

Shackerstone Parish Council

Minutes of the Shackerstone Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.00 PM at Shackerstone Village Hall

Present:

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

2582/2024 Resolution to receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ayres, Cllr Bannister and Cllr Matthews.

2583/2024 – Resolution to receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda

- Cllr Mellor declared an interest on item 2588 as part of the Gopsall Walk goes across their land.

2584/2024 – To receive reports from County, Borough and Ward Councillors and Police

- A copy of Cllr Cooks report was circulated prior to the meeting.
- Cllr Meller asked if the parish council or a resident can request what s106 monies are spent on. Cllr Cook confirmed that requests can be submitted. Cllr Wright commented that planning have to show that any impact on the development has been mitigated and it has to be justified and spend needs to fit their criteria.
- Cllr Foley asked about The Limes development and the Barton Road development and if a planning application has been refused several times, what has now changed for the application to be granted. Cllr Wright suggested that we ask someone from the planning department to come and talk to the parish council but that it needs to be someone that understands the practices. Cllr Cook suggested Chris Brown at HBBC.

2585/2024 - 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.

- A member of the public commented that a planning application that was discussed in November, land off hall lane 23/0148/04, and that they have submitted three plans that supersede each one. It was noted that archaeologist report still stands. Comments were made that the new plans do not give any turning or parking areas. Cllr Wright commented that the county has a policy to support change of use and conversion. It was noted that people are trying to use the change of use to allow for a large more substantial property and that this should be treated as an application for a new development. The chair thanked the resident for providing all the information.

2586/2024 – Resolution to approve and sign minutes of the meetings held on the 24th January 2024

A copy of the minutes from the meeting held on the 24th January were circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Foley proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true reflection of the meeting, this was seconded by Cllr Meller and councillors were in agreement.

2587/2024 – Resolution to approve payments

A copy of the payment scheduled, with expenditure of £1,474.47 and income of £250.00, was circulated to councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Wright proposed the payments, this was seconded by Cllr Foley and councillors were in agreement.

Tree works: Yew tree by phone box at Shackerstone & Beech tree, Allotment lane	Geoff Cantwell	£220.00
Tree works: Removal of broken bough from tree on Church Walk	Geoff Cantwell	£123.75
Clerks salary - January	Helen Chadwick	£561.60
Clerks salary - February	Helen Chadwick	£561.60
Telephone lines - January & February	Helen Chadwick	£7.52
Repairs at Shackerstone Village Hall	Willow Projects	£1,266.00

2588/2024 – Update regarding the Gopsall Walk project

In the absence of Cllr Bannister it was reported that the contractors are ready to produce the final part of the signage. We are waiting for a site visit to take place to set out the exact positions of the boards. Cllr Meller asked about claiming the grant funding, the clerk confirmed that the funding should be claimed by the end of March, however, following on from a conversation with Paul Scragg at HBBC, we can delay the claim until the work has been completed.

2589/2024 – To discuss the purchase of additional items at Odstone play area and works to hedge and agree actions

The clerk reported that the wooden seesaw had been ordered and delivery is expected mid-April. The clerk reported that she has been unable to locate a set of wooden goal posts. Councillors commented that they are happy with aluminium goal posts and asked the clerk to circulate sizes and costs.

2590/2024 – To discuss speed signs and traffic calming and agree actions

The clerk reported that the Road safety Unity have confirmed the locations within each ward and that the surveys will take place after Easter now. It was reported that whole process is expected to be completed within 4-6 weeks. Cllr Meller confirmed that they do not provide a huge amount of data, times of day and speed.

2591/2024 – To discuss Shackerstone play area and agree actions

The clerk reported that following another survey of the site the contractor has confirmed that the swings should be taken out of service, the goal post is broken and this is also to be removed.

Cllr Wright commented that the parish council are not in a position to replace the equipment at this time. It was noted that the original Shackerstone play area was funded by residents and Congerstone play area was funded by s106. Councillors agreed that we will do the minimum works to make the areas safe.

2592/2024 – To discuss the request to repair and maintain the light on Church Walk and agree actions

The clerk reported that members of Shackerstone Residents Association have been in contact with LCC regarding the long standing issue about who is responsible for repairing the single street light in Church Walk Shackerstone as it no longer works, which means Church Walk is Pitch black at night, as it is the only light on that pathway, and is a potential safety issue. The clerk confirmed the Cllr Ayres had spoken with the residents association and they have confirmed that this is not a parish council responsibility so there is no need to discuss this agenda item.

2593/2024 – To discuss the stile survey and agree actions

Cllr Meller commented that he has surveyed 38 stiles in Barton and there is only one that is dangerous. It was agreed that information on the stiles would be provided to the clerk who would liaise with highways about the necessary action needed.

Cllr Wright commented that LCC have a duty that public footpaths are passible. Thanks were noted to Cllr Meller for the he has done. It was noted that anyone that struggles to walk would not be able to access the Gopsall Walk and that access across the fields are not passible for anyone with mobility issues.

2594/2024 – To discuss the local plan/a neighbourhood plan and agree actions

Cllr Foley reported that HBBC are moving towards their five year plan and that it has been reported that a local village had struggled with a planning application because they had no plan. Cllr Cook commented that without a neighbourhood plan we do not have any protection but HBCC are making great strides and hopefully the local plan will be in place in summer 2025. It was noted that a neighbourhood plan would be contentious and would not be agreed before the local plan. All councillors were in agreement that we would not proceed with a neighbourhood.

2595/2024 – Confirmation of defibrillator checks

The clerk reported that the defibrillators had all been checked this month and nothing to report. It was noted that a 3D LED sign has been requested for the village hall at Shackerstone.. It was noted that a sign is also need for Congerstone village hall wall to highlight the defibrillator location. It was agreed that the clerk would look for someone to clean the phone box at Bilstone.

2596/2024 – Planning applications

The clerk reported that planning applications had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting for comment. Councillors discussed application 23/01408/FUL and it was agreed that the council would make representation to the planning department to support the public objections.

2597/2024 – Agenda items for the May meeting

- Planning
- Speed signs and traffic calming
- Odstone play area
- Gopsall walk
- Defibrillators
- Standing orders
- Financial orders
- Year end accounts 23/24

2598/2024 – Date of next meeting

Councillors agreed to change the dates of the following meetings:

- Wednesday 22nd May to Wednesday 15th May
- Wednesday 17th July to Wednesday 24th July
- Wednesday 18th September to Wednesday 25th September

The Chair closed the meeting at 19:50

Signed:

Date: