

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 18th December 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

24/186	Apologies for absence: District Councillor Chris Brant
24/187	Declarations of Interest: Cllr James Hartley declared an interest in the Alkerton Farm Barn planning application.
24/188	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 20 th November were a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
24/189 24/189/1 24/189/2 24/189/3 24/189/4 24/189/5 24/189/6	<p>Open Forum:</p> <p>Declarations of interest – Cllr Simon Porter reminded the meeting of the rules on councillors declaring an interest if they have a financial interest or could be perceived as biased in an agenda item. It is recommended that councillors declaring an interest withdraw from the room when the discussion takes place.</p> <p>New dog bin for Alkerton – This will be fitted in January.</p> <p>Section of Stocking Lane between the school and the airfield – A parishioner who attended the meeting advised that this section of the road is used by heavy vehicles and pedestrians, but the surface is very rutted. OCC Highways, after it had been reported on Fix My Street, has advised that they will repair it if it gets worse. It was agreed that the PC will ask OCC Highways to repair it now.</p> <p>Mud on the road by the quarry – It was agreed that the PC will ask OCC Highways to enforce keeping the road clean and enquire whether the advisory monitoring group has been set up.</p> <p>OCC Climate change webinar – Cllr Leo Oliver has advised that she will attend this.</p> <p>Electric charger at the Village Hall for the loan vehicle – It has been decided by the group responsible for this loan vehicle not to install a charger at the Village Hall until the viability of the loan vehicle has been assessed.</p>
24/190 24/190/1 24/190/2 24/190/3	<p>County Councillor Report:</p> <p>Appointments to visit the recycling centre – OCC is going to introduce appointments for all visits to the Alkerton Recycling Centre.</p> <p>White Paper on elected Mayors – OCC is unlikely to have a Mayor in the near future.</p> <p>Stocking Lane issue – County Councillor George Reynolds suggested discussing this issue with the Highways Engagement Team when the meeting takes place.</p>
24/191	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: No update
24/192	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: No update
24/193	<p>Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance:</p> <p>Capacity improvements of Shutford Sewage Treatment Works – The upgrading work should be completed by the end of 2025 and it will hopefully reduce the overflow issues in Alkerton.</p>
24/194	<p>Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment:</p> <p>Emergency Plan – It was agreed to review the draft and finalise it at the January meeting.</p>
24/195	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
24/196 24/196/1 24/196/2 24/196/3	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>Use of Village Green – The legal restrictions on the use of village greens was discussed and it was agreed by a majority vote to publish these to residents via Shenington Green. It was agreed that Cllr Simon Porter would draft this and circulate it to the other councillors.</p> <p>Bus Shelter Renovation – It was agreed that the PC will purchase neutral wood preserver for the volunteer.</p> <p>Meeting with Highways Engagement Team – A meeting date has been requested from OCC</p>

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	Highways to discuss issues with the roads in the villages
24/197 24/197/1 24/197/2	Planning Applications since last meeting: 24/03030/F – Alkerton Barn Farm – Agricultural Barn – PC objects to the size and location of the barn. 24/03091/F – Yew Cottage – Demolition of uPVC conservatory & new oak loggia – PC has no objection
24/198 24/198/1 24/198/2	Planning Decisions since last meeting: 24/02274/F – Random Ridge – Side extension – CDC Permitted 25/11/2024 24/02532/F – Quarry Farm – Barn Conversion – CDC Permitted 2/12/2024
24/199	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances on 30 th November were £13,878.03 (£6,462.08 current & £7,415.95 deposit)
24/200	Second Open Forum: No discussion
24/201	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £225.60 - Nigel Prickett Verge Mowing £39.93 – Wix – Website calendar £175.00 – Shenington Green – costs of email service £70.00 – All Dry Ltd – ½ cost of Christmas Tree at pub £48.80 – HMRC – November PAYE £195.40 – D Best – November Pay
24/202	Any Other Business: None
24/203	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 15th January 2025** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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