

**Public meeting of Shafton Parish Council**

**Minutes**

**Monday 31 March 2025 Shafton Community Centre 7pm**

**Present**

Parish Councillors Cllr Ruth Booker ( Chair), Cllr Jim Johnson, (Vice Chair), Cllr D Hall, Cllr Linda Knight, Cllr Barry Lee. and Mr David Gill Clerk.

Elected members Cllr Ashley

Cllr Ruth Booker Chaired the meeting.

**218.00 Welcome and introductions.**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**219.00 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Jordan Gray, Cllr Steve Ellis and elected member Cllr Dorothy Coates.

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

**None**

**221.00 Minutes of the previous meeting, held on Monday 24 February 2025**

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24 February 2025 were read.

**222.00 Matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.**

**200. Barnsley Town Football Club Presentation follow up discussion.**

Awaiting response from CIWO before presentation

**201.01 Sainsbury's car park lighting**

The Clerk reported that Sainsbury's have stated that the car park does not belong to them but to the landlord above the shop.

Cllr Booker to enquire about ownership of the car park.

**204.04 Bowling Green footpath repairs**

The Clerk reported that repair works were all completed and thanked Cllr Steve Ellis and Cllr D Hall for their volunteer work in repairing the paths. Volunteers from the Bowling Club had also been carrying out improvement works.

Cllr Hall stated the Bowling green was now looking very nice.

### **223.00. Ratification of the minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

### **224.00 Business items**

#### **224.01 Recreation Goal posts**

A discussion took place regarding the Goal posts adjacent to Beech Grove a resident reported that anti social behaviour had been taking place around the goal posts for many years.

Cllr Ashly Peace and Cllr Ruth Booker to take the issue up with the Neighbourhood Policing Unit

Cllr Ruth Booker on behalf of the Parish Council apologised for not acting previously.

It was proposed that the resident concerned be given a key to the Parish Council compound to allow the residents at their own risk to take down the posts and store them in the compound after each match.

Clerk to draft a letter to the resident concerned outlining that the goal posts are taken down at their own risk.

#### **Agreed**

Cllr Linda Knight to act as liaison between the parish council and the resident concerned.

#### **Agreed**

#### **224.02 Community Centre Toilets**

**224.03** It is proposed that members of the Public are excluded from this item as tenders should be discussed in confidence due to their sensitive information.

#### **Agreed**

#### **224.04 Community Centre Toilets quotes**

#### **224.05 Background**

Bethan Wyntonn Director Gen Community, Energise Barnsley confirmed that Shafton Parish Council will be awarded a grant of £14,700 for the toilets and they will be distributing the funds after their board meeting at the end of March.

#### **224.06 Refurbishment of the girls' and boys' toilets quotes**

Members carefully compared each quote excluding some extra items on one quote ensuring the comparisons were like for like and the best value contractor was appointed.

**224.07 It was Proposed to:**

**224.07a Appoint Clearflow Plumbing and heating carry out the refurbishment of the girls' and boys' toilets in the Shafton Community Centre all as per their quote of £21,000 ( including VAT) dated 04/03/2025**

Sub total        £17,500  
Plus, VAT 20%   £3,500  
Total cost        £21,000

**Agreed**

**224.07b To fund the following extra items from within Clearflow quote of £21,000 from the Shafton Parish Council 9-month General Reserve fund**

CT flooring Altro flooring in the corridor	
Plasterer to skim the new areas that are Plaster boarded.	
Supply and fit new plasterboards for ceiling and to block window off. and pack out.	
Joiner to supply and fit 4 fire doors/Linings/Latch packs and architrave.	
<b>Total extra items</b>	<b>3330</b>

**Agreed**

All other items to be funded from the Energise Barnsley grant.

**224.07c To close the Shafton Community for health and safety reason while the works take place during the summer holidays**

**Agreed**

**225.00 Road, Footpaths and Lighting.**

**225.01 Acacia Grove**

213.01 Cllr Hall reported that Acacia Grove had been tarmacked.

**225.02 Plumpton Park**

Cllr Barry Lee reported that the footpath in Plumpton Park was sinking- Cllr Booker to investigate.

**226 .00 Public questions, comments, or representations.**

None

## **227.00 Correspondence.**

### **227.01 Shafton Darby and Joan Club**

A grant application for £150 has been received from Shafton Darby and Joan Club the funds would be used towards a pie and pea meal at the WMC club, and a trip to 'Wentworth Graden Centre'.

It was Proposed to award £150 to the Shafton Darby and Joan Club

**Agreed**

### **227.02 Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors**

Correspondence has been received from Peter Clark Head of Elections, Governance and Registration requesting that every parish or town council in the area adopt Barnsley MBC updated coded of conduct.

Clerk to add Code of Conduct for Parish Councillors as an agenda item at the next public meeting.

**Agreed**

### **227.03 Shafton Parish Council – 2024/25 AGAR external auditor instructions**

Instructions have been received from PKF Littlejohn LLP the government appointed external auditor to enable Parish councils to comply with the relevant statute and Regulations regarding accounts and audit.

Clerk to action

## **228 .00 Any other business.**

### **228.01 Pinfold Planter**

It was reported that the Pinfold Planter was looking well and the Chair thanked Ann Thompson for her volunteer work.

### **228.02 Accounts for payment.**

South Yorkshire Tarmac Ltd £1200

**Agreed**

## **229.00 Date and time of next meetings.**

- Shafton Parish Council Finance and General Purposes Committee Monday 14 April 6pm
- Public meeting of Shafton Parish Council Monday 28 April 2025 7pm

Meeting Closed 8:20