

Public meeting of Shafton Parish Council

Minutes

Monday 27 January 2025 Shafton Community Centre 7pm

Present

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

Cllr Ruth Booker Chaired the meeting.

Chloe Allot Berneslai Homes

Sarah Barnes Head of Customer Services Berneslai Homes

192. Welcome and introductions.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

193. Apologies for absence

Cllr Barry Lee.

Elected member Cllr Ashley Peace.

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

None

195. Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 25 November 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 November 2024 were read.

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

129 Proposed Ice Cream Van Restrictions: Passed by Barnsley MBC cabinet, now awaiting a decision of the Full council.

197.00. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

198.00 Berneslai Homes letting policy.

Chloe Allot and Sarah Barnes of Berneslai Homes updated the meeting on the letting policy of Berneslai Homes this was followed by discussions and questions from the meeting.

The Berneslai Homes letting policy sets out rules about how Berneslai Homes allocates council housing and nominations to social housing schemes.(social housing schemes are not for profit organisations) However, Berneslai Homes recognise that they cannot meet the needs of every applicant with the timely allocation of a council or social landlord home, and

not every applicant will be eligible for and/or qualify for inclusion on the Homeseeker Register.

Berneslai Homes have negotiated nomination agreements with Registered Social Landlords (RSLs) such as Guinness in Shafton that have accommodation for rent in the borough.

Berneslai Homes advertise properties through Berneslai Homes' website web site including council housing and social housing homes.

Berneslai Homes then nominate interested applicants who match the property and in priority order, there may be filters operated by social housing associations.

Band one are the most urgent cases they may be homeless or have medical conditions currently only 134 are on band one out of 4000 people on the waiting list. The highest proportion of applicants are families.

Rents are set by government formulas.

All sorts of checks are conducted to assess the level of risk on prospective tenants.

CLlr Ruth Booker thanked Chloe Allot and Sarah Barnes for their attendance.

Cllr Pete Makinson also thanked Berneslai homes for their attendance but noted it was Barnsley Council Planning who had let down the residence of Shafton.

199.00 Business items

199.01 Precept and Budget.

199.02 Proposal:

That the council ratifies the decision of the Shafton Parish Council Finance committee meeting of Monday 13 January 2025 minutes No's :

199.03 Minute No 290.03 That the proposed budget Appendix A for 2025/26 be approved to set a balanced budget of £62,897.

Agreed

199.04 Minute No 290.02 To raise the precept from £46068 to £50068 a budget increase of £4000 This would result in an estimated revised precept, per Band D equivalent of £48.84 an increase of £3.08 per annum or £0.26 per month £0.06 per week.

Agreed

199.05 Minutes No 290.09 The schedule of fees and charges is agreed as set out in appendix C.

Agreed

199.06 Minute No 290.10 That a decision on the hourly rated paid by the play groups be delayed until 12 months utility cost can be obtained on the running of the facility.

Agreed

200. Barnsley Town Football Club Presentation follow up discussion.

Following Robbie Gainey Barnsley Town Football Club presentation at the last meeting and request for a 30-year lease to develop a modern multi use sports facility on the Shafton Recreation Ground a brief discussion took place.

The Chair confirmed that no decision had yet been taken, and more consultations were required with residents before a decision can be made as to whether the council is in principle amenable to undertaking an asset transfer.

Proposal:

To invite Barnsley Town Football Club back to a Shafton Parish Council public meeting

Agreed

201.00 Road, Footpaths and Lighting.

201.01 Sainsbury's car park lighting

A member of the public stated that there was not enough lighting in the Sainsbury's car park.

Clerk to write to Sainsbury's and request that they up graded their lighting.

201.02 Accacia Grove

Cllr Ellis asked when the road closure notice was issued for Accacia Grove

Cllr Dorothy Coates to check.

202.00 Public questions, comments, or representations.

202.01 Social housing group Guinness

A member of the public asked if the Parish had any responses from Tim Morton from the social housing group Guinness to questions raised members at the public meeting to his presentation.

Parish to follow up.

202.02 Premier Convenience store

Representations were made by the manager of the Premier Convenience store regarding:

- The lack of notification the road works which had impacted the business.

- Lack of consideration in the workmen's language

Cllr Ruth Booker to take forward.

203.00 Correspondence.

203.01 Contacts for a Big Idea Project

The aim of the project is to get people moving more to try and address health inequalities.

The North East Area Team are requesting contact details of people who would be interested in forming a group to learn more about this project and help establish the priorities for the North East Area.

203.02 Community fund Grant Application Shafton

The Director of Community, Energise Barnsley has confirmed that they have award Shafton Parish Council a grant of £14,700 to refurbish the community centre toilets.

203.03 Drugs and alcohol support drop-in sessions

The HOPE Outreach and Engagement Worker for the North East Area, Barnsley Recovery Steps are looking for somewhere in Shafton to hold drugs and alcohol support drop-in sessions.

The Clerk stated that due to the play groups using the community centre he didn't think it would be a good idea to use this facility but asked if members could suggest another location in Shafton.

204 .00 Any other business.

204.01 Ken Wicks a former Parish Councillor

Cllr Ruth Booker notified the meeting that Ken Wicks a former parish Councillor had sadly died, and his funeral would take place on the 10 February.

204.02 The Green play area

Cllr Dave Hall stated that the step up to the new play area was too high.
Cllr Booker to check.

204.03 80th Anniversary of VE Day

A member of Shafton Event Group outlined proposals for 80th Anniversary of VE Day celebration to take place on the 8th May 2025.

204.04 Bowling Green

Members of the Shafton bowling club asked when the repairs works to the path edges would be completed. The Chair stated that works would be completed as soon as possible.

204.05 Winter wonderland

Cllr Jordan Gray proposed that his idea of a Winter wonderland event be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Agreed

204.06 Holocaust Memorial Day

A minute's silence was held to mark Holocaust Memorial Day Monday 27 January

191.00 Date and time of next meetings.

- Shafton Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee Monday 10 February 6pm
- Public meeting of Shafton Parish Council Monday 24 February 2025 7pm

The chair thanked everyone for their attendance.

Meeting Closed 8:33