

Public meeting of Shafton Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 26 September 7pm 2022. Shafton Community Centre

Present

Cllr Dave North (Chair), Cllr K Wicks, Cllr P Archer, Cllr J Johnson, Cllr R Swaby, Cllr D Hall, Cllr L Knight, and D Gill (Clerk to the Council)

43. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcome the two new co-opted Parish Councillors to the meeting Cllr D Hall Cllr L Knight.

44. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr R Booker and Cllr B Lee.

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

None received.

46. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 15 August 7pm 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on **Monday 15 August 7pm 2022** were read.

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

64.2 Pinfold Improvements

The Chair reported that the three-tier planter had been delivered to the community centre was of superior quality; the plan is to plant the planter up in the spring.

38.1 Bus service changes

Cllr Swaby to keep monitoring the situation.

39.1 Millside Walk

A member of the public reported that following the installation of broadband services on Millside Walk the path had been left in a poor state.

Cllr R Swaby said he would be monitoring the situation.

39.2 Chapel Street

Complaints about Tuckers tractors using Chapel Street as access and splashing cars.

Cllr J Johnson thanked the Chair for phoning Tuckers, the situation had been resolved and residents were happy.

39.3 Tollgate Close

A member of the public raised concerns about the potential fire hazard of long grass around Tollgate Close.

The Clerk reported that he had sent a request to Neighbourhood Services to cut the grass.

39.4 Garage site

Cllr R Swaby raised concerns over the long grass on the garage site and the storage of petrol in one of the garages.

Cllr R Swaby reported nothing had changed and he had no feedback from Berneslai Homes but would be monitoring the situation.

39.5 Speeding Cars

The Chair asked the Clerk to write to Highways and request a site meeting to discuss speed restrictions on Dog Hill.

48. Business items

48.1 Bridleway Access Presentation by Julie Fields

Ms Julie Fields gave a briefing on her campaign to increase bridleway access on public footpaths around Shafton the problem being a lack of safe routes for horse riders to enjoy their equestrian activity and provide respite from traffic-laden roads. A footpath is defined as a highway 'over which the public has a right of way on foot only', so horse riders are restricted to bridleways and byways.

Ms Fields reported that she had arranged a meeting with Stephanie Peacock MP and was collating all evidence and documentation to support her case.

The Chair recommended holding a site meeting with footpath officers and Ms Fields to understand the situation better.

Agreed

49. Correspondence.

A member of the public had complained that he had been locked out of the park at 6pm and requested that the gates be locked later, especially during summer daylight savings time.

The Chair reported that a volunteer who locked the barrier had been requested to lock the gate later as per parish policy during summer daylight savings time.

50. Any other business.

50.1 Sandy Bridge Lane

A discussion took place about alleged unplanned building around Sandy Bridge Lane it was agreed this was matter for Barnsley MBC

50.2 Drug taking /dealing around the village

A discussion took place regarding drug taking /dealing around the village the meeting was informed that it had been reported to the PACT meeting.

50.2 Barrier gate

The Chair reported that the volunteer who opened and closed the gate at night had resigned, and a new volunteer was needed.

The meeting was closed at 19:50

51. Date and time of next meetings.

Monday 31 October 7pm

Monday 28 November 7pm