



# Shenstone Parish Council

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Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 AM/SN

<b>SHENSTONE PARISH FULL COUNCIL MEETING APPROVED MINUTES</b>	
<b>TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.15pm, Venue: Stonnall Youth and Community Centre, Main Street, Stonnall</b>	
<b>197</b>	<b>Register of Members in attendance</b>
	Councillors Rita Hancocks (Chairman), Lynda Jones (Vice-Chairman), Sheila Beilby (Finance Chairman), John Branch, Mick Cox, Charles Fordham, Elizabeth Hassall, Val Neale, Gail Nicholls, Neil Perry, David Salter, David Thompson, Ann-Marie Mitchell (Minute Clerk), Sue Nelson (Parish Clerk). Mr John Street – Stonnall Resident (Public Participant)
<b>198</b>	<b>Apologies Received</b> - Councillors Tim Cox, Jean Wilson / Currently one Parish Councillor Vacancy
<b>199</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items</b> – Councillor Sheila Beilby declared an interest in Grant Funding
<b>200</b>	<b>Up to 15 minutes Public Participation</b> – Mr John Street attended the meeting to voice the community concerns regarding the Quarry. Councillor Elizabeth Hassell, stated that the Parish Council were only a consultant but as such would be able to submit a report to the county council. <b>Action: Councillor Hassell will work with Sue Nelson to draft and send appropriate paperwork (with 7 days).</b>
<b>201</b>	<b>Approval of Minutes from Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017, Little Aston Village Hall</b> – Councillor Sheila Beilby asked that point 191 be amended to show £49.00 was for one tree survey. Councillor David Salter asked that point 194 be amended to show this process has been closed. Councillor Sheila Beilby informed the meeting that £50.00 had been paid for the work already carried out and that should the .gov email addresses be required at a later date, the work was able to access. Councillor Rita Hancocks signed the minutes as accurate following this amendment. <b>Action: Ann-Marie Mitchell to make amendments as requested</b>
<b>202</b>	<b>Matters arising from Minutes</b> – Councillor David Salter informed the meeting that he had spoken with Mr David Morris regarding him becoming a champion for Little Aston during community planning. Mr Morris is happy to offer support during this process, and asked Councillor David Thompson to follow this up with Mr Morris <b>action: Councillor Thompson to speak to Mr Morris</b>
<b>203</b>	<b>Co-option of new Councillor Little Aston and Stonnall Ward; advertising and procedure (Cllr DS)</b> – Councillor David Salter informed the meeting that provision was available to go ahead with vacancy advertising due to no applicants. Councillor Elizabeth Hassell explained that getting the information out to Stonnall residents would be difficult due to the lack of local papers being delivered in the area. It was agreed that a leaflet drop would be arranged for Stonnall, adverts would be placed in The Sutton Observer and The Mercury, adverts to place in noticeboards and the advert to be sent to the Web Manager. Councillor Elizabeth Hassell asked that a month be allowed for the process – applicants to be discussed at April full council meeting.
<b>204</b>	<b>Lawn Cemetery - Shenstone</b>
i)	Members to review reclamation of land held for cemetery provision at the lower lawn cemetery – Councillor Mick Cox asked that Sue Nelson emailed the Land Registry Map and get the land in question valued. Once this has been achieved, the issue of reclamation needs to be reviewed. If the land is reclaimed, the boundary wall would need to be built to an appropriate standard and using appropriate materials <b>action: it was agreed to get all cost &amp; income information and then review the situation again – Action MC/DT before meeting the householders affected.</b>
ii)	Update report from meeting held with Moseley's solicitors Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017 (Cllrs MC/DT) – Councillor Mick Cox informed the meeting of his meeting with Moseley's Solicitors
iii)	Renewal of cemetery maintenance contract - to approve timetable and process (Cllr DT) – Councillor David Thompson was due to meeting the current contractor (Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February) with a view to renegotiating a new contract. Councillor Rita Hancocks requested that this issue goes to the next Finance Meeting. <b>Action: Councillor Sheila Beilby and Sue Nelson to add to the agenda for the next Finance Meeting. Councillor Hassell will review the costs of maintenance of the closed cemetery and means of payment to report back to Finance &amp; next Full Council.</b>
iv)	Forward Planning - Investigation of new potential cemetery sites - Update Cllr MC /DT – Councillor Mick Cox informed meeting that areas are still being reviewed. Councillor Elizabeth Hassell suggested looking at current land document (just reissued) showing all available sites across the whole district. <b>Action DT/MC</b>
<b>205</b>	<b>Mole Infestation at Shenstone Cemetery</b> – Councillor David Thompson informed the meeting about a chance conversation he had had with a resident visiting the cemetery (moles disrupting cremation plots). With this in mind Councillor David Thompson had researched mole control methods and had found a company who use humane traps and relocate the moles away from the area. Councillor David Salter stated that ferret pellets dropped down the holes was a very effective. It was agreed that this method would be tried and if it proved unsuccessful, the mole company would be approached <b>action: ferret pellet's to be deposited in mole holes – Councillor David Salter &amp; Sue Nelson</b>

206	<b>New interment charges from April 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 - (Cllr SB)</b> – Councillor Sheila Beilby has raised the point increased charges from 1st April 2017, there had been no price change in 10 years. Councillor Rita Hancocks proposed this was accepted, Councillor Lynda Jones seconded it and the whole meeting agreed and carried the motion <b>action: interment charges will be increased from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017. Sue Nelson/Rita Hancocks will inform appropriate people of such</b>
207	<b>Update on Playground inspection reports circulated to key Members each ward</b> – all very happy “thank you” for funding
208	<b>Icy weather gritting contract review (incl. cost per treatment)</b> - Councillor Sheila Beilby to meet with current contractor to discuss current arrangements <b>action Councillor Sheila Beilby to provide details of the current gritting contract for further action.</b>
209	<b>Ice-Busters - Update (Cllrs RH/DS/DT)</b> – Councillor David Salter informed the meeting that the Ice Busters initiative had been a success, with 2shops in Little Aston and 2 shops in Shenstone holding and using the equipment. There is 1 shop in Stonnall in discussions to do the same. Councillor David Thompson informed the meeting that Mary Lee has asked that the parish keep to 5 units in the 16/17 winter period.
210	<b>Island Sponsorship - Movecorps remaining contract update report</b> – Councillor David Salter informed the meeting that a floral company are interested sponsoring local traffic island – in discussions. Councillor Elizabeth Hassell suggested that a review of formal adoption of traffic islands in the district. <b>Action - ongoing</b>
211	<b>Review of dates for Parish Council committee meeting 2017 to 2018</b> - action: Sue Nelson to forward new dates to Council
212	<b>Election recharges from 2015 (Cllrs Salter, Hassall/ information from Sarah Pearce)</b> To report costs of up to a maximum of £2303.24 may be incurred. Councillor David Salter proposed that this be paid, Councillor Elizabeth Hassell seconded the proposal and it was carried with a majority <b>action costs to be paid</b>
213	<b>Parish Council Local Government Act 1972 - guidelines</b> (report attached)
214	<b>Recommendations from the Finance and Legal Meeting</b> – none
215	<b>To approve Shenstone PC Community Grant Fund Awards 2017</b> - £9000 Total expenditure <b>action: to pay awards, with those buying to provide receipts for goods</b>
216	<b>Street lighting charges Roman Road and Court Drive</b> – action: Councillor Sheila Beilby to contact appropriate local residents groups with regards to private street lighting – by 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2017 to report back to full council meeting April 2018
217	<b>Shenstone Parish Council current financial position at 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017</b> Councillor Sheila Beilby updated the meeting - Co-op Acc 761 CR £16,301.91/ Co-op Acc 380 CR £5010.78/Co-op Acc 774 - £46,608.29/Co-op Acc 115 £14167.29CR NW Acc 167 - CR £75,001.32, NW Acc 115 - £14,167.29. Total £152,000.00 - paid £36,000 in January 2017 on playing fields
218	<b>Estimates for removal of trees alongside railway track</b> – Network Rail are topping trees. <b>Action: Sue Nelson to send a letter to Richard Partridge, voicing the thanks of the SPC for his work</b>
219	<b>Planning</b> – Councillor Elizabeth Hassell informed the meeting that Little Aston Golf Club are requesting increased signage on Blake Street due to increased concessions operating within their grounds. She also reported Carters Lane ongoing, Elm Cottage is at appeal and Derry Farm is ongoing – in the allocations documentation. Councillor David Thompson has sent Council concerns regarding the Biomass plant. <b>Action: ongoing</b>
220	<b>Correspondence received for Members review</b> – David Salter voiced concerns regarding Julia Greenhough using the parish council office address on personal correspondence <b>action: Sue Nelson to write to Ms Greenhough regarding this, and asking her to stop doing so.</b>
221	<b>Date, time and venue of the next Parish Council Meeting</b> - Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 2017, Shenstone Village Hall, off Barnes Road, Shenstone <b>END</b>

Rita Hancocks, 14/3/17.