



Shenstone Parish Council

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APPROVED MINUTES SHENSTONE PARISH FULL COUNCIL MEETING	
From meeting held on Tuesday 11th July 2017 at 7.15pm Venue: Little Aston Village Hall	
	At the moment we have no RFO so are unable to make any financial decisions
52.1	Register of Members in attendance
	Councillors Rita Hancocks (Chairman), , Sheila Beilby, Mick Cox, Charles Fordham, Elizabeth Hassall, Gail Nicholls, Val Neale, Neil Perry, David Salter, Jean Wilson, Nick Smith, John Branch
52.2	Apologies received – Councillors David Thompson, Lynda Jones, Tim Cox
53	Declaration of Interest on Agenda Items On matters to be discussed on this agenda - Members should consider whether they should participate in any discussion or vote on the matter unless they have a dispensation Cllr RH insurance for library volunteers item 64.
54	To accept the Minutes of the last Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th June 2017. The minutes of the meeting were proposed. Amendments needed to items 35 & 37,
55	Matters arising from Minutes Cllr VN disappointed at the manner of Sue Nelson's leaving. DS –individuals gave gifts to Sue. A £100 M&S voucher was purchased by RH from her Honorarium.
56	Public Participation. No members of the public present.
57	To receive Reports from District and County Councillors Cllr David Salter LDC spoke on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Task Force initiative to combat environmental crime i.e. dog fouling. Cllr Liz Hassall LDC spoke on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The charges for garden waste to be implemented 1/18. Cllr David Smith SCC spoke on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Refusal of planning for gypsy site at Stonnall - Acceptance of planning application for JPE quarry at Shire Oak. Cllr DS- to set up a village liaison group. LH asked the liaison committee to look into the conditions of the back filling. DSS replied it will be six years for the area that affects Stonnall to be finished. - Shire Oak traffic lights improvement scheme going ahead in August with sequenced lights. - Crossing patrol to be stationed at St Peter's School, Stonnall. - Additional road markings outside St Peter's School, possibly at the bus stop. - DSS looking into using some of his funding for dropped kerbs at the shops in the three villages. Liaising with Mary Lee at SCC. - Unadopted land in Stonnall and a tree problem in St Peter's Close- see item 65 for funding offer. - Crossing at Blake St Junction and problems with Network Rail. - JW brought up traffic problems in Forge Lane, Little Aston. DSS offered to meet and observe the problem. - Also problems at Little Aston shops with the traffic light sequencing for pedestrians. SPC paid for a survey which DSS will re-send. - DS thanked DSS for supplying SIP speed indicator only to be informed they are being discontinued. - DSS to fund a mobile sign out of his budget, maybe SPC will also fund one? - JB queried the confusing signage on Birmingham Rd Shenstone 30-50mph.
58	Cemetery maintenance contract update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SB: we need to agree a new contract by 1st Oct otherwise it won't be sorted until the New Year. - NS: felt a four year contract is too long. - DS: fundamental problem with funding as a large proportion of our budget is spent on this. - CF: spoke about the volunteers who look after Little Aston Recreation Ground. - LH: Spoke to John Smith at LDC about the group of volunteers maintaining Burntwood Cemetery. - Agreed to resurrect the Lawn Cemetery Group and appeal for volunteers using posters and flyers. - JW: when the churchyard is closed we can hand it over to LDC.
59	Eastridge Croft Cemetery update

	MC: a letter has been sent via SPC's solicitors to the residents of the properties backing on to the church yard with the District Valuers Report containing values which range from 2-12K. We should have responses in the next six weeks in time for the Sept Full Council meeting.
60	<p>To update Councillors on the number of Clerk applications received to date:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7 applicants to date - Closing date 16th July - Employment meeting 18th July. Viv to attend the selection process but not the interviews. - GN to chase up applicants who have not returned the application form
61	<p>To update Councillors on office cover and Grant Thornton end of year submission.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viv covering for two half days per week - RH in the office every day - DS checking SPC emails at home - SB doing the finance - SB queried SN holiday pay. NS to advise - Late completion of Grant Thornton documents- SB will advise when these have been sent. - Issues over the SPC asset register - Inspire to sign off next week when senior auditor available.
62	<p>Planning applications received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LH reported that an enforcement notice had been served on Stonnall gypsy site. LDC are awaiting developments. - DFS reported on Wall recycling site. DT has written a letter on behalf of SPC objection to the application. - DT also represented SPC in his role as chair of NPP Committee at a planning meeting dealing with the quarry at Stonnall. - Our thanks to David for all his hard work.
63	<p>Finance – current finance position. Reported by Cllr SB. £40,000 of the current balance is ring fenced for the cemetery fund.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CO-OP 6100- £59,114.63 - CO-OP 7453- £93,627.21 - Nat West 2115 £25,583.56 - Nat West 1167 £75,004.42 - TOTAL £253,329.82 - TOTAL available balance £213,329.82
63.1	<p>Accounts for Payment MoveCorp have paid for their island adverts</p>
64	<p>Application for public liability insurance for library volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RH asked SPC to grant fund £571 for insurance as a "one off" for this year - CF, in his professional capacity, offered to look at the policy - DS: we fund insurance for all SPC grounds and buildings, however, the library is run by volunteers and is nothing to do with SPC. - RH will fill out the form and bring along to the next finance meeting
65	<p>Application to fund tree maintenance in Thornescroft, Stonnall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - LH: problems with a large tree on un-adopted land causing loss of light in property on adjacent road. - DSS offered the sum of £200 from his SCC funding to any work and re-planting carried out - LH: to forward e-mail of survey done by Gareth Hare, LDC. - Apply for grant funding at Finance meeting next week
66	<p>Finance meeting 5.00pm 25th July 2017 Parish Council Office</p> <p>Full Council Meeting Tuesday 12th September at 7.15pm – Stonnall Youth & Community Centre.</p>

Rita Charles

Signed (Parish Council Chairman)

Date: Tuesday 11th July 2017