

Public meeting of Shafton Parish Council

Monday 25 April 2022

Minutes

Present

CLLr Dave North (Chair), CLLr R Booker, CLLr B Lee, CLLr K Wicks, CLLr P Archer, CLLr J Johnson, and D Gill (Clerk to the Council)

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting

The chair also welcomed Garry Stott Chair of the Community shop and Gareth Batty Chief Executive of Fare Share Yorkshire, to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: CLLr Les Holt, CLLr Part Ford, CLLr R Swaby, CLLr Anita Cherryholme

3. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest. (Disclosures of Interests)

None received.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 28 February 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 28 March 2022 were read.

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

51.3 The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebration

It was reported that organisation of the event was ongoing, the event would be family orientated and would take place on Sunday June 5 1pm to 5pm

54.2 Footpath by the Primary school

The Chair reported that the parish was awaiting a quotation for barriers to be installed on the footpath.

64.2 Pinfold Improvements

Continuing and still in progress.

64.3 Great British Spring Clean

The Chair reported that Shafton Great British Spring Clean on Monday 4 April had gone very well with a good turnout.

5. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes were agreed.

6. Business items

6.1 Shafton Methodist Church update

Garry Stott and Gareth Batty outlined the project.

Background

Good Food Barnsley is a broad coalition between the private, public and 3rd sectors. It is a joined-up movement and partnership of fantastic minds and resources that work towards a shared vision of building a better Barnsley where everyone has the right to the food they need to thrive. At the heart of the work of Good Food Barnsley is the desire to build a better Barnsley where everyone has the right to the food they need to thrive.

Storehouse & Field located in the old Shafton Methodist Church is the first key piece of innovation to come out of the network, opening this Spring. It is intended as a community led project for the people of Shafton and the surrounding areas. It is, essentially, an affordable food club that supports people experiencing moderate food insecurity.

Storehouse & Field is a membership scheme which for just £6.00 a week enables people who sign up to gain access to a well-stocked and vibrant pantry full of fresh, ambient, and frozen food (worth approximately £20 to £30) membership also gives range of activities and workshops, recipes and resources, use of our cafe, Coffee & Cake, and the opportunity to become a part of a thriving network of likeminded individuals.

A grant of Forty-five thousand pounds was secured from the Covid recovery fund towards the project to cover fit out, a year's purchase of food and a full-time worker.

The Chair thanked the speakers.

Cllr Jeff Ennis said it was a very exciting project.

A discussion then followed about the number of people accessing food banks

Garry Stott asked for a member of the Parish Council to sit on a liaison group.

7. Public questions, comments, or representations

A member of the public asked why no planning permission had been applied for change of use of the Methodist Church building.

Garry Stott believed they had been advised it was not required but would take it away and look at it.

A member of the public asked how the food pantry scheme would affect local shops and parking in the area.

Garry Stott responded by saying shopping would be managed in two-hour slots of 20 to 30 people so would not it would not be a free for all, shoppers would also be encouraged to walk. There would also be numerical cap on member so it would not draw down on customers from local shops.

The Chair thanked Garry Stott Chair and Gareth Batty and offered Shafton Parish Councils full support for the project.

8. Correspondence.

None

9. Any other business.

The Clerk was asked to write to Barnsley Council and obtain information on the number of people on benefits in Barnsley.

10. Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 30 May 7pm