

Shenington with Alkerton Parish Council
Minutes of meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th June 2024

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

24/095	Apologies for absence: Cllr Jayne Miller, Shaughn O'Brien, District Councillor Chris Brant and County Cllr G Reynolds
24/096	Declarations of Interest: None
24/097	Acceptance of minutes: It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 th May were a correct record and signed the Chairman.
24/098 24/098/1 24/098/2 24/098/3 24/098/4 24/098/5	Open Forum: Advertising on posts on A422 – A resident has complained to Cherwell District Council about advertising on posts along the A422. CDC has confirmed that it will take action against this and remove them. National Grid road repairs – A parishioner has advised that the new tarmac has not been sealed round the edges and is likely to break up. The PC will contact the contractor if this happens. Another parishioner has pointed the new tarmac has been painted with white lines but the white lines on the old tarmac cannot be seen. It was agreed that this will be reported to OCC on Fix my Street. Benches on The Green – It was agreed that quotes will be obtained for repairs to the benches. Assets of Community Value – It was agreed that the PC will seek to get the pub registered after it has been sold along with other assets such as The Green. Benches and Tables on green by bus stop – The PC gave the pub permission to use the green for seating during lockdown. It was agreed that this will be extended and a letter will be sent to the pub confirming this.
24/099	District and County Councillor Reports: No reports.
24/100 24/100/1 24/100/2 24/100/2	Councillor Report: Village Maintenance and Improvement: Bus Shelter Conversion - Conversion of part of the bus shelter to a book stall has not progressed yet. Hedges overgrowing the road in Alkerton – Some have been cut back but other owners have been waiting for the end of the nesting season. It has been confirmed that hedges can be cut back in the nesting season to improve road safety. War Memorial – Grass is growing between the paving slabs. Councillor James Hartley agreed to spray this off.
24/101 24/101/1 24/101/2	Councillor Report: Transport, Traffic and Roads: Bus Service – The bus service has resumed now that the National Grid work has finished. Lights for the defibrillator – A downlighter has been installed that is operated by an illuminated switch in case the defibrillator needs to be used at night.
24/102	Councillor Report: Planning, Legal & Finance: Registration of the Village Hall – Land and Property Registration had cancelled the meeting, but the clerk has email them to re-schedule this.
24/103	Councillor Report: Emergency Plan, Crime Prevention & Environment: Councillors Jayne Miller and Leo Oliver are gathering information to update this.
24/104	Councillor Report: Internet & Social Media: No update
24/105 24/105/1 24/105/2	Parish Matters: Agree position of new dog bin in Alkerton – This was agreed, and the new bin will be installed when it is delivered in approximately 4 weeks. Sign for houses in roads off The Green – A design for a sign to assist delivery drivers find the

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	houses was agreed at the April meeting but a quote of £606 has been received and it was decided by a majority that the PC would not fund this. It was believed that residents should fund this rather than the PC.
24/107	Planning Applications since last meeting: 24/01405/F – Quarry Farm Barn – Barn conversion – PC agreed to submit comments.
24/108	Planning Decisions since last meeting: 23/03190/F – Upton Estate – New sewer – CDC refused 10/06/2024.
24/109	Financial/Administration: Bank Balances – The bank balances were £15,367.32 on 31 st May (£8,006.53 in current account and £7,360.79 in deposit account).
24/110 24/110/1 24/110/2	Second Open Forum: Siting of electric car chargers in the village – A resident asked for them not to be sited on the land behind the bus shelter so other locations are being investigated. Another possible location is on the road just down from the village hall as the electricity supply to the village hall could be utilised. Footpath 399/10/5 blocked through the garden of Copper Beech Farm – The owners have indicated that they would like the footpath diverted but need to buy some land first. It was agreed that the clerk would write to them offering support in discussions with OCC.
24/111	Passing of accounts for payment: The following were approved for payment: £129.60 – Wix – Parish Council Website hosting £48.80 - HMRC – PAYE for May £195.40 – D Best – Pay for May
24/112	Any Other Business:
24/113	Closure of the meeting: The meeting ended at 9.20pm

The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is **Wednesday 17th July 2024** at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

Signed by Chairman.....

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