



## SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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### APPROVED MINUTES OF FULL COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018 RICHARD COOPER ROOM at 7.15pm.

157. Register of attendance: Cllr Rita Hancocks (Chair), Cllr Mick Cox, Cllr David Salter, Cllr Charles Fordham, Cllr Gail Nicholls, Cllr Tim Cox, Cllr Nick Smith, Cllr Neil Perry, Cllr John Branch, Cllr Val Neale, Cllr David Thompson Shirley O'Mara (Parish Clerk & RFO).  
District Cllr Elizabeth Hassell

Mr Stuart Jones, Mrs Nicola Macdonald & Mrs Rosie Grantham.

158. Apologies were received from Cllr Sheila Beilby & Cllr Jean Wilson.

159. Declarations of Interest on agenda items.  
Cllrs Hancocks & Nicholls expressed an interest in item 166.

160. To accept & confirm minutes of the last Full Council meeting on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.  
Confirmed & signed.

161. Clerks report on outstanding matters from minutes Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

Item 134- sale of Lawn Cemetery Land to Eastridge Croft residents: Cllr Thompson explained that we have been approached by our solicitors with regard to a possible covenant for the erection and maintenance of a boundary fence between the garden of 21 and the existing churchyard. The existing fence is old and in disrepair. It needs replacement. The covenant should specify a treated timber, solid, good quality fence, no less than 6' in height.

Council voted unanimously to include the covenant. Cllr Mick Cox, in full agreement, also re-iterated that there was no requirement to look at replacing the existing brick wall.

Item 144. - update on Village Hall. More asbestos has been found on the wall by the play area so work has come to a standstill.

Item 148- Grit bins. The clerk has established prices & the item is to be carried forward to the next Finance meeting.

Item 152- Playdale have confirmed playground inspections will take place in March.

Item 153- Code of Conduct/Equalities training. Cllr Thompson commended the course attended in November as informative & interactive. Highly recommended to other members. Cllr Nicholls, who also attended the same course in October, fully agreed.

162. Public Participation.

The meeting was attended by Mr Stuart Jones, the approved applicant for the vacant Shenstone Councillor vacancy, Mrs Nicola Macdonald of Stonnall, an applicant for the vacant Stonnall vacancy and Mrs Rosie Grantham of Richard Cooper Road, Shenstone.

Mrs Grantham attended the meeting to raise concern about the increasing problem of over flow parking from Shenstone station particularly in respect of parking at the junction of Richard Cooper Road & New Road.

Cllr Neil Perry explained that whilst the public are entitled to park on a public road they can do so but it is the manner in which they park that is the problem & one that has been raised very recently at a Highways meeting with

County Councillor David Smith & Tim Heminsley, Community Infrastructure Manager, LDC. The outcome of this is that some form of public consultation must take place & Tim Heminsley confirmed that he will come up with a plan within the next four weeks. Residents in all affected areas will be consulted and this will include parking restrictions. Whilst ultimately a County issue, Cllr Perry stressed the importance of public involvement & encouraged Mrs Grantham & her neighbours to share any concerns with the Parish Clerk.

Mrs Grantham also raised the subject of speed through the village, particularly past the War Memorial. Cllr Perry said that a study had been done & this did not show speeds in excess of the 30mph limit but commented that the bend in the road can give the perception of speeding. A blanket village 20mph speed limit is being considered at County level but then it is a question of enforcement.

Stuart Jones, who is part of Community Speedwatch, mentioned surveys on Lynn Lane & Birmingham Rd. Mrs Grantham said that both she & her husband Colin would be interested in joining the campaign as volunteers.

Finally, Mrs Grantham wanted to mention loose grit topping following the last road surfacing. Cllr Perry has already raised this with Tim Heminsley & we await his response.

163. To receive reports from District & County Councillors.

Cllr Elizabeth Hassell : 1) The Swan Public House in Stonnall is due to close on Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> with a change to "The Keg & Grill", a well-known franchise. There has been significant discontent with some villagers who are concerned about the potential increase in traffic as well as having a third Indian restaurant in such a small village. However, after a five week period of refurbishment the business will open & will include a post office. Existing staff have been offered shifts at the sister restaurant in Birmingham whilst the re-furb takes place. Cllr Hassell wishes the new venture every success.

2) Cllr Hassell suggested the Parish Council may wish to submit an email to the Secretary of State in support of our original objection to the proposed traveller's site at Stonnall.

3) Cllr Hassell is working with Cllr Nicholls with regard to pot holes in Stonnall. She is aware of incidents of damage to cars & whilst told that something is being done, the significant question is when.

4) Cartersfield Lane speeding- Cllr Hassell is liaising with Cllr David Smith on this.

Cllr David Salter: 1) Precept: The Government has deferred the setting of referendum principles for Parish Councils for 3 Years. Conditional on the sector taking all available steps to mitigate the need for rises and there is clear evidence of restraint in the sector.

2) Fish & Chip Van:

The operator has been contact by, and is working with, LDC to ensure that he has the necessary licenses and consents to trade. Concerns from residents about the smell have been forwarded to LDC and will be taken into consideration if and when Roaming Street Trading Consent is given. It could be that he can only deliver pre-orders to customers.

3) Cartersfield Lane:

Staffordshire Safer Roads Partnership has carried out speed checks within the 30 zone and confirm a speeding problem. However, there needs to be a minimum of .4K distance between a change of speed gateway and a camera site but the 30 zone is only .2K in length. SSRP's advice is to seek to have the area added to the Community Speed-watch programme.

4) Wall Island:

Funding is still being sought for the re-lining and re-signing programme but they are hoping to have it done within the year. It is acknowledged by Highways England that the expansion of the Lichfield South commercial development, the housing development at Claypit Lane and the inevitable HS2 construction traffic will all have a serious impact, not only on the junction itself but also on the side-roads and 'avoidance routes' that are used because of the confusion and congestion that already exists at the islands.

164. Co-Option of Shenstone Parish Council Ward Councillor.

Mr Stuart Jones was unanimously co-opted to the position of Councillor for Shenstone.

(PLEASE NOTE- THOUGH AGENDA ITEM 164 THIS ITEM TOOK PLACE AFTER ITEM 160).

165. Stonnall & Little Aston Casual vacancy.

It was unanimously agreed that Mrs Nicola Macdonald be co-opted to the position of Councillor for Little Aston & Stonnall at the next full council meeting.

166. Community Grant Funding.

The twelve applications received & pre-approved at the Finance meeting in January were unanimously approved by Full Council. There was one further application from St John's which was received after the deadline. Council considered both detail & the timing & unanimously decided to support the application.

167. Finance- current position as at 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

Co-Op Account 276100: £13,564.43 Co-Op Account 77453: £63,639.18 Nat West Account 2115: £25,548.56  
Nat West Account 1167: £75,015.92 TOTAL £177,768.09 less cemetery ring fenced fund of £40,000 = **£137,768.09**  
Stonnall Neighbourhood Plan- £11,040.00  
February transactions for approval (attached).

Next meeting of F,L, H&S meeting Tuesday March 6th 6.00 Richard Cooper Room.

168. Planning applications.

- Approve planning applications received in last month (attached).
- Details of any planning applications rejected or awaiting decision by Lichfield DC. (Attached).
- St Johns hill objections 17/01055/FUL & 17/01809/FUL which have had objections submitted on the grounds that the application will not conform to three key policy requirements of the approved Shenstone Neighbourhood Plan namely **Policy H1** Dwelling Mix; **Policy H2** Residential Infill and Back land Development and **Policy H4** Provision of Private Amenity Space to Serve Residential Development .In both applications, because of Parish Council strong objections, should the officer in charge be inclined to approve permission, they would go to committee.
- There was a discussion re the possible future development of a Parkway style station at Wall. This would become extremely important given the Deanslade Park Project & the further development of the site at Wall Island.
- Next Neighbourhood Planning & Property Meeting Thursday March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5.30 Parish Council Office.

169. Shenstone Lower Lawn Cemetery internment application- Mrs. E.Parsons

Cllr Thompson- we have received an application for the internment of ashes in the Lower Lawn Cemetery from Mrs Parsons, a resident of the village. The deceased, however, despite very strong connections, was not a resident of the village at his time of passing and therefore does not fall within our existing guidelines. The Parish Council is deeply sympathetic but must remain consistent with the rules so must decline the request on these grounds. It is felt, however, that bearing in mind a number of factors, including the cemetery capacity for cremated remains, the time has come for a review of our burial authority.

Cllr Mick Cox gave two examples of where our current policy would cause conflict & suggested that the rules should be revised from the residency clause to "close association with the parish" and each case judged on its merits. Cllr Salter was in agreement but suggested "close personal living association" & Cllr Nicholls stressed the importance of some stringent guidelines being still required. All councillors were in agreement that an immediate review must take place. This review will take place by the Neighbourhood Planning & Property Committee & begin at the next meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

170. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 Stonnall Youth & Community Centre.

Signed Rita MacDonald Date 13/3/18