

SHENLEY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 10 APRIL 2012, AT 7.30PM IN
THE VILLAGE HALL, 108 LONDON ROAD, SHENLEY

PRESENT: Councillors Guy Beaton, Ross Brice (Chairman), Annette Edel,
*Stewart Hunter, Steve Piacenti, Anthony Spencer, William Susman,

In attendance: *County Councillor John Usher.
 Amanda Leboff, Clerk to the Council
 Alex Black, co-opted member of the Council

* Denotes attended for only part of the meeting

230. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were submitted from Councillors Rosemary Gilligan and Denise O'Connor and Borough Councillor Peter Wayne, and accepted by the Council.

As this was Councillor Stewart Hunter's last meeting before he stood down from the Council, Councillor Hunter thanked the Parish Council for his time serving as a parish Councillor. He said he had enjoyed his years on the Council and wished his fellow parish Councillors all the best.

231. Declarations of Interests

PERSONAL - Councillor Brice declared a personal interest in the item concerning Shenley Park Trust.

PREJUDICIAL -none.

232. Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Meeting held on 13 March 2012

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Parish meeting, held on 13 March 2012 be confirmed as a correct record, and signed by Cllr Brice and adopted by the Council.

233. Review of Action Plan from above meeting

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact PC Gareth Clifford again and ask for the details of his shift pattern.

It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Patrick McKeown at highways to find out what is happening with the highways contract.

234. Questions by residents of Shenley Parish

SHENLEY UNITED JEWISH COMMUNITY

The Chairman introduced Mr Anthony Harris, Chairman of the Shenley United Jewish Community (SUJC). Mr Harris gave the Parish Council a brief history of the Jewish Community in Shenley, stating that there were over 170 family members, the majority of whom live in Shenley. Historically SUJC have never really tried to work with the local community and Mr Harris would like to amend this, in order to benefit all. Mr Harris informed the meeting that SUJC hold annual elections.

Following several suggestions of where SUJC could assist with local events, Mr Harris said he would speak to the board to see if they could run a kosher food stall at the Shenley fete.

Both Councillor Brice and Mr Harris confirmed the intention to hold a Chanukah party at the Cage in December.

The Chairman thanked Mr Harris for attending.

235. Reports of Committee, Members and Clerk

(a) Pursley Football Field/ Pavilion/ Borehamwood 2000 FC

The Clerk informed the meeting that the Rabbit fence has been ordered and will be erected shortly. Councillor Hunter said that the bushes will need cutting back before this can be done, and very kindly offered to do this for the Parish Council.

(b) Harris Lane Playing Fields/ Shenley Dynamo FC

Councillor Hunter informed the meeting that 3 trees in Harris Lane between Mead Road and the flats needed removing as they were dead. It was;

RESOLVED that the Clerk would contact Gristwood and Toms to discuss the possible removing of the trees.

(c) Allotment Committee

Councillor Hunter suggested that if any further drainage was to be done at the allotments then it should only be done to complete the outside track of drainage and not further into the centre of the allotments. It was;

RESOLVED that the Clerk would pass this information on to the Allotment Committee.

(d) The turning off of street lights between midnight and 6am - update with regards to County Council

County Councillor Usher informed the meeting that County Council are staying firm with the switching off of the lights for the year (we are already 6 months in).

(e) Salt Bins – Update on refilling salt bins

The meeting **NOTED** the response from Highways on the salt bins, but felt that the issue was that certain bins had not been filled at all in the past year. It was;

RESOLVED that the Clerk would confirm with Highways that certain bins had not been filled in the last year, and particularly that the salt bin in Anderson Road had not been filled for the last 2 years, the Clerk will also request for a site map of all of the salt bins in Shenley.

(f) Anti-Social behaviour – complaint from resident in Fielders Way. Report from PC Clifford

Councillor Spencer handed out a response from Patrick McKeown following their meeting at Fielders Way. Councillor Spencer also informed the meeting that he has a meeting with the new Police Officer. Councillor Spencer **AGREED** to present the Council with a proposal as soon as possible.

(g) The Link

Councillor Beaton informed the meeting that the next issue of The Link will be in June. Information for the June edition is needed by 18th May. Articles for the next edition will be written on Shenley Dynamos, The Pond, Box Cleve, Fielders Way, The Hub, The Octagon Development, The SCAG outing to Brighton, the Safety Partnership meeting dates, Young Farmers, an introduction to Councillor Alex Black and an article from retiring Councillor Stewart Hunter. Councillors Beaton and Spencer will contact the relevant people to ask them for their articles.

The new free Radlett monthly glossy magazine has started to be delivered, and the editor is waiting for articles from the Shenley Parish Council. It was;

RESOLVED that Councillors Beaton and Spencer would send 2 articles.

(h) Police/Shenley Community Safety Partnership

Nothing to report.

(i) Radlett lane Waste Update

There had been no update. It was;

RESOLVED that the Clerk will write a stern letter, to be signed by the Chairman highlighting that this matter has been on the agenda for over a year and has still not been resolved, and that we have continued to have complaints from residents concerning this matter.

(j) Dog Bins requested near Shenleybury

The meeting **NOTED** the letter from Miss Blake who had requested the dog bins. Following a proposer and a seconder, following a proposer and a seconder it was;

RESOLVED that the Clerk order 2 dog bins, one for each end of the footpath as they will need to be accessible in order to be emptied. Once the bins are in place, it was **RESOLVED** the Clerk will contact John O'Conner and request the adding of the extra bins on to their action list in Shenley. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will write to Miss Blake and inform her of the plans.

The meeting then went on to discuss the dog mess in Harris Lane playing field. At a previous meeting the Councillors had agreed to patrol the playing field on a Sunday to see if they could spot any dog fouling that is not being cleared. It was;

RESLOVED that a Sunday be chosen where between 10am and 4pm Councillors will patrol the playing field.

(k) Update from the Shenley Pond Working Party

Councillor Spencer informed the meeting that the hedging at the Pond has started to be planted with the general landscaping and the benches still to go in. The Boardwalk is proving very popular, however the need for a maintenance agreement was once again highlighted (please note point 238 (ii)). The issue of the stability of the boardwalk was also raised and AGA are coming back to strengthen it. Councillor Brice requested that Councillor Piacenti speak to the local builder who had concerns, in order to ensure that the correct course of action is taken, such as putting poles into the water to strengthen it.

The Clerk informed the meeting that entries for the sign had been received from Shenley Primary School. It was

RESOLVED that Councillor Edel will chase Clore Shalom School for their entries and Councillor Beaton will ask the local artist to judge the entrants. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Beaton will speak to Barkers Estate Agents with regards to the weather vane for the duck house.

It was **NOTED** that the door to the Cage needs treating. It was;

RESOLVED that the Clerk will find out what treatment can be used on the door to the Cage. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Brice would confirm the cost of the benches with Councillors Susman and Gilligan. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will speak to AGA to find out if we need a life ring for the pond, and to speak to Came and Co about the insurance for the duck house and the planting as well as the benches.

(l) Shenley Community Activity Group

The meeting **NOTED** that the SCAG summer trip would go to Brighton on Wednesday 13th June 2012.

(m) Shenley Park Trust

Nothing to report

(n) STRIFE – complaint from resident concerning proposed rail freight terminal by Napsbury Park

Nothing to report.

(o) HAPTC Nominations for the Executive Committee and HAPTC training events

The Councillors discussed who would like to stand for the HAPTC executive Committee. It was;

AGREED that Councillor Susman would nominate himself. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk will assist Councillor Susman with the nomination. It was **RESOLVED** that Councillors Piacenti and Black would attend the new Councillor training on Thursday 31st May.

The Councillors were given a copy of a quiz that Councillor Spencer had done on THE GOOD COUNCILLOR GUIDE. The meeting then went through the answers. Councillor Brice thanked Councillor Spencer for pulling together the quiz.

(p) Parish Council Office

The meeting discussed the recent VAT claim the Council had received and following a proposer and a seconder it was;

RESOLVED that the VAT claim should be done quarterly.

The meeting discussed the need to remove Councillor Hunter as a signatory for the bank accounts as he will no longer be a Parish Councillor. Following a proposer and a seconder it was;

RESOLVED that Councillor Hunter's name be removed as a signatory from the bank accounts and Councillor Beaton and Piacenti be added as signatories.

(q) Benches in the Village

The meeting discussed the benches in the Village and who is responsible for maintaining them. Following a proposer and a seconder, it was;

RESOLVED that the Shenley Parish Council will maintain the benches. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will check if the Parish Council are able to hose down the benches in order to clean them, as there is a hose pipe ban. The Clerk will also look into seeing how much it would cost for a company to clean the benches, and to find out who cleans the Borough Council's benches.

236. Correspondence

(i) Receipt of the following correspondence was reported and noted:

CAME AND COMPANY	PARISH MATTERS NEWS LETTER
STEWART AND NANCY HUNTER	LETTER OF THANKS FOR THE FLOWERS FOR NANCY AND FOR STEWART BEING PRESENTED WITH HONORARY FREEMAN OF SHENLEY

237. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were before the meeting. The meeting, **AGREED** that

(1) subject to Hertsmere Borough Council taking into consideration any comments of neighbouring owners/occupiers, the Parish Council raises no objection to the following proposals:

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
TP/12/0192	4 NEWCOME PATH, SHENLEY, RADLETT, WD7 9EL	ERECTION OF SINGLE STOREY OUTBUILDING.
TP/12/0227	4 BLACK LION HILL, SHENLEY, RADLETT, WD7 9DE	ALTERATION TO EXISTING ACCESS/EGRESS TO THE REAR BOUNDARY FROM TAGALIE PLACE.
TP/12/0316	14 HILLCREST ROAD, SHENLEY, WD7 9DD	SINGLE STOREY REAR CONSERVATORY INCORPORATING A UTILITY AREA AND ADAPTATION OF EXISTING BRICK SHED TO WC AND STORE.
TP/12/0541	3 HERTFORD HOUSE, HUGO GRYN WAY, SHENLEY, WD7 9AB	INSTALLATION OF 31 X SOLAR PANELS ON SOUTH SIDE ROOF OF PROPERTY (RETROSPECTIVE

		APPLICATION).
*TP/12/0469	SHENLEY GARAGE, 38 LONDON ROAD, SHENLEY, RADLETT, WD7 9EN	DEMOLITION OF 2 NO.TIMBER WORKSHOPS AND ERECTION OF 1 NO.METAL CLAD WORKSHOP WITH 3 NO.ENTRANCE ROLLER SHUTTERS (REVISED APPLICATION)

*Denotes that at this point, the Council moved to discuss planning applications which had been brought to its attention at the meeting. They were proposed and seconded.

(2) Hertsmere Borough Council be informed that the Parish Council positively supports this development; however it has issues with the lack of parking, as it is felt that Porters Park Drive is not a suitable option for parking.

APPLICATION NO.	ADDRESS	PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT
TP/12/0159	THE GATEWAYS, RADLETT LANE, SHENLEY	CHANGE OF USE FROM NURSES ACCOMMODATION (C2) TO RESIDENTIAL (C3) TO CREATE A PAIR OF SEMIDETACHED, 3 BEDROOM HOUSES. (AMENDED APPLICATION)

(i) Other planning matters were noted, and
(ii) The Council instructs the Clerk to advise Hertsmere Borough Council accordingly.

238. Financial matters

(I) Accounts for payment – March 2012

The following accounts for March 2012 were received:

PAYABLE TO	REASON	Total Amount
Taylor's Tools Ltd	DIRTY WATER PUMP FOR POND	427.20
AGA Bioengineering Systems Ltd	WORK ON POND	30732.00
J.S O'Connell	EXCAVATE AND LAY GRANITE AND EXTRA WORK ON POND	5368.20
Village Joinery	BUILDING OF DUCK HOUSE FOR POND	500.00
Petty Cash	PETTY CASH IN OFFICE	75.00
Alice Walker	REIMBURSE COST OF FOOD AT ANNUAL MEETING	29.15

Shenley Primary School	1/2 COST OF SWIMMING COACH	1524.60
Clore Shalom Primary School	1/2 COST OF SWIMMING COACH	975.00
1st Shenley Scout Group	DONATION/CONTRIBUTION	400.00
Shenley and District horticultural Society	DONATION/CONTRIBUTION	200.00
E.ON	ELECTRICITY FOR HARRIS LANE	113.03
Imagery	6 POSTERS AND 250 TICKETS FOR QUEENS JUBILEE EVENT	62.40
John O'Connor	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	78.00
HAPTC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	894.37
Matthew Arnold and Baldwin LLP	COST OF LEGAL FEES FOR FIRECREST IN GIVING LAND TO PARISH COUNCIL	600.00
Veolia	ALLOTMENTS REBILLED ACCOUNT	63.20
MG Signs (Lloyds TSB Commercial Finance)	DANGER DEEP WATER SIGN FOR POND	257.39
Supplies Team	PRINTER INK	146.16
BT	OFFICE PHONE AND BROADBAND	49.83
BJK Insurance	SHENLEY COMMUNITY ACTIVITY GROUP INSURANCE	396.37
F.Gough	CLEANING OF TOILET AND OFFICE	32.00
R.J.Gough	MAINTENANCE	436.00
Mrs A Leboff	SALARY	786.24
Mrs A Leboff	INCOME TAX / NATIONAL INSURANCE	327.37
HM Revenue and Customs	EXPENSES	154.87
Southern Electric	PURSLEY FIELD PAVILION	62.83
SLCC	ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION	140.00
	TOTAL	44831.21

Following a proposal and seconder, it was:-

RESOLVED that the March 2012 accounts totalling £44,831.21 be approved for payment.

- (II) There were no Section 137 grant requests
- (III) Following a proposer and a seconder, it was;
RESOLVED that the AGA quote for £775 + VAT for the annual maintenance of the pond be accepted. **NOTE** point 235 (k).Clerk to **ACTION**.
- (IV) It was AGREED that Mr Gough will quote for cutting the hedges at the pond.

239. Matters for future consideration, for inclusion on future agenda

- A Clerk to forward a list of the Parish Council Committees to Councillor Black.

The meeting ended at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2012 - ACTION LIST

PROVISION	ACTION	BY	ACTION DATE
Planning Applications	Letter to Hertsmere Borough Council advising of the Council's opinions	CLERK	ACTIONED
Finance	Payments to be sent as per minutes of the meeting	CLERK	ACTIONED
PC Gareth Clifford	Request details of his work shift pattern	CLERK	MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Highways	Find out what is happening with the highways contract Confirm that certain salt bins have not been filled for over a year	CLERK	ASAP
Trees in Harris Lane playing field	3 trees that may need removing. Contact Gristwood and Toms	CLERK	MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Radlett Lane sewage	Write a stern letter complaining that this has still not been resolved	CLERK	ASAP
Dog Bins in Shenleybury	Order 2 new bins and speak to John O'Conner's in order that they should be regularly emptied. Inform Miss Blake of what will happen	CLERK	MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Dog fouling in Harris Lane	Arrange a Sunday for Councillors to patrol Harris Lane playing field for dog fouling.	CLERK	MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Shenley Pond	Chase Clore Shalom Primary school for entries to the sign competition. Ask local artist to judge the competition Treatment for the cage door to be checked Confirm cost of benches and inform Cllr's Susman and Gilligan Find out if we need a life ring and confirm if extra insurance is required	CLLR EDEL CLLR BEATON CLERK CLLR BRICE CLERK	ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP ASAP
HAPTC	Councillor Susman to submit his nomination for the Executive Committee Confirm attendance at Councillor training for Cllrs Piacenti and Black	CLLR SUSMAN CLERK	ASAP MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Maintenance of benches	Find out if they can be pressure washed and what the cost of having a company clean the benches	CLERK	MAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Pond Maintenance	Inform AGA that we would like to go ahead with the annual maintenance check	CLERK	ASAP