



Shenley Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 4th APRIL 2023, AT 7PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 108 LONDON ROAD, SHENLEY

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

In attendance:

- Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
- *5 members of the public at its most
- *2 member of the public via zoom at its most

(* Denotes attended for only part of the meeting.)

121/22.23 ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

There were none.

122/22.23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

- Councillors Gilligan declared a Personal Interest in the item concerning Shenley Park Trust as a Trustee.

123/22.23 MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7th MARCH 2023.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on the 7th March 2023 be confirmed as a correct record, and to be signed by Cllr Beaton and adopted by the Council.

124/22.23 REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN FROM ABOVE MEETINGS

The Action plan was **NOTED**.

125/22.23 MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 28th MARCH 2023

The meeting **NOTED** the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting, held on the 28th March 2023

126/22.23 PUBLIC ISSUES

The Chair welcomed residents to the meeting.

A member of the public, in attendance informed the meeting that there was a need for a men's institute. The meeting **AGREED** that this is something that men should organise themselves. They also suggested that the Parish Council do an audit on the veterans living in the village, to ensure they are taking advantage of the concessions at Inspiral. It was **AGREED** that due to GDPR this information would not be available to the Parish Council. It was **AGREED** that an article will be put in Shenley Village Matters with information of what is available to the veterans. Cllr Susman **AGREED** to write the article. Finally, the resident said that more bungalows for seniors are needed on the village.

The meeting was asked by a resident if Shenley Parish Council will do the same as the Harris Lane Appeal, if The Grange goes to appeal. The Chair said that this would be dependant on funds raised by the community.



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The meeting was then addressed by a resident with the following question: -

'Please can the Parish Council exercise its powers under the Highways Act 1980 to represent to Hertfordshire County Council to remove the fly tipped rubbish obstructing Woodhall Lane'.

The meeting then discussed this and: -

Following a Proposer and a Seconder it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council would exercise its powers under the Highways Act 1980 to represent to Hertfordshire County Council to remove the fly tipped rubbish obstructing Woodhall Lane

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would send the letter to HCC and copy in County Councillor Bright and HBC Street scene.

127/22.23 REPORTS OF COMMITTEE, MEMBERS AND CLERK

(i) Memorial to Councillor Spencer

The meeting **AGREED** that a plaque in memory of Councillor Spencer should be put at the pond. It was **AGREED** that Cllr N Susman would speak to the family to ensure they are happy with this.

(ii) Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

Councillor Madsen updated the meeting about the bill and informed the meeting that the authors are looking for support for the amendments.

(iii) HS2 Lorries through Shenley

The meeting discussed the complaint by the resident about the lorries driving through Shenley. Cllr Ash agreed to forward this on to PCSO Suzy Tether.

(iv) The Big Help Out

Councillor N Susman updated the meeting about this, and it was **AGREED** that she will register the Parish Council to get involved.

(v) Public Toilet

The meeting was informed that they are still waiting on the quote for the new door.

(vi) Harris Lane appeal update

The meeting was informed that the appeal will begin on the 18th April and will last for 6 days. The appeal will take place at Hertsmere offices and the 6th day will be run virtually.

(vii) Borough Councillors Update

Borough Councillor Natalie Susman informed the meeting that she has sat on the Policy Review



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Committee and subbed on the Operations Committee as well as chairing the Task and Finish Group. She said she has spoken at the last 2 HBC Planning Meetings and both she and Councillor Gilligan spoke against the applications for The Grange and 51 London Road. At this point, the Chair said that HBC's decision to give permission to 51 London Road is disgraceful.

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

The meeting was informed that so far this year 260.5 bags have been collected over 208 hours of work. The Duke of Edinburgh teams, who are out every week, have helped to increase the amount collected. The clear bag collection amassed 22 bags.

The groundwork team were not in action due to the weather; however, Nicky and Annie will be going out into The Spinney.

(ix) Community PayBack

The meeting was informed that the new supervisor is working out very well. The team will help at Shenley Primary School during the holiday.

Councillor Keen has kindly agreed to continue over seeing the team once she is no longer a Councillor in May.

(x) Harris Lane/Rookery Field/Pursley Field

Nothing to report.

(xi) Media Committee- SVM

Councillor Beaton said that people need to start thinking about articles for the next edition of SVM.

(xii) Future Initiative Working Party – Coronation Picnic 2023

The event will take place on **SUNDAY 7th MAY 2023 at 3pm IN HARRIS LANE FIELD**. The HBC grant has been applied for and entertainment booked. The next planning meeting will be taking place on Monday 17th April via zoom at 6.30pm. The meeting **AGREED** that due to insurance they will not be using a volunteer face painter.

(xiii) Shenley Community Activities Group

Nothing to report.

(xiv) Police Update – Safer Neighbourhood Team

Nothing to report.

(xv) Shenley Park Trust

The meeting discussed waiting till after the elections to see if any of the new members of the Council wanted to be become trustees of the Shenley Park Trust. Following a vote, it was **AGREED** that Mr. Tim



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Morris would represent the Parish Council on the Park Trust for one month until the new Council takes office.

Councillor Gilligan informed the meeting that the Park Trust will be reinstating the tennis courts and Mr. A Harris was elected the new Chair of the Park Trust

Councillor Madsen asked if HBC will be putting all 3 of their allowed representatives on the Park Trust?

(xvi) Christmas Lights – cost of purchasing new LED lights compared to hiring.
It was **AGREED** to get a quote for the same as last year and agreed to continue if in budget.

128/22.23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- i. The Accounts for payment for March 2023 were received and it was: -
Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the monthly Accounts for March 2023 totaling £16,417.05 be **APPROVED**.
- ii. Following a proposal and seconder, it was: **-RESOLVED** that the: -
Monthly budget monitoring reports for March 2023 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:
Following a proposer and a seconder it was: -
AGREED to give Shenley Primary School £1,7555.00 towards the swimming coach expenses.
- iv. Christmas Lights
The meeting **AGREED** this would be addressed by the new Council.
- v. Following a proposer and a seconder it was: -
AGREED to approve the amended quote for Grounds Maintenance to include allotment additions.
This is now £651.5 +VAT per month (£7,818 pa)
- vi. Following a proposer and a seconder it was: -
AGREED to the Pond Spring Maintenance quote of £1,145 + VAT.



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vii. Following a proposer and a seconder it was: -
AGREED to the repair works to the pond handrail of £1,065 + VAT.

129/22.23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED** under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to confidential nature of the business to be transacted, namely, to approve a letter to be sent to The Secretary of State and to consider professional legal advice.

130/22.23 HARRIS LANE INQUIRY

Following a discussion and following a proposer and a seconder it was **RESOLVED** to continue with the existing appeal as planned.

131/22.23 The meeting ended at 8.40p.m.

Chair

REMINDER – DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING IS ON TUESDAY 16TH MAY 2023

ACTION LIST – 4TH APRIL 2023

PROVISION	ACTION	BY
Review of previous action points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shenley Pond - Ask Community PayBack Team if they can paint the bollards black. • Trees and Rocks to be placed on junction with Pound Lane and Rectory Lane – Cllr N Susman to contact Ian Kershaw at HBC 	Cllr N Susman
HL Pavilion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk to send Cllr W Susman details. • Cllr Gilligan to ask about getting plans drawn up 	Clerk Cllr Gilligan
Public Toilet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quote for metal door/grate and lock. • Look into radar lock 	Clerk and Cllr Susman
CCTV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV and light outside public toilet 	Clerk
MEMORIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Memorial for Councillor Spencer 	Cllr N Susman
XMAS LIGHTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be discussed in May 	Cllrs
SPT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inform SPT of SPC representative 	Clerk
The Big Help Out	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To sign SPC up 	Cllr N Susman