

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 15th May 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Present – Cllrs Peter Barrett, Simon Porter, Shaughn O'Brien, James Hartley, Tom Horsman, Leo Oliver, and David Best, Parish Clerk. One member of the public attended the meeting.

24/076	Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: Cllr Peter Barrett was elected chairman. Cllr Simon Porter was elected vice chairman.
24/077	Apologies for absence: Cllr Jayne Miller, and County Cllr G Reynolds
24/078	Declarations of Interest: None
24/079	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 17 th April were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
24/080	Open Forum: No items discussed.
24/081	District and County Councillor Reports: No reports.
24/082	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Contractors using The Village Green – A councillor was concerned that The Village Green would not be restored properly by the contractors working in the village and suggested that the contractors should pay compensation for using The Green. The chairman reiterated that he and the clerk had met the contractors before work had begun and they had given an assurance that The Green would be restored after the work. A notice had been circulated via the Shenington Green email distribution list advising residents that the contractors would be using The Green
24/083	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: No update
24/084 24/084/1 24/084/2	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: Upton House planning application – No date had been announced by CDC planning on when the application would be considered by the Planning Committee. Registration of the Village Hall – Land and Property Registration had cancelled the meeting, but the clerk will email them to re-schedule this.
24/085	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Cllrs Leo Oliver and Jayne Miller had met to update the emergency plan. Some items still need to be agreed before it is published.
24/086 24/0861	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: Parish Council Grant application form - The draft which had been circulated was agreed and it was agreed that it would be put on the website.
24/087 24/087/1 24/087/2 24/087/3 24/087/4	Parish Matters: Bus Shelter conversion to a book exchange – It was agreed that Cllr Simon Porter would investigate this further but no more than 1/3 of the bus shelter would be converted. Electric Vehicle Car Scheme – The scheme that is running in Hook Norton will be extended to cover Shenington with a car which will be located at Stratton House in Marshalls close until a permanent location can be found with a charging point. An area behind the bus shelter was agreed to be good due to its central location. The installation of charging points and grants towards the cost would be investigated. Sign for houses in roads off The Green – A design for a sign to assist delivery drivers find the houses was agreed at the April meeting and just needs to be agreed with the residents. Traffic queues visiting the recycling centre. The clerk has written to the owners asking them to agree ways to relieve the congestion at busy times with OCC Highways. County Councillor George Reynolds agreed to take the matter up with OCC at the last meeting but was not present to give an update.

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24/087/5	Footpath 399/10/5 blocked through the garden of Copper Beech Farm – The clerk has reported this to the OCC footpaths officer again.
24/088	Planning Applications since last meeting: None 24/01120/F – Alkerton Oaks Business Park – variation of condition 2 to 23/03138/F – PC supports.
24/089 24/089/1	Planning Decisions since last meeting: 24/00628/Q56 – Quarry Farm Barn – Conversion – CDC refused 2/05/2024.
24/090 24/090/1 24/090/2	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances were £16,338.92 on 30 th April (£8,978.13 in current account and £7,360.79 in deposit account). 2023-24 Accounts – The internal audit is being carried out by Mrs Margaret Coles and it was agreed that the certificate of exemption from external audit would be signed.
24/091 24/091/1	Second Open Forum: Condition of the road to Epwell – A resident complained on the poor condition. It is believed that County Cllr George Reynolds has received confirmation that it will be resurfaced but he was not present to confirm this.
24/092	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £257.60 – Zurich Insurance £48.80 - HMRC – PAYE for April £195.40 – D Best – Pay for April
24/093 24/093/1 24/093/2 24/093/3	Any Other Business: Hedge growing over the road in Alkerton – The owners of the land below the church had been contacted and they had confirmed that it would be trimmed after the bird nesting season. Meeting with OCC Highways Engagement Team – OCC had offered to meet with parish councils, and it was agreed that the clerk will ask Highways for a meeting. Maintenance of benches on The Green – The slats of some of the benches are rotten and need replacing. Cllr Simon Porter offered to contact someone who could do this work.
24/094	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 8.57pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 12th June 2024** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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