

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.
Shafton Community Centre.

7pm on Monday 9 May 2022

Minutes

Present Cllr D North (Chair), Cllr R Booker (Vice Chair), Cllr P Ford, Cllr P Archer, Cllr Richard Swaby, Cllr James Johnson, and D Gill, (Clerk)

14. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

15. Apologies for absences.

Apologies were received from Cllr K Wicks and Cllr Barry Lee.

16. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None received.

17. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre Held on Monday 11 April 2022 were read.

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

147. Correspondence.

The Clerk confirmed that the meeting requested with the Scouts to discuss the groups detailed requirements had taken place.

142.2 Poster competition

Cllr R Booker reported that the Great British Spring Clean poster competition had been highly successful, all the children at the prize giving were well behaved and each had received an easter egg.

The Chair thanked Cllr Booker for organising the project.

9.1 Shafton Recreation Ground Charity Commission's annual return and trustees

Cllr Pat Ford stated that he had contacted Ex Cllr Derek Dyson and he had confirmed he wanted to be removed as a trustee of Shafton Recreation.

9.4 Small Grant Applications

The Clerk reported that the grant awarded to Henry Close Residents group towards a Queen's jubilee celebration event could not be paid as they did not meet the criteria of the grant funding.

9.3 Recreation Ground Grass Cutting

A discussion took place regarding the quality of grass cutting in the recreation ground Cllr Les Holt to follow this up with Cllr Houghton.

11.1. Any other business.

- Light switch in Community centre be moved closer to the fire door- ongoing
- It was noted that the list of Parish Councillors in the Shafton Working Men's notice board had still not been up dated. Cllr Pat Ford to update.
- Disposal of the Community Centre Waste. Cllr R Booker confirmed that she had contacted both child care organisations and instructed them to organise a commercial waste collection service.

19. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Agreed

20. Accounts for payment.

- South Yorkshire Pensions Ex clerk £89.4
- Edge IT annual fee for software £375

21. Monthly statement of accounts.

The Clerk presented the following statements of accounts to the meeting:

- April Bank statement
- April Financial summary
- April Bank Account Reconciled Statement
- April Paid Expenditure Transactions

Financial summary

- The opening balance as at the 1st April 2021 was £47067.48
- The total income for the period from 1 April 2022 to 31 April 2022 was £43760.06
- The total expenditure for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 April was £2841.72
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access 458.61
 - Direct Plus account of £87527.21
 - **Total £87985.82**

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

Queen's jubilee

The Clerk confirmed the next meeting of the Queen's Jubilee working party would take place on Wednesday 11 May 6pm in the Shafton Community Centre

23. Correspondence.

23.1 Correspondence was received from Mr D Hall requesting that his name be put forward for any future Parish Council positions.

23.2 Planning application 2021/0336

Correspondence had been received from Barnsley MBC planning Department asking if the Parish had any further comments on the application.

Member requested that the Traffic access from the new estate on to the High Street be made as safe as possible for pedestrians

24. Any other business

24.1 Lack of buses services

Cllr Jim Johnson said he had received complaints regarding the lack of buses by the Green- Clerk to write to Stage Coach requesting an improved service.

24.2 Yellow box junction

Cllr Paul Archer pointed out that since the road resurfacing works on Pontefract Road the Yellow box to control traffic flow on the junction with Wheetshaw Close had not been reinstated - Clerk to contact Barnsley MBC Highways and asked for it to be reinstated.

24.3 Allotment tenancies

A discussion took place regarding the noncompliance of Allotment tenancies on the Parish Council Allotments-Clerk and Chair to follow up

24.4 Clerks Allowances

Cllr Ruth book asked if part of the Clerks allowance could be offset against tax, possibly saving the parish money -clerk to investigated.

25. Date and time of next meeting. To be confirmed