



Shenstone Parish Council

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Wednesday 15th February 2017 AM/SN

SHENSTONE PARISH FULL COUNCIL MEETING DRAFT MINUTES	
TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2017 AT 7.15pm, Venue: Stonnall Youth and Community Centre, Main Street, Stonnall	
197	Register of Members in attendance
	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)
198	Apologies Received - Councillors Tim Cox, Jean Wilson / Currently one Parish Councillor Vacancy
199	Declarations of Interest on Agenda Items – Councillor Sheila Beilby declared an interest in Grant Funding
200	Up to 15 minutes Public Participation – 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 consultantee but as such would be able to submit a report to the county council. Action: Councillor Hassell will work with Sue Nelson to draft and send appropriate paperwork (with 7 days).
201	Approval of Minutes from Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017, Little Aston Village Hall – 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. Action: Ann-Marie Mitchell to make amendments as requested
202	Matters arising from Minutes – 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 action: Councillor Thompson to speak to Mr Morris
203	Co-option of new Councillor Little Aston and Stonnall Ward; advertising and procedure (Cllr DS) – Councillor David Salter informed the meeting that provision was available to go ahead with vacancy advertising due to know 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.
204	Lawn Cemetery - Shenstone
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 action: it was agreed to get all information and then review the situation again – MC/DT
ii)	Update report from meeting held with Moseley's solicitors Friday 3 rd 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 th February) with a view to renegotiating a new contract. Councillor Rita Hancocks requested that this issue goes to the next Finance Meeting. 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 & next Full Council.
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.
205	(added at meeting – missing from agenda) – Mole Infestation at Shenstone Cemetery – 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 action: ferret pellet's to be deposited in mole holes – Councillor David Salter & Sue Nelson

206	New interment charges from April 1st 2017 - (Cllr SB) – 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 action: interment charges will be increased from 1st April 2017. Sue Nelson/Rita Hancocks will inform appropriate people of such
207	Update on Playground inspection reports circulated to key Members each ward – All Playing Fields committees were very grateful for the funding of the reports by the Parish Council .
208	Icy weather gritting contract review (incl. cost per treatment) - Councillor Sheila Beilby to meet with current contractor to discuss current arrangements action Councillor Beilby to meet with contactor
209	Ice-Busters - Update (Cllrs RH/DS/DT) – 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 Leigh has asked that the parish keep to 5 units currently.
210	Island Sponsorship - Movecorps remaining contract update report – 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. Action - ongoing
211	Review of dates for Parish Council committee meeting 2017 to 2018 - action: Sue Nelson to forward new dates to Council
212	Election recharges from 2015 (Cllrs Salter, Hassall/ information from Sarah Pearce) 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 action costs to be paid
213	Parish Council Local Government Act 1972 - guidelines (report attached)
214	Recommendations from the Finance and Legal Meeting – none
215	To approve Shenstone PC Community Grant Fund Awards 2017 - £9000 Total expenditure action: to pay awards, with those buying to provide receipts for goods
216	Street lighting charges Roman Road and Court Drive – action: Councillor Sheila Beilby to contact appropriate local residents groups with regards to private street lighting – by 31 st March 2017 to report back to full council meeting April 20187
217	Shenstone Parish Council current financial position at 8th February 2017 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	Estimates for removal of trees alongside railway track – Network Rail are topping trees. Action: Sue Nelson to send a letter to Richard Partridge, voicing the thanks of the PCC for his work
219	Planning – 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. Action: ongoing
220	Correspondence received for Members review – David Salter voiced concerns regarding parishioner using the parish council office address on personal correspondence action: Sue Nelson to write to the parishioner regarding this and to request that they do not continue to do this: Action : SN
221	Date, time and venue of the next Parish Council Meeting - Tuesday 14 th March 2017, at 7.15pm Shenstone Village Hall, off Barnes Road, Shenstone END

Date: Tuesday 14th March 2017

Signed by Parish Council Chairman