

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Shafton Community Centre.

06.00pm on Monday 13 September 2021.

Minutes

Present Cllr D, North (Chair), J Giles, P Archer, L Holt, P Makinson (Vice chair), R Booker, K Wick and D Gill, (Clerk)

61. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

62. Apologies for absences.

Apologies were received from P Ford.

63. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None received.

64. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre Held on Monday 9 August 2021 6pm were read.

65. Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

28.1 Various Parking problems continue:

The clerk reported that Sgt Wilson was unable to attend the meeting scheduled for the 14 September to discuss the Various Parking problems as he had been allocated onto a specialist training course which he did not know was coming.

Sgt Wilson had therefore arranged for an officer who covers Shafton to attend on his behalf.

28.3. Sandybridge Lane

The Clerk read out an update email received from Paul Doherty Group Leader - Planning Support, Monitoring and Enforcement in which he stated that they had undertaken some further intelligence gathering about the site and a follow up visit to the site has been arranged. Following this visit they will be happy to report back their findings and any intended courses of action.

The clerk stated that Paul Doherty would be grateful if the parish Council could let him know, from local knowledge, if there has been further activity at the site which is causing the parish council or local residents concern and which they can consider as part of their investigations.

45.1 Shafton walking maps – exploratory walk.

Cllr Paul Archer reported that this project was ongoing.

58. Recycling Solutions Ltd

The Parish has received a request from Recycling Solutions Ltd to place a textile bank in the car park at Shafton Community Centre. the company work with Yorkshire Air Ambulance as their selected sole textile recycling provider across the entire Yorkshire region, helping the charity raise funds through the collection of old textiles.

The meeting although supportive of the recycling provider helping the Yorkshire Air Ambulance charity raise funds through the collection of old textiles did not think the location a textile bank in the car park at Shafton Community Centre was a good idea as it was away from public view and may be subject to vandalism and possible fire damage.

The meeting agreed not to proceed with the request.

66. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Agreed unanimous.

67. Accounts for payment.

- PKF Littlejohn AGAR external audit total net £200 +Vat £40 total payable £240
- Ex clerk £89.40
- Advant edge IT Finance system net £312 +VAT£78 total payable £390

The accounts for payment were agreed unanimous.

68. Monthly statement of accounts.

The opening balance as at 1st April 2020 was £49208

- The total income for the period from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021 was £48697.53
- The total expenditure for the period 1 April 2021 to 31 May 2021 £17296.00
- Giving a closing balance of £80610.42

69. Items for Decision/ recommendations to the council/business matters

69.1 External Auditor Report completion of review

The Clerk read out section 2 of the External auditor report 2020/21

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

69.2 The Parishes Long term insurance report (agreement is due for renewal on 01/10/2021.)

The F and G P C considered the Long term insurance report.

The Shafton Parish Finance and General Purpose Committee meeting of the 9 August 2021 agreed to seek further comparative insurance quotes from an insurance broker.

Quotes were sent from J Willey insurance broker who sent out several requests to insurance agents. None were received, all said the insurance was of a specialist nature and they could not better the existing quotes.

It was proposed that one of the three insurance options offered by Zurich be selected.

- A 5-year LTA premium of £1452.49
- A 3-year LTA premium of £1523.09
- A 1-year standard premium of £1593.66

The meeting agreed to a 5-year LTA premium of £1452.49

69.3 Community Centre hire charges

A discussion took place regarding the Community Centre hire charges.

The meeting agreed to leave the charges at the current level and review them at the end of this financial year.

70. Correspondence.

None

71. Any other business.

71.1 Purchase of a new Lawn mower

A discussion took place regarding the current standards of grass cutting in the recreation ground, the service offered by Barnsley MBC is currently only 10 cuts per annum down from previous years leading to poor stands and it was felt this was not adequate to maintain the level of quality required.

The meeting agreed to explore the option of the Parish cutting the field itself and buying its own mower, The Parishes current mower is not large enough to cope with cutting the entire ground so a new one would be needed.

Items to consider:

- Price of new or second hand mower
- Storage
- Price of servicing the mower
- Insurance

71.2 Helen Tucker

The chair reported that Helen Tucker wife of the former long standing councillor Cllr Albert Tucker had sadly passed away.

71.3 Speed gun

The chair reported the police were deploying a speed gun and had asked for volunteers from the Parish Council to help. Anyone wishing to volunteer should meet Wednesday 16 September at 10am at the bottom of Dog Hill.

71.4 Football

The Chair asked the Clerk to invoice the WBAFC for their game last weekend and also to send a reminder to WBAFC not leave the changing room door open.

71.5 Bowling club

Cllr Ruth Booker said she had been approached by one of the Bowling club members requesting that the Parish apply for funding for flood lights to the Bowling Green. The meeting agreed the Bowling club itself should form a committee and apply for funding itself.

71.6 Kitchen

Cllr Ruth Booker informed the meeting that the Community centre kitchen was in a poor state of repair and reminded the meeting that the Finance and General Purposes Committee had previously agreed to refurbish the Kitchen.

Cllr Ruth Booker agreed to obtain costs.

71.7 Wellbeing Group

Cllr Pete Makinson informed the meeting that the group were applying for bank account but were currently on a waiting list for an appointment at the bank. Until the bank account was opened they were restricted as to what grants they could apply for.

71.8 Design work

Cllr Pete Makinson appraised the meeting of an opportunity for help with project design work by Barnsley College such as landscape projects. Any ideas for projects welcome.

72. Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 11 October 2021