

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Shafton Community Centre.

7pm on Monday 12 September 2022

Minutes

Present Cllr R Booker Vice Chair, Cllr Richard Swaby, Cllr James Johnson, Cllr K Wicks, Cllr B Lee, Cllr Dave Hall, D Gill, (Clerk) and MR Derek Liddell President Yorkshire Local Councils Associations.

The meeting was chaired by Cllr R Booker Vice Chair.

68. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including Cllr Dave Hall newly co-opted parish councillor and MR Derek Liddell President Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

69. Apologies for absences.

Apologies were received from and Cllr D North (Chair), Cllr P Archer.

70. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None

71. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre on Monday 15 August and Monday 22 August 2022 were read.

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

There were no Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.

73. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Agreed

74. Accounts for payment.

- South Yorkshire Pensions Ex clerk £94.37
- Zurich Insurance renewal £1452.49
- C R Fabrication (Fire door handle repair) £85.00

Agreed

75. Monthly statement of accounts.

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

- August Bank statement
- August Financial summary
- August Bank Account Reconciled Statement
- August 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 August 2022 was £48518.06
- The total expenditure for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 August 2022 was £21406.68
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access 458.61
 - Direct Plus account of £73720.25
 - **Total £74178.86**

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

76.1 Mr Derek Liddell President Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

Derek Liddell President of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) gave presentation explaining the benefits of joining the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations which is a membership organisation for local councils and parish meetings in North, South and West Yorkshire.

Member Benefits

Delivering specialist information and training to members.

Offering casework advice on legal, procedural, and technical matters.

Drawing members together to address issues of mutual interest.

Liaising with principal authorities, government departments and other local/regional/national agencies on matters affecting parish and town council.

Delivering specific work or projects.

Membership of YLCA also affiliates councils and parish meetings to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). YLCA works closely with NALC to support, guide, and advise councils by giving members legal and technical advice, information, and training relevant to their work and to support their work and governance.

The meeting agreed to add the decision whether to join the YLCA to the agenda for the next meeting.

76.2 Resignation of Cllr Les Holt

The Clerk read out a letter of resignation from Cllr Les Holt.

The meeting accepted the resignation.

76.3 Vacancy for New Co-opted Parish Councillor

Following the resignation of Cllr Les Holt members discussed the new vacancy for a new Co-opted Parish Councillor. As it was very close to the previous advert and interviews for New Co-opted Parish Councillor it was proposed to invite Linda Knight who had previously applied and been interviewed for the post to be the newly Co-opted Parish Councillor

Agreed

76.4 Conclusion of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2022

The Clerk reported the Conclusion of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return for the year ended 31 March 2022 and that Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return have been up loaded to the Shafton Parish Council web site.

The report states that:

“Except for the matters reported below, 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.**

The AGAR was not accurately completed before submission for review. Please ensure that amendments are corrected in the prior year comparatives when completing next year’s AGAR: • Information received from the smaller authority confirms that Section 2 Box 9 for the current year is incorrect as it does not include fixed assets of £2,171 purchased during the year. Section 2, Box 9 for the current year should read £230,171.

The Clerk recommend a review of Shafton Parish Council fixed assets

76.5 Pinfold improvements

The Clerk reported he had received two quotations for wall repairs to the Pinfold and was awaiting two more.

76.6 Spring Bulbs

It was proposed to purchase £50 of Daffodils to be planted by volunteers around Shafton.

Agreed

77. Correspondence.

77.1 North East Ward Alliance

Correspondence had been received from the North East Ward Alliance Community Development Officer asking whether it might be possible for the North East Ward Alliance to use the Shafton Parish Council community room for their next meeting on Tuesday 18th October at 2:00pm.

Agreed.

77.2 Brierley Cubs Junior Football Club

A letter had been received from Brierley Cubs Junior Football Club asking if it was possible for the club to use the grass pitches on Shafton Recreation ground for the 2022/23 season. They would need a full-size adult pitch for their U16 and junior pitch.

Agreed.

78. Any other business

78.1 Community Centre

The Vice chair reported that she had had a site meeting with the Chair and the caretaker with a view to tidying the building up and hiring a skip for any rubbish.

The Vice Chair further reported that with the cost of energy going up she would be having meetings with Playworks, and Tots explore to ask them to be more vigilant with the use of energy in the Shafton Community Centre.

78.2 Speeding

A brief discussion took place regarding Speeding around Dog Hill.

Meeting closed 8:24

79 . Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 10 October 2022 7 pm Shafton Community Centre.