

Shafton Parish Council
Finance and General Purposes Committee.



Shafton Community Centre.

Monday 13 November 6pm

Minutes

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

Cllr R Booker chaired the meeting.

84. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

85. Apologies for absences.

Apologies for absences was received from Cllr Ken Wicks

86. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest.

None

87. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held at the Community Centre at 6pm on Monday 9 October 2023 were read.

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

79.03 Shafton Parish Council Recreation Ground Fencing

The Clerk reported that the Recreation Ground Fencing had been completed.

79.07 Walk to school route foot path repairs.

The Clerk informed the meeting that that the footpath repairs had been completed.

79.10 Spring Bulbs

A volunteer morning took place on Saturday 11 November, bulbs were planted around the recreation ground and the Pinfold.

81.01 School crossing patrol

The Chair stated that she was trying to obtain a copy of the job advert so the parish could advertise the post more locally.

82.03 Volunteer Letter of thanks

It was agreed that Cllr James Johnson should purchase a £20 gift card and present it to the volunteer who had swept up broken glass form two bus shelter.

82.02 Allotments pot holes

Cllr Booker to consult with the allotment holders re purchasing hardcore to fill in the pot holes.

81.02 Community Centre showers not working.

Cllr Makinson to seek costs to repair the showers.

89. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Agreed

90. Accounts for payment.

Reimbursement to Cllr Makinson Daffodil bulbs	£9.99
Agreed	

Cudworth Fencing

Supply and fit 2.4m fencing	£3600
Extra over quote supply and fit palisade fencing 2 Chicanes	£1050
Total net	£4650
Invoice total	£5580

Agreed

Barnsley MBC Return of North East Ward Alliance grant	£734
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Agreed

Invoice from Jack Ambrose fencing

Deferred

91. Monthly statement of accounts.

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

- October Bank Statement
- October Financial Summary
- October Bank Account Reconciled Statement
- October 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 31/10/23 was £54393.70
- The total expenditure for the period 01/04/23 to 31/10/23 was £34521.20.
- Giving a closing balance of:
 - Instant access 464.47
 - Direct Plus account of £71667.2
 - **Total £72131.67**

Agreed

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

92.01 Pride of Place grants programme

The Chair gave an overview of the Barnsley BMC Pride of Place grants programme which will be focused on communities across the borough and will be open for all voluntary and community sector organisations to apply. It was reported that closing date for application is very short 17 November.

The Chair proposed that Shafton Parish Council apply for fund to renovate the girls' toilets.

Agreed

A proposal was made to apply for £7000.

Agreed

Clerk to complete application and submit it to Barnsley BMC

92.02 Code of Conduct

A discussion took place following an email from a member of the public regarding feedback from the public meeting on Monday 30th October 2023

Members were reminded of the Code of Conduct

92.03. Shafton Parish Council Action Plan up dates

92.04 Community Centre Hallway flooring

Awaiting a second quote

92.05 Allotment CCTV installation

Ongoing.

92.06 Fire audit Community Centre/ Risk Assessments

Ongoing

92.07 Summer Party in the Park concert 2024

Cllr Makinson stated that the event will take place on Sunday 30 June and a working party meeting will be arranged in the new year.

92.08 Picnic tables Plumpton Park and Millside

It was agreed to defer this project until 2024/25

92.09 Regimental Commemorative bench

It was agreed to defer this project until 2024/25

92.10 Pinfold War memorial for fallen soldiers.

Ongoing

93. Community Centre Gas energy

Shafton Parish Council signed up with Smartest energy for the Community Centres gas energy on 04/10/22 with a start date of 03/09/23 this was the best deal at the time on advice from UCR.

The Clerk reported he had recently tried to sign up with British Gas, which was potentially a better deal, but this was unsuccessful as the contract had already gone through with Smartest energy.

94. South Yorkshire Pensions Authority-Cessation of Shafton Parish Council from the LGPS

The Clerk report he had received correspondence from SYPA stating that:

SYPA have been liaising with the fund's actuary regarding the cessation debit and the recharge amount that is being issued to you monthly.

The actuary has re assessed the cessation debit and the actual amount is £4,000 not £2000 as first mentioned, however since the cessation the recharge amount should have stopped. They have therefore informed their finance team to cease the recovery of the £111.08 per month from Shafton Parish Council.

SYPA continue by saying that a refund is due to you in respect of the amounts paid in excess of the cessation debit. They will arrange for this refund to be paid as soon as they receive notification of the final fees from the actuary for them to carry out the cessation assessment, this will be deducted from the refund due to Shafton Parish Council.

95 Section 106 Development off the High Street

The Clerk stated he had made enquiries to Barnsley MBC Section 106 Programme Manager regarding the Development off the High Street and whether there was any 106 agreement in place.

The Programme Manager reported that there was :

Off – Site greenspace contribution – £62,954.17 (index linked) - £31,477.80 due prior to commencement of the development and £31,477.80 due prior to the occupation of the 20th dwelling. The contribution is for the provision of publicly accessible formal recreation open space on the land and/or for the provision of, or improvements to, public open space within 10km of the boundary of the land.

The Clerk recommended that Shafton Parish council should send any ideas for greenspace contribution projects through to the Programme Manager

96. Lap top cover plan

The Clerk reported that the Shafton Parish Council Lap top repair cover plan costing £8 per month had ended, however there was an option to renew it.

It was agreed not to renew the Lap top repair cover plan.

97. Planning decisions

None

98.. Correspondence.

None

99 .0 Any other business

99.01 Community Centre Access Road Lighting

A member of the public reported at the public meeting that the approach to the Community Centre was very dark at night.

Cllr P Makinson stated that he could switch on the Shafton Working Men's clubs side lights if the Parish Council could contribute towards the cost. Cllr P Makinson to check costs and report back to the Finance committee.

Agreed

99.02 Great Hought Wind Turbines Grants

Cllr P Makinson reported that it had previously been agreed by Great Houghton Wind Turbines Grants committee that he should be part of the grant giving body, but he had never had an invite to a meeting.

Clerk to follow up.

99.03 Community Centre hire and rent charges.

Cllr Steve Ellis questioned the cost of hiring and renting the Community Centre

A decision on any increase to be taken at the annual review of hire charges.

99.04 Community Centre booking

Cllr Giles requested if it was possible highlight the difference in the accounts between the long-term renting of the Community Centre by play groups and one-off bookings.

Clerk to investigate.

100 . Date and time of next meeting.

Monday 11 December 6pm Shafton Community Centre.

Meeting closed 7:50 pm