



## SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

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### APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING OF SHENSTONE PARISH COUNCIL TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

54. Members Present: Cllr David Thompson (Chair), Cllr Mick Cox, Cllr Neil Perry, Cllr David Salter, Cllr Nick Smith, Cllr Val Neale, Cllr Stuart Jones, Cllr Nicola Macdonald Shirley O'Mara (Clerk & RFO).
55. Apologies received from Cllr Rita Hancocks.
56. Record declarations of interest.  
Cllrs Macdonald, Cox & Neale- non pecuniary interest in item 64.
57. Public Participation.  
No members of the public were present.
58. Receive & confirm minutes of the last meeting on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018.  
Minutes were signed and approved.  
Matters arising- burial authority review (see item 62) & St Johns Old Tower.  
Cllr Salter confirmed a meeting has been pencilled in next month to move the project forward.  
Cllr Thompson requested to be kept in the loop. **ACTION:** Clerk to forward email from English Heritage- done.
59. Community Clear up Day- Shenstone.  
The Committee discussed the proposal of a "Community Clear up Day" in the Summer. It was agreed that the event should be carefully scoped, with clear objectives & Cllr Perry suggested we should start small & move up to something bigger in the future. It was also agreed to focus on St Johns cemetery & surrounding area with flyers & posters to be produced to generate interest. Cllr Jones stressed that the wording needs to be clear with realistic expectations & Cllrs Thompson & Perry agreed to take on the task of drafting something to go to Full Council. The suggestion of utilising the "Community Pay Back Team" was made by Cllr Cox but Cllr Perry stated that the original focus was on a community event to build up spirit.  
Sat 30<sup>th</sup> June was proposed as the date to take to Full Council.  
**ACTION:** Clerk to check H&S regulations & insurance cover with Cllr Fordham. Cllr Perry & Thompson to prepare flyers.
60. Shenstone Lawn Cemetery- update on Eastridge Croft.  
Progressing – no outstanding concerns.
61. 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. Planning application 18/00055 6 Aldridge Rd, Little Aston has been refused.
62. Lower Lawn Cemetery: (i) Burial Authority Review.  
The approved guidelines have now been adopted & distributed to Rev Liz Chamberlain. Mrs Estelle Parsons has asked the Clerk to pass on her gratitude to the Council for considering her request for interment.  
The guidelines will also be published in the next newsletter.  
(ii) St Johns Church Wall. Quotes are being requested to look at repairs to the Lower Lawn Cemetery boundary wall.

(iii) New Cemetery.

Cllr Cox stressed the importance of identifying new plots of land for potential development. Despite requests, no ideas have been forthcoming. He has identified a large piece of land next to St Peters Church, Stonnall & Gravelly Lane. A land registry search has identified the current owners & there appears to be many advantages- at least 3 acres of land, so large enough for a cemetery & a car park plus it would offer extended parking to St Peters Church itself, the land is high up and bounded by roads on two sides so no concern with potential leakage. Other ideas discussed were fields in Fotherley & off Court Drive but with concerns. It was agreed that any suggestion would need a thorough feasibility study, costing & guidance. Cllr Cox requested clarification of the ring fenced amount in budget for the project which is £100,000.

The Lower Lawn Cemetery has an expected five years left before reaching capacity. The unconsecrated area has capacity for ten burials & ten internments of cremated remains.

63. Highways Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018- no updates as yet from Cllrs David Smith or Tim Heminsley. Cllr Salter stated that there is an "Action Staffordshire" meeting pencilled in for April 9<sup>th</sup>.

**ACTION:** Cllr Thompson to contact Cllr Smith & Tim Heminsley to chase progress.

64. Stonnall Pre-School & Stonnall Youth & Community Centre.

Cllr Macdonald briefed the Committee as follows:

St Peters School have requested that the Pre-School Group (Little Fishes) re-locate from this Summer as the School needs the space. The Stonnall Pre-School Committee have approached Stonnall Youth & Community Centre with a request to base the Pre-School there four days per week. In order to meet Ofsted requirements, a number of alterations would be required to both the building & the outside space & clarification was requested as to whether this was allowed under the current lease.

Cllr Cox listed the list of alterations individually & though some posed no problem, others, such as the use of the outside space & the installation of children's toilets did. The outside space would be a major issue in particular as it is used as a car park by teaching staff during term time.

The Committee were very sympathetic to the situation & believe the best solution is to look at a porta cabin on site of the School. Cllr Jones expressed surprise at the lack of support from the Academy head & stressed the importance of getting backing from the Governors for any proposal.

Cllr Macdonald explained how any funding & grants would be raised going forward, is waiting to hear from Rev Liz Chamberlain about the possible use of St Johns Hall in Shenstone & was also attending a further meeting later that evening.

The Committee were reassuring of their full support going forward.

65. A.O.B.

Cllr Salter briefed Council on a meeting with Highways England officers & a resident earlier in the day.

Things are progressing with the preferred option being to re-build in 2021/22. The consortium behind the Deanslade Development have employed a Traffic Management Company to do a full survey. This data, combined with the Highways England data, has been used to produce a 119 page report and these findings will hopefully give more leverage for action. In the meantime, finances are set for the 2018/19 year for relining & signing. Cllr Salter has concerns that this may detract from the much more important bigger improvements later & has requested a meeting with the Head of Planning & Chairman of Planning to ensure everyone works together.

Cllr Perry requested an update on the possibility of a station at Wall. Cllr Salter has asked for a meeting with Christopher Pincher to discuss & Cllr Perry requested he attend also.

Cllr Salter confirmed that the amendments requested at the 13<sup>th</sup> March Full Council meeting to the management agreement between the Parish Council & Little Aston Recreation Ground Association have been made, that Cllr Beilby is happy with them & the agreement will go to Full Council for approval & signing next month.

Cllr Thompson asked if the Richard Cooper Room had been repaired & Cllr Salter stated that, although he did not know about the problem overall, he did know the floor hole had been filled & it was sound to use.

66. Next date, time and location of Neighbourhood Planning & Property Meeting- **Tuesday May 22<sup>nd</sup> 5.30pm Parish Council Office.**

DG Thompson.

22, MAY 18.