at this moment in time...." was **NOTED**.

Following a discussion, the meeting **AGREED** to send a letter highlighting concerns to the Charities Commission.

101/22.23 The meeting ended at 9.02p.m.

Chair