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APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL TUESDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2018

41. Members Present: Cllr David Thompson (Chair), Cllr Rita Hancocks, Cllr Mick Cox, Cllr David Salter, Cllr Nick Smith, Cllr Stuart Jones
Shirley O'Mara (Clerk & RFO).
42. Apologies received from Cllrs Val Neale & Neil Perry
43. Record declarations of interest.
None
44. Public Participation.
No members of the public were present.
45. Receive & confirm minutes of the last meeting on 30th January 2018
Minutes were signed and approved.
46. Shenstone Lawn Cemetery new LDC contract update.
The Clerk reported a meeting with Gary Brownridge on Feb 20th to discuss the first few weeks of the new Contract & details shared with Council in the email of 21st Feb- the summary being that everything was proceeding as expected. The next meeting is scheduled for early April with a proportional bill due before the end of this financial year.
Should the Parish Council decide to arrange the hoped for "Community Clear Up" day in the summer, Gary has offered to remove the waste bags for us as long as there are not too many.
Council agreed that the "Community Clean Up Day" would be discussed at the next meeting on March 27th.

An email from a concerned resident with regard to the new contract performance was shared with Council & will be discussed further at Full Council at the March 13th meeting.
47. Shenstone Lawn Cemetery- update on Eastridge Croft.
The Clerk has written to Moseley's to confirm that the sale of the land is five separate plots but with instructions to one Solicitor. We have also requested an estimated cost for the conveyance.
48. Planning applications including objections 17/01056/FUL & 17/01809/FUL.
The attached spreadsheet of planning applications was discussed with no objections.
Re previous planning objections, 17/01056/FUL is still awaiting decision & 17/01809 has been declined.
Planning application 17/01229 FUL was declined but has now gone to appeal: APP/K3415/D/17/3191862
49. Lower Lawn Cemetery: (i) Burial Authority Review.
As agreed at the previous Parish Council meeting, a review of our existing rules & regulations is required. Research has been undertaken by the Clerk and it was unanimously agreed at this meeting that the Clerk would draft a new set of guidelines for consideration by Council, modernising our strict residency clause with regard to internments. ACTION: Clerk to produce.
(ii) Consecrated land clarification. In order to have a clear picture of the amount of consecrated & un-consecrated land that remains at St Johns, an analysis is required. ACTION: Clerk, Cllrs David Salter & Mick Cox to complete & report.

50. Highways Meeting 8th Feb 2018- no updates to report from Cllrs David Smith or Tim Heminsley.

51. Further consideration of a new Cross City line at Wall.

Cllr Salter has suggested lobbying at all tiers to gain support for this idea. Council were unanimous in their agreement that the idea of a Wall "Parkway" station is an excellent one considering the existing & increasing problems with parking and the Deanslade / Lichfield South developments.

An invitation to meet with the new Franchise owners to discuss should be sent. ACTION: Cllr Salter to pursue.

52. A.O.B.

(i) Cllr Salter gave the background behind 'Greater Birmingham Housing Market Area - Strategic Growth Study'. He stressed that there is no proposal but that the survey was carried out to identify all suitable land. Effectively horizon scanning, the report nevertheless generated concerns re the possibility of boundary changes in the future.

(ii) Diamond Jubilee Allotments – Council agreed to present a request to the land owners for a ten year extension to the Diamond Jubilee allotments lease.

(iii) The Glebe Lighting.

Deferred to Finance meeting on March 6th.

(iv) Arts Strategy

Council agreed that we should adopt a policy confirming our funding for halls and rooms in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 Sec145

(v) English Heritage/St Johns Tower

A £225,000 grant has been approved for the stabilisation & repair of St John's Tower. With a three year timescale, it is hoped that a suitable economic use can be found for the ongoing use of the Tower in order to maintain its upkeep going forward

53. Next date, time and location of Neighbourhood Planning & Property Meeting- **Tuesday 27th March 2018**
5.30pm Parish Council Office.



27.03.18.