

Public meeting of Shafton Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 28 October 2024 Shafton Community Centre 7pm

Present

Parish Councillors Cllr Ruth Booker (Chair), Cllr Jim Johnson, (Vice Chair) Cllr Steve Ellis, Cllr Pete Makinson, Cllr Janice Giles, Cllr D Hall, and Mr David Gill Clerk.

The meeting was Chaired by Cllr Ruth Booker.

Elected members Cllr Ashley Peace and Cllr D Coates.

Mr Tim Morton Project Delivery Manager Guinness Partnership.

164. Welcome and introductions.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

165. Apologies for absence

Cllr Jordan Gray and Cllr Barry Lee

167. Declaration of pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest. (Disclosures of Interests)

None

168. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 30 September 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 30 September 2024 , were read.

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

129 Proposed Ice Cream Van Restrictions

Awaiting a decision by Barnsley MBC cabinet

122.03 Bus Time table

Cllr D Coates reported the bus time table and routes are currently under investigation.

159.01 Sun Health care flats over ground hedges

The Clerk reported that he had written to Sun Health and a representative from Sun Health care had said they would send someone over to deal with the issue.

162.01 Parking issues

A discussion took place regarding illegal parking in Shafton especially around Chapel Street

Cllr Jim Johnson advised that this was a Police matter and should be reported to them.

The Clerk reported he had written to the police requesting the matter be investigated but as yet had heard nothing back.

Cllr R Booker to report the issue to the Partners and communities together (PACT) meeting

A member of the public stated that there could be a serious accident.

162.03 North East Ward Alliance older people's initiative

Cllr A Peace reported the North East Ward Alliance were piloting a warm packs and pension credit scheme Cllr Jim Johnson asked to be kept in the loop on the scheme.

Cllr A Peace and Cllr Pete Makinson to liaise over a possible scheme to be run in the Shafton Working Men's Club.

170.00. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

171. Business items

171.01 New Housing Development Question and Answer Session with Mr Tim Morton Project Delivery Manager Guinness Partnership

Question 1

Who is the liaison officer between the developer and Guinness Partnership ?

Answer

Mr Tim Morton Project Delivery Manager Guinness Partnership

Question 2

Has a change of use been applied for from houses for sale to fully rental ?

Answer

A deed of variation has been applied for and is due to go back to planning.

Question 3

Where will the housing rental applications come from ?

Answer

All rental applicants will come from the Berneslai homes housing list and will be charged at 80% of market rent.

Question 4

Why has Trench been dug?

Answer

A temporary trench has been dug for drainage; in the long term a land drain will be installed.

Question 5

Building Levels

Several members of the public raised concerns over building levels being raised.

A member of the public stated that he thought it was disingenuous that Building Levels had changed by 1.2 m, and it was difficult to see the changes on subsequent plans, he had seen no evidence that consultations had taken place.

Why had building levels been lifted without consultation ?

Answer

Not to side step the question but the site had been acquired from a previous developer and they had no detailed design involvement.

Question 6

Will retain walls be built to accommodate the change in levels ?

Answer

No, the land will be slopped.

Question 7

Several questions and concerns were raised about the possibility of flooding and the fact that the sub base of the site was clay.

Answer

As a rule of thumb water run calculations are done on a 100-year flood.

Mr Tim Morton to go back previous developers and engineers and check water run off calculations.

Drainage from the roads would go into the concrete tanks.

Question 8

A question was raised about the location of the boundary Fence.

Answer

Mr Tim Morton to send a boundary plan to the parish Council for distribution.
A 1.8 m timber fence will be erected along back gardens and perimeters.

Question 9

A question was raised about the location of the school boundary.

Answer

Mr Tim Morton to check location of school fence.

Question 10

What will be the distance between the new boundary fence and existing house holder's boundary fences?

Answer

No more than 500mm

Question 11

Who will maintain the unoccupied zone between boundaries?

Answer

Technically it will be the developers.

Question 12

When will the developer finish the drain on Acacia Grove?

Answer

Currently waiting for Barnsley Council to sign off the scheme.

Question 13

As there has been a change to the deed will there be any extra section 106 monies available.

Answer

There will be no more funding available as there has been no change in the overall number of houses.

Question 14

Why are there no more shared ownership houses planned ?

Answer

The sale team took the view that there would be no more shared ownership houses.

Question 15

Could the Guinness Partnership sell the site in future ?

Answer

Can't say that will never happen but the chances are almost none.

End of question-and-answer session

CLlr Ruth Booker thanked Mr Tim Morton for attending and stated it had been a good meeting.

A member of the public requested that a representative from Berneslai homes attend a future meeting.

171.02 Remembrance Day proposal to develop a small event for Shafton.

- The chair announced that a Remembrance Day event will be held on Saturday 9 November meeting at the Pinfold between 10:30am and 10:45

Remembrance Day Ceremony Order of Service

- Welcome speech Cllr Ruth Booker
- Poems In Flanders Fields read by Cllr Pete Makinson
- Ode of Remembrance FOR THE FALLEN read by Cllr Ruth Booker
- The Last Post to be provided by Cllr Jim Johnson
- The Reveille to signify the end of the silence to be provided by Cllr Jim Johnson

171.03 Shafton Christmas Three switch on event

The chair announced the date of the Shafton Christmas Three switch on event as Thursday 28 November 6 pm the event and tree being funded by the North East Ward Alliance

172.00 Planning Applications

None

173.00 Road, Footpaths and Lighting

None

174.00 Public questions, comments, or representations.

174.01 Grimethorpe Solar Farm

Ann Skelton – Question

When Enviromena first proposed the solar farm, Shafton Parish Council held a Parish meeting on January 30th, 2023.

At that meeting your minute 80.1 states that 2 officers from Enviromena gave a presentation and at the end it appears to have been stated by the officers that

"If the project went ahead a community grant of between twelve to fifteen thousand pounds would be granted to Shafton Parish Council. Enviromena would prefer a renewable energy project but in the past play areas have also been constructed."

Nearly 2 years later and with some small adaptations to the plan for the solar farm, is this Community Grant for Shafton still available if the project goes ahead and does the community know about this?

Answer

Cllr Ruth Booker reported that the Parish Council had heard nothing further from Enviromena regarding the grant.

Linda Noble – Question

The Chair of the Parish Council recently said in an e-mail to me that Shafton Parish Council are fully supportive of the solar farm proposals.

Is that the whole of the Parish Council, and can members please explain why they are giving their support to such a huge loss of the only significant green space for Cudworth and Grimethorpe residents, particularly given the solar farm will be some distance from much of Shafton?"

Answer

Cllr Ruth Booker stated that the council had no objections to the solar farm proposals rather than being in fully support of the solar farm proposals.

Linda Noble stated that they had started up a Facebook page Grimethorpe solar farm where member of the public can find out further information.

175.00 Correspondence.

175.01 Council Tax Support Scheme 2025/26

The Clerk reported that Barnsley Council are proposing to implement a new Council Tax Support Scheme from 2025/26. and are keen to seek the views residents and local stakeholders on these changes.

The consultation period will start on Monday 21st October 2024 and is running for 4 weeks, closing at midnight Sunday 17th November 2024, and the survey can be found at www.barnsley.gov.uk.

176 .00 Any other business.

176.01 Pinfold Flower Planter

Cllr R Booker thanked Ann Thompson on her volunteer work maintaining the Flower Planter.

176.02 Football spectators relieving themselves in bushes.

A member of the public reported spectators at the weekend football matches were relieving themselves in bushes. Clerk to report to the issue to the football clubs.

176.03 Boy racers Cudworth by pass.

Several members of the public reported high speed racers using the Cudworth by pass as a race track. Cllr Ashley Peace said this had been reported to the Partners and communities together (PACT)meeting and the local inspector.

176.04 Sandybridge Lane Speed limits

A member of the public queried the speed limits entering Shafton and suggested they should all be 40mph.

178 . Date and time of next meetings.

- Shafton Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting
Monday 11 November 6pm
- Shafton Parish Council Public meeting Monday 25 November 7pm

The chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting Closed 8:35