

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.
Shafton Community Centre.
06.00pm on Monday 8 November 2021.
Minutes

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

85. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

86. Apologies for absences.

Apologies were received from P Archer, K Wick and B Lee.

87. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None received.

88. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre Held on 11 October 2021 were read.

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

28.1 Various Parking problems continue:

The Clerk reported that Sgt Wilson had respond back to the Parish council regarding the issue of Parking around schools stating:

We intend to engage with the residents between WMC and Crossroads to highlight the problems experienced and at this stage offer advice to encourage a more thoughtful approach ---We are also linking in with the school to ask them to include the issue of safety and inconsiderate parking on the next newsletter

28.3. Sandybridge Lane

The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Merith Halliwell from the Environment Agency updating the Parish on the current position:

Stating that “*we did have a visit to the site planned in for the end of September, but unfortunately this didn’t go ahead and we have yet to confirm a new date.*”

90. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Agreed unanimous.

91. Accounts for payment.

- South Yorkshire Pensions Ex clerk £89.4

The Clerk reported that he had received a letter from Business stream stating that over the last few months we may have used more water than normal at the Allotments and may have a problem with the water supply

It was agreed to monitor the situation and await the bill.

92. Monthly statement of accounts.

The opening balance as at 1st April 2020 was £49208.89

- The total income for the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 October 2021 was £50154.60
- The total expenditure for the period 1 April 2021 to October 2021 was £24921.39
- Giving a closing balance of for the Instant access and Direct Plus account of £74442.10

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

93.1 It was proposed that the council approve the draft Shafton Parish Council General Reserves Policy

Agreed unanimous.

93.2 It was proposed that the General reserve is kept at 9 months net revenue expenditure = £36750

Agreed unanimous.

93.3 It was proposed that the surplus from cash held by the council be transferred to the Ear marked reserves and approve the creation of new future earmarked projects reserve. = £12459

Agreed unanimous.

93.4 Proposed new Lawn mower

A discussion too place regarding the purchase of a new ride on lawn mower, the Clerk reported that to purchase a new Ransomes Parkway mower similar to the ones used by local councils would cost £30,000 or more and a second hand one £8,000 to £10,000 depending on age and condition.

The meeting agreed not to proceed with purchase of a new ride on lawn mower due to the cost and instead obtain quotes from local contractors to cut the recreation grass.

93.5 Proposed new Community Centre Kitchen

A discussion too place regarding the proposed new kitchen it was agreed to obtain further quotes before proceeding.

94. Correspondence.

94.1 The Active Club

The Parish received a request from Dan Wall from the Active Club to book the all-weather pitch on a regularly weekly basis. Monday evening at 5-6pm

The Active Club are looking at running a turn up and play football session for local children to attend and would charge £3 for an hour. Dan stated that all our coaches are DBS checked and have relevant insurance.

The meeting agreed subject to Chair checking to see if the time for lighting could be altered to suit the times requested and access arrangements being put in place.

94.2 Charity sleep over on the All-weather pitch.

The Chair stated he had received a request from a member of the public to carry out a Charity sleep over on the All-weather pitch.

The meeting agreed subject member of the public not publicising the date of the charity sleep over to avoid antisocial behaviour.

94.3 Darby and Joan club request for donation towards Christmas Party

The chair stated he had received a letter requesting a donation towards the Darby and Joan club Christmas Party.

A donation of £150 was proposed - Agreed unanimous.

Cllr Makinson stated that the Darby and Joan club bank account had been put on hold during Covid and at present they could not accept cheques or BACS payments it was there agreed that Cllr Makinson would pay the Darby and Joan club £150 the Parish would then reimburse Cllr Makinson the funds.

94.4 Parish Council Grants

The Clerk informed the meeting they had £750 set aside in their budget for Parish council grants and suggested it may be a good idea to publicise this at the next Shafton Parish Public meeting.

Agreed unanimous.

95. Any other business.

95.1 Christmas tree lights switch on

A discussion took place as to who to ask to switch on the Christmas tree lights, it was agreed the Chair would asked Mrs Stott.

It was proposed that the Parish would pay for hot chocolate and mince pies for the Christmas tree lights switch on.

Agreed unanimous.

96. Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 13 December 2021 6pm