

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Shafton Community Centre.

7pm on Monday 10 October 2022

Minutes

Present Cllr D North (Chair), Cllr R Booker Vice Chair, Cllr Richard Swaby, Cllr James Johnson, Cllr B Lee. Cllr Dave Hall, Cllr Linda Knight, and D Gill, (Clerk)

Cllr North chaired the meeting.

80. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting including Cllr Linda Knight newly co-opted parish councillor.

81. Apologies for absences.

Apologies were received from Cllr K Wicks, Cllr Dave Hall, and Cllr P Archer.

82. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None

83. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre on Monday 12 September 2022 were read.

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

76.2 Resignation of Cllr Les Holt

Following the Resignation of Cllr Les Holt, it was agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Mr Holt for his services to the Parish Council.

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

It was agreed that The Clerk should conduct a review of Shafton Parish Council fixed assets

76.6 Spring Bulbs

It was previously agreed to purchase £50 of Daffodils to be planted by volunteers around Shafton. Clerk to consult with Cllr Swaby regarding planting locations and planting date.

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Agreed

78.1 Community Centre-hire of skip

The chair reported that a skip had been hired and rubbish removed.

85. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Agreed

86. Accounts for payment.

Agreed

87. Monthly statement of accounts.

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

- September Bank statement
- September Financial summary
- September Bank Account Reconciled Statement
- September 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 30 September 2022 was £49429.16
- The total expenditure for the period 1 April 2022 to 30 September was £25962.01
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access 458.61
 - Direct Plus account of £70076.02
 - **Total £70534.63**

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

88.1 Yorkshire Local Councils Associations

A discussion took place on the merits of joining the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations. The cost of joining the association would be £775.

It was proposed not to join at this time.

Agreed

88.2 Christmas Lights 2022

The Clerk reported that he had received a quote of £3409 from BMBC to erect and take down the 33 No Shafton Parish Christmas lights. A discussion took place as to whether the number of lights should be reduced to save money.

It was thought the lights benefited the community and proposed that the council should proceed with the quote of £3409 and thirty-three lights.

Agreed

88.3 Hanging baskets 2023

A quote from First impression to order Hanging baskets for 2023 had been received:

£59 plus VAT each. For twenty-three baskets

It was Agreed to order twenty-three baskets

It was noted that addition costs would be charged for:

- Removal of plaques and storage
- Attaching plaque to new bracket or exchanging plaques

It was agreed to leave the current plaques in place and only remove them if they were not re sponsored.

88.4 Community Centre fire door repair

It was reported that the bottom of external Community Centre fire door had rusted through and needed repairing at a cost of £225.

Agreed

88.5 Pinfold improvements

The Chair suggested that the three-tier planter currently in storage should be installed on the Pinfold this winter and planted up by volunteers with spring flowering plants.

Agreed

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

89. Correspondence.

89.1 Shafton Parish Christmas Tree event

Correspondence had been received from Barnsley's North East Area Team requesting a date for the event, so they can book in BCB ETC.

As was the case last year, the Ward Alliance have allocated funds for each village to pay for a Christmas Tree + lights installation/removal & support with the funding of an event.

It was proposed subject to the agreement of Shafton WMC to hold the event on Thursday 1 December

Agreed

89.2 Allotments

Correspondence had been received from an allotment holder appealing a decision to terminate their tenancy due to none compliance with the terms and conditions.

It was agreed to rescind the termination letter but give warning notice instead.

90. Any other business

90.1 Clerk's, to do list

The Clerk outlined his proposed work schedule:

- Budget setting January 2023
- Updating the Asset register
- Induction pack for new members

Agreed

90.2 Smartenergy gas contract

The Clerk confirmed he had signed the Smartenergy gas contract for the Community Centre on behalf of the Parish Council as agreed by members on Monday 26 September with a start date of 1 September 2023

Smartest Energy 3 Years
25.10 standing charge per day
18.12p kwh

90.3 Speeding

A discussion took place regarding speeding cars, Cllr Booker suggest working with Children to influence their parents, Cllr Johnson suggest installing a speed camera.

It was proposed to invite a member of BMBC Highways department to a public meeting to discuss what could be done regarding speeding cars .

90.4 Christmas Lights Competition

Cllr Johnson suggested holding Christmas Lights Competition

It was agreed to put this on the next agenda for discussion.

90.5 Clerk's Terms and conditions

Cllr B Lee requested a copy of the Clerks Terms and Conditions, Clerk to supply a copy.

Meeting closed 8:40

91 . Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 14 November 2022 7 pm Shafton Community Centre.