

# Shenington with Alkerton Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly)

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

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

**Apologies for absence:** Cllr Jayne Miller, County Cllr George Reynolds.

<b>APM 24/001</b>	<b>Minutes from the last meeting:</b> It was RESOLVD that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly) held on 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 were a correct record (unanimous) and were signed by the Chairman.
<b>APM 24/002</b>	<b>Chairman's Report:</b> <b>The PC has endeavoured to serve the interests of the residents over the last year.</b> <b>Concerns about speeding in the village</b> – Residents have complained to the PC over many years about speeding in the villages. Gates were installed on the verges at the entrance to the villages in an attempt to remind drivers that they are entering a built-up area and speed limit. Oxfordshire County Council set aside an £8 budget for villages to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph at no cost to the villages. The PC expressed interest with OCC and following the PC meeting on in February this year the council sought opinions from residents. 92 residents responded to the survey and 64% of respondents were in favour of implementing a 20mph speed limit. The next stage is that OCC will start a formal consultation process but a commencement date for this has not been given. <b>Concerns about dog fouling</b> – Residents had complained to the PC and two additional bins were purchased by the PC and fitted by Cllr Peter Barrett and David best the clerk. However, this continues to be an issue with dog walkers continuing to either not pick up after their dogs or leave bags of poo on footpaths and bridleways. The PC sought the advice of the Cherwell Dog Warden who has advised that there is very little he can do unless the dog owner names are reported to him. <b>Mowing</b> – The verges continue to be mowed by a contractor and a grant is received from OCC for this work. The five cuts in the year cost £940 and the OCC grant is £360. The PC would like to thank Mr Brooks who kindly mows the Village Green. A mower owned by the PC has been serviced and is used for other areas of mowing. <b>Signs on roads around the Green</b> – The PC is currently in the process of providing a sign to assist delivery drivers to find houses on the roads off The Green in response to requests from residents. <b>Support for village organisations and events</b> - The PC has recently given a donation to the Community Choir of Oxhill Tysoe and Shenington as a number of residents are members and funded the Disco at BBQ on The Village Green last year. <b>Planning</b> – The PC is a statutory consultee on all planning applications and is currently lobbying hard to get the sewage overflow issues in Alkerton fixed as part of the application from Upton House for a new sewer which is believed may aggravate the issue in Alkerton. <b>Defibrillator</b> – The PC would like to thank Mrs Lyn Gosney for checking the defibrillator regularly. The PC installed a new defibrillator. <b>Tree donated by OCC</b> - A tree was donated by OCC and planted by them in Stocking Lane but it died, much to the relief of the house owner nearest to the verge on which it was planted. <b>Staff changes</b> – Cllr Robin Oliver resigned in September 2023 due to other commitments. Robin was the chairman at the time of resignation but Cllr Peter Barret was elected to take his place. Two new councillors were co-opted during the year, Leo Oliver and Tom Horsman have been welcomed to the team and the council is up to full strength with 7 councillors. <b>Memorial Bench</b> – The Tyley family donated a new bench in memory of their parents who lived in Shenington for many years. It was installed on The Green by Cllr Peter Barret and David Best, the clerk. <b>Village Hall</b> – The PC is Custodian Trustee of the Village Hall and is in the process of registering it with HM Land Registry. A councillor sits on the Village Hall Management Committee. <b>Website</b> – The PC funds the village website and would like to thank Mrs Gill Marshall for maintaining and updating it. <b>Finances</b> – Yearend reserve was £13,000 in March 2024. This was £5,500 lower than the previous year due mainly to the purchase of the village gates and dog bins however the PC finances continue to be in good shape and it was decided not to increase the Precept of £6,000 for the 2024-25 tax year. The 2023-24 accounts are currently being audited.

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<b>2APM 24/003</b>	<b>Open Forum:</b> No items were raised by members of the public.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:41pm.

Signed by Chairman.....

Date.....

Minutes are marked as draft until the Parish Council agrees that they are a correct record at the next meeting.