

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.



Shafton Community Centre.

6pm on Monday 11 September 2023

Minutes

Present Cllr R Booker Chair, Cllr James Johnson Vice Chair , Cllr Dave Hall, Cllr Janice Giles, Cllr Stephen Ellis, Cllr P Makinson and D Gill, (Clerk)

Cllr R Booker chaired the meeting.

59. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

60. Apologies for absences.

Apologies for absences was received from K Wicks and Cllr L Knight.

61. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None

62. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre at 6pm on Monday 14 August 2023 were read.

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

44.2 Ashwell Close over grown footpath

The Clerk reported that a member of the public had complained about the over grown footpath at Ashwell Close and that he had been previously reported this issue in to Barnsley MBC, following the complaint the Clerk stated had reported the over grown footpath again.

57.05 Community Centre Gas Energy contract

The Clerk confirmed he had signed a new contract with British Gas for the Community Centre Gas Energy as this was the most economical provider.

64. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Agreed

64. Accounts for payment.

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| • Ex Clerk pension | £111.08 |
| • Zurich Insurance | £1498.86 |
| • C R Fabrications (remove damaged lock) | £75.00 |

Agreed

65. 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 2023 was £52259.17.
- The total income for the period from 01/04/23 to 31/08/23 was £51802.04.
- The total expenditure for the period 01/04/23 to 31/08/23 was £26036.4.
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access 461.19
 - Direct Plus account of £77563.68
 - **Total £78024.87**

Agreed

The Chair thank the Clerk for his work on the accounts.

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

66.01. Shafton Parish Council Action Plan up dates

66.02 Community Centre Hallway flooring

The Clerk confirmed he was looking to obtain costs for new flooring.

66.03 Allotment CCTV

Cllr Jim Johnson confirmed that the new sim card for the Allotment CCTV did not work, and he would take advice to get the CCTV working.

66.04 Fire audit Community Centre/ Risk Assessments

Cllr Steve Ellis and Cllr P Makinson to work together to complete the fire risk assessment documents.

66.05 Walk to school route foot path repairs.

The Clerk confirmed he had sent a letter to Shafton Primary school and followed this up by email stating that the roots of trees situated on a school land have caused damage to the Shafton Parish Council footpath and it was their responsibility to arrange repairs of the path. As yet no reply had been received. The Clerk also confirmed he had requested a quote for repairs from Barnsley MBC Highways section.

Cllr Ellis stated someone had marked paint on the footpath as if marking out repairs and it was not known who had done this.

66.06 Fencing to the Recreation Ground

The Clerk confirmed that he was still awaiting quotes for the fencing.

66.07 Shafton Heritage walking map

On-going. The Clerk confirmed Mr Archer had sent information through regarding the project.

66.08 Summer Party in the Park concert 2024

Cllr Makinson stated that that meeting of the working party was due to take place after the finance meeting. The Clerk confirmed he had made a first draft of the North East Ward Alliance grant bid for the event.

It was proposed that Shafton Parish Council should apply for £1000 from the North East Ward Alliance fund and match fund the bid with £554 together with volunteer time to make up the match part of the project.

Agreed

66.09 Spring Bulbs

A proposal was made to purchase £50 of spring bulbs and for the Clerk to organise a volunteer morning to plant the bulbs.

Agreed

66.10 Outdoor cinema event Shafton Parish Recreation Ground

The Chair stated the event had been a great success with 480 people attending over the two film shows. The Chair thanked the Clerk David Gill and Darryl Hand Barnsley Council Community Development Officer for their hard work on the day.

66.11 Picnic tables Plumpton Park and Millside

The Clerk said he had obtained a quote of £2,175.00 + VAT to supply and install one picnic table on to a concrete bed. The clerk advised the next step should be to contact Barnsley MBC Parks Services and asked if they would be agreeable to erecting the picnic table on their land this to be followed by consultations with local people to seek their views.

66.12 Regimental Commemorative bench

The Clerk confirmed he had written to Sun Healthcare asking if they would give permission to erect the bench on their land adjacent the public footpath outside 118 High St Shafton or give the land to the parish Council and he was awaiting response.

66.13 Pinfold War memorial for fallen soldiers.

Cllr J Johnson confirmed that the project was ongoing, and he had been in discussions with the war graves commission and Cllr Joe Hayward regarding the scheme.

67. Planning decisions

None

68. Correspondence.

68.01 South Yorkshire Pensions Authority

An email has been received from South Yorkshire Pensions Authority regarding Cessation of Shafton Parish Council from the LGPS, the email detailed that:

The actuary has certified a deficit at the termination position of £2,000. and

In accordance with statutory requirements and the Fund's Termination Funding Policy the deficit must be paid, once the payment has been paid there will be no further liability to the fund.

The Clerk stated he had quired this with SYPA as Shafton Parish Council have been paying a regular fee to SYPA. The South Yorkshire Pensions Authority team leader reponed by saying the matter is being investigated and they will be in touch again shortly.

69.0 Any other business

69.01 Residential Overgrown hedges

Cllr Ellis reported serval residential overgrown hedges affecting public paths, Clerk to report to Barnsley MBC

69.02 Allotments

It was reported that an Allotment holder had been seen on CCTV dumping material on a vacant plot. The Chair requested that the clerk send a warning letter to the said Allotment holder.

69.03 Tuckers

A member of the public had reported that Tuckers lorries had been seen coming up Hawthorne St but according to previous agreements they should be using Redthorne Way.

Clerk to write to Tuckers.

69.03 Road gullies

Cllr Steve Ellis reported that with the recent heavy rain a number of road gullies were blocked. The Chair agreed to make an inventory and report the problems to Barnsley MBC.

70 . Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 9 October 6pm Shafton Community Centre.

Meeting closed 7:02 pm