

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.

Shafton Community Centre.

6pm on Monday 13 February 2023

Minutes

Present Cllr D North (Chair), Cllr R Booker Vice Chair, Cllr James Johnson, Cllr Dave Hall, Cllr P Archer, Cllr B Lee, Cllr K Wicks, Cllr L Knight, and D Gill, (Clerk)

Cllr North chaired the meeting.

128. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

129. Apologies for absences.

The Chair informed the meeting that Cllr R Swaby had resigned from the Parish Council

130. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

Cllr L Knight declared an interest in the Shafton Community Group.

131. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre at 6pm on Monday 24 January 2023 were read.

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

125.6 Parish Councillors contact details.

The Clerk distributed a list of the Parish Councillors contact details amongst members.

126.1 Clerk's Terms and conditions

As previously requested by the Chair the Clerk provided members with a copy of the Clerk's Terms and conditions of employment.

133. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

134. Accounts for payment.

- Ex Clerk pension £94.37

Agreed

135. Monthly statement of accounts.

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

- January Bank statement
- January Financial summary
- January Bank Account Reconciled Statement
- January 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 January 2023 was £55230.24.
- The total expenditure for the period 1 April 2022 to 31 January 2023 was £41394.32.
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access 459.13
 - Direct Plus account of £60,444.27
 - **Total £60,903.40**

Agreed

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

136.1 Shafton Parish Council Projects 2023-2024

A discussion took place regarding projects for 2023-2024

136.2 The King's Coronation

Cllr L Knight outlined the proposals the Shafton Community Events Group had for The King's Coronation which was to hold an event on Saturday 13 May on Shafton Green and to make the event as cheap as possible to enable families to take part in activities. Attractions would include the Exodus project .

The Chair said this was a super idea and proposed the Parish support the event with a grant of £300.

Cllr L Knight abstained from the vote being a member of the Shafton Community Group.

Agreed

136.3 Hanging Baskets

The Clerk reported that Last year the cost of sponsoring the basket was £55 each with a free sponsorship plaque. This year the cost of a Basket is £59

It was proposed that the Parish Council should charge £59 to sponsor a basket and again included a free sponsorship plaque.

Agreed

Cllr P Archer reported that Barnsley BMBC would be carrying out a lamp post survey to ascertain if there were any lamp post which were unsafe to support a hanging basket.

136.4 Community Centre Hallway refurb

It had previously been reported in a F and G P meetings that The Community Centre hallway was in a very poor state of repair.

It was proposed to obtain prices to replaster and skim the walls.

Agreed

136.5 Keep Britain tidy Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean is the biggest annual national clean-up environmental event in the UK, spearheaded by Keep Britain Tidy. The campaign encourages everyone to help keep local communities clean, green, and litter-free by either hosting or participating in a litter pick.

The Great British Spring Clean takes place between the 17 March - 2 April 2023.

It was proposed that the parish to participate in the upcoming Great British Spring Clean.

Agreed

136.6 Shafton Heritage walking map

The Clerk stated that the Parish still held a grant of £750 from the North East Ward Alliance for the Shafton Heritage walking map project which had been on hold due to unforeseen circumstances.

It was agreed to recommence this project.

136.7 Other projects

Other projects to be discussed in the forthcoming year to included.

- Bulb planting
- Christmas Lamp post motifs
- Christmas tree switch on Event

Agreed

137 Planning decisions

None

138. Correspondence.

The Chair read out Cllr R Swaby resignation letter from the Parish Council.

It was proposed to accept the resignation letter and send a letter of thanks to Cllr R Swaby for all his hard work on the council.

Agreed

139. Any other business

139.1 Allotments

A discussion took place regarding fly tipping on the Allotments and the need for CCTV.

Cllr Wick's said a camera could be mounted on the pole and he had the agreement of a local resident to install the pole in their garden.

Cllr J Johnson report the options for cameras.

To install a camera cable of being down loaded on to a mobile phone would cost £300 plus £10 per month for the sim card.

If a normal camera were installed this would have to take down each time the photographs needed to be read.

Cllr J Johnson stated that cameras would have to be careful position so as not to overlook other properties and signage would also be required.

It was proposed to purchase the £300 camera plus £10 per month for the sim card.

Agreed

Cllr J Johnson to monitor the camera.

Agreed

139.2 Fire certificate

Cllr D Hall asked if the Community Center had a fire certificate, the Clerk reported that the fire extinguishers had recently be inspected and would make enquiries regarding a fire certificate.

139.3 Overhanging Trees

The chair reported that tree behind the football post on the playing field needed pruning.

It was agreed to obtain costs for the works.

139.4 Shafton Parish email account

The Clerk reported that the Shafton Parish email account was still suspended and a new account may need to be set up.

140 . Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 13 March 6pm

Meeting closed 7:20