

# Shackerstone Parish Council

## Minutes of the Shackerstone Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.00 PM at Shackerstone Village Hall

### Present:

Cllr Ayres, Cllr Foley, Cllr Meller, Cllr Matthews. Borough Councillor Maureen Cook, 1 member of the public and the clerk.

### 2561/2024 Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bannister, Cllr Wright and County Cllr Harrison-Rushton.

### 2562/2024 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr Mellor declared an interest on item 2569 as part of the Gopsall Walk goes across their land.

### 2563/2024 – To receive reports from County, Borough and Ward Councillors and Police

- A copy of Cllr Cooks report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- It was noted that one of the planning applications for Barton in the Beans had requested the discharge of a condition - written scheme of investigation. A Written Scheme of Investigation outlines known and potential archaeological features and deposits or built heritage elements on a site and suggests a structure for exploring them using the latest, most appropriate and cost-effective archaeological techniques.
- It was noted that the full council have been asked to sign the Leicester and Leicestershire Statement of Common Ground, this will allow them to move forward with the update of the local plan. Cllr Ayres asked if we can do anything to stop the additional amount of homes with regards to a local plan. Councillors agreed that we need to do something to protect ourselves. Cllr Cook commented that we need to ensure that when the review of the HBB local plan is done that consideration is given to the location of the school at Congerstone/Shackerstone.

### 2564/2024 - Public Questions

Members of the public were asked to declare their name when addressing the Chairman if they wished for their name to be minuted in this section of the meeting, if they did not want their name mentioned they need not declare it.

- N/A

### 2565/2024 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the meetings held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023

A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on the 15<sup>th</sup> November were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Meller proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true reflection of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Ayres and councillors were in agreement.

### 2566/2024 – Resolution to approve payments

A copy of the payment scheduled, with expenditure of £8,130.41 and income of £530.00, was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Matthews proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Ayres and councillors were in agreement.

Parish wide mowing	Bosworth Groundcare	£4,092.00
Tree works	Geoff Cantwell	£233.00
Erection & installation of swings at Odstone play area	Geoff Cantwell	£849.85
Installation of noticeboard at Odstone bus shelter	Geoff Cantwell	£24.75
Clerks salary – November	Helen Chadwick	£561.60
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PAYE	HMRC	£421.20
Telephone lines – November & December	Helen Chadwick	£7.41
Provisional audit	Moore UK	£48.00
Hall hire	Congerstone Village Hall	£15.00
Training	LRALC	£50.00
Repairs at Shackerstone Village Hall	Willow Projects	£1,266.00

**2567/2024 – Resolution to approve the quotes for the purchase and installation of bins/benches in Barton using s106 monies**

A proposal for additional bins, benches and planters was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting and it was noted that all the cost will be covered by s106 monies.

Cllr Meller proposed the works, this was seconded by Cllr Foley and all councillors were in agreement.

**2568/2024 – Resolution to approve mowing tender for 2024**

The clerk presented the mowing tenders to councillors, it was noted that the document was based on the current tender. Cllr Foley proposed that we accept quote A, this was seconded by Cllr Meller and all councillors were in agreement. The clerk will contact all contractors.

**2569/2024 – Update regarding the Gopsall Walk project**

In the absence of Cllr Bannister it was reported that the signage is in production and installation will take place as soon as possible after they are available, subject to the weather. It was noted that the overgrowth has been cleared in Barton as has the bench in Odstone.

**2570/2024 – To discuss the purchase of additional items at Odstone play area and works to hedge and agree actions**

In the absence of Cllr Bannister it was reported that there had been a suggestion to cut windows into the back hedge, however the work would need doing before the of February. Councillors agreed with the works.

A proposal for the installation of additional items for the play area had been circulated to councillors. Cllr Foley proposed that we look for a wooden seesaw and 21ft x 7 ft goal post with a maximum spend of £2k, this was seconded by Cllr Ayres and all councillors were in agreement.

**2571/2024 – To discuss speed signs and traffic calming and agree actions**

Cllr Meller reported that he has been liaising with the Road Safety Analyst for the Road Safety Unit at Leicestershire Police and they have agreed to carry out speed checks in Barton.

It was noted that there are ongoing concerns within the other wards and it was agreed that the clerk should contact the Road Safety Unit to request speed checks in the other wards.

**2572/2024 – To discuss the Bilstone Avenue of trees and agree action**

Cllr Foley reported that we do not own the trees but the largest of the trees has been blown out and several others are dead. It was agreed that we should contact the land owner/managing agent to request that avenue be rectified. It was also noted that some of the tree guards have been damaged.

**2573/2024 – To discuss parish tree surveys and agree action**

Cllr Matthews commented that a tree inspection should take place every five years. It was agreed that the clerk would arrange for a comprehensive tree survey in all the wards.

**2574/2024 – To discuss the closure of Green Lane, Derby Lane, Shackerstone and agree actions**

It was reported that we have been approached by the clerk of Swebstone and Newton Burgoland Parish Council regarding the fact that Leicestershire County Council has now erected the winter closure signs at each end of the Green Lane which runs between Derby Lane, Shackerstone and Francis Lane, Newton Burgoland. It was noted that Swebstone Parish Council wishes to block off both entrances to the Green Lane to stop 4 x 4 vehicles using the lane. The lane has been severely damaged over recent years by these vehicles, which has prevented other users, walkers and horse riders, being able to safely use the route due to the extremely deep ruts. It was noted that they are in the process of discussing the proposal with the farmers at the Newton Burgoland end but need to contact any farmers who access the Green Lane at the Shackerstone end. Cllr Meller commented that he is aware that the farmer at the Derby Lane end is happy to be contacted and feels that more than just signs are needed. Councillors agreed to acknowledge the issue and support the request made.

**2575/2024 – To discuss the locations of parish litter bins and agree actions**

The clerk circulated a paper to all councillors prior to the meeting highlighting the locations of bins across the wards.

Cllr Foley reported that Bilstone was the only ward without a bin and proposed that a bin should be installed in Bilstone, Cllr Matthews seconded this and all councillors were in agreement.

**2576/2024 – To discuss the request from Carlton Parish Council to look at replacement bridleway gates and agree actions**

It was noted the replacement gates are not the responsibility of the parish council, however councillors agreed that they would work with LCC highways, with the support of Cllr Bertie Harrison-Rushton, to request the work. The clerk thanked a local resident for the information that had been provided relating to this and that it had been really interesting.

**2577/2024 – To discuss the replacement of stiles with kissing gates across the parish and agree actions**

The clerk circulated a paper from Carlton Parish Council to all councillors prior to the meeting highlighted that they are looking to replace stiles with kissing gates and have asked if Shackerstone Parish Council would look at the ones within the parish. It was noted that they are collaborating with Market Bosworth with an application to the P&CIF to replace stiles at 2 and 3 with kissing gates this time round. Councillors agreed to do a survey of the stiles in their own wards and provide feedback to the clerk. It was agreed that the clerk would look at the cost of a replacement.

**2578/2024 – Confirmation of defibrillator checks**

The clerk reported that the defibrillators had all been checked this month.

**2579/2024 – Planning applications**

The clerk reported that planning applications had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting for comment.

Cllr Meller commented on the storage unit and that there needs to be a stipulation of the hours the site can be accessed, it was noted that all other concerns should be done by due process by HBBC.

**2580/2024 – Agenda items for the March meeting**

- Planning
- Speed signs and traffic calming
- Odstone play area
- Gopsall walk
- Defibrillators
- Neighbourhood/local plan

**2581/2024 – Date of next meeting**

The clerk confirmed that the date of the next meeting is Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00 PM and will take place at Shackerstone village hall.

**The Vice Chair closed the meeting at 20:12**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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