

# SHIRLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes for the meeting held on Monday 2nd December 2024 in the Community Space at St Michael's Church, Church Lane, Shirley, Ashbourne DE6 3AS.

<b>Councillors present:</b>	Sue Walker (Chair) Tony Taylor Bill Leeney	Ian Crabtree Angela Staley Cllr Steve Bull (DCC) Cllr Sue Bull (DDDC)	<b>Apologies:</b> None
<b>Others:</b>	Mrs S Bacon (Clerk)	1 Parishioner	

### PART 1 – NON CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

	Report / Action Required
24/58 The CCTV notice was read out by the Chair	Noted
24/59 None	Approved
24/60 Cllrs Taylor declared an interest in the Community Space rent as the church warden.  Cllr Walker declared an interest in the SS&SA	Noted
24/61 Public Speaking  Cllr Bull (DCC) reported that it was nice to see the Parish Councillors at the Town and Parish Liaison Forum. It was noted that the pothole on Derby Lane has been repaired. It was noted that forum was interesting. It was noted that the Cabinet members are having difficulty contacting the East Midlands Mayor and the local MP. At the DCC Adult social care and the children's social care are the areas most overbudget with other departments at or under their budget. No one will be made homeless in the care home closures. The DCC has apologised for the failings on provision for SEND children.  Cllr Sue Bull (DDDC) reported that the hut at the top of Sawmill Hill has been reported to her as a planning breach and the hut is online at Air B & B. This has been reported to the planning officers for enforcement. It was noted that planning permission had been refused for the hut previously on the grounds of safety after an objection from Highways to the access. Cllr Bull will continue to chase this. The noise from the marquee at Osmaston Estate was raised and it was noted that this had specific planning conditions to prevent noise affecting the neighbouring properties.  It was agreed to send a letter to the DDDC regarding the hut at Sawmill Hill.	Clerk
24/62 There were no items on the agenda to exclude members of the press and public in order to discuss the following item under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960).	
24/63 The Minutes of the Meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2024 were approved.	Approved
24/64 Matters Arising from the previous meeting (non-decision making) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speeding – No complaints have been received.</li></ul>	
24/65 Burial Ground Fee Review– it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to raise fees by 5% effective from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025.	Clerk
24/66 Land on Derby Lane adjacent to St Michael's Close – Cllr Staley reported that the land is unregistered but belongs to Osmaston Estate. Cllr Leeney will strim the area.	Cllr Leeney
24/67 Village Clean Up Report – Cllr Walker reported that it was a very good event which was well attended. The pub put on a buffet.	
24/68 New Parish Council Website – Cllr Leeney reported that the website has become a more difficult issue than initially thought. The government are looking at encouraging organisations to use the .gov domain for all their website needs. It was noted that it was best to go with a commercial company.	

Chairman's Signature ..... Date.....

It was **RESOLVED** to move forward with the quote from Zonkey for £495.00 to set up the new site and then £295.00 per year. Approved

- 24/69 Community Space Rent – Cllr Walker reported that she and the clerk had met with the vicar and it had been agreed that the hourly rate offered was not suitable. The vicar would like to increase usage of the community space at no extra cost to the Parish Council and will appoint a community space champion to achieve this. A contract will be drawn up for the Parish Council usage by the vicar.

It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will pay £4500 for this financial year and next financial year. Approved

Cllr Taylor will ask if the PC can see the coffee morning accounts. Cllr Taylor

The Clerk reported that anyone who uses the Community Space whose usage is funded by the PC should be presenting their accounts to the PC at least once a year.

- 24/70 Budget 2025/26 – it was **RESOLVED** to approve the below budget for the 2025/26 financial year Approved

<u>Item</u>	<u>FY2025</u>
Audit Fee	-£ 125.00
Clerk's expenses	-£ 65.00
Clerk's salary	-£ 1,200.00
Derbyshire Association of Local Council's subscription	-£ 150.00
Derbyshire Dales District Council burial ground subvention	£ 974.00
Electricity to telephone box	-£ 80.00
Information Commissioner's Office	-£ 35.00
Insurance	-£ 230.00
Non-reclaimable burial ground maintenance (extra grass mowing)	-£ 200.00
Reclaimable burial ground maintenance (grass mowing)	-£ 974.00
Reserves – burial ground repair	£ -
Reserves – election expenses	£ -
Reserves – IT equipment	£ -
Reserves – telephone box maintenance	-£ 120.00
Website hosting	-£ 495.00
Banking	-£ 100.00
Community Space Rent paid to St Michael's Church	-£ 4,500.00
Total excluding discretionary grants	<b>-£ 7,300.00</b>
Grant to SS&SA	-£ 250.00

**Total -£ 7,550.00**

- 24/71 Precept 2025/26 – it was **RESOLVED** to request a precept of £7550.00 for the 2025/26 financial year. Approved

24/72 Finance and Audit

- Clerk's Salary Award 2024 – it was **RESOLVED** to accept the Clerk's Salary Award. Approved
- New expenditure to approve:
  - Clerk's Wages – £215.30
  - HMRC PAYE – £53.80
  - B Leeney – Verge Cutting - £100.00
  - D Baker – Mowing - £396.00
  - S Walker – Provisions for Litter Pick - £79.50
- Income to note Noted

- Interest - £51.76
- Burial Fee - £128.00

24/73 Neighbourhood Watch – Mrs Leeney

Noted

Apologies for my absence

No major problems in the village. Another family has moved into the village, they have agreed to being added to the Village Voice WhatsApp group.

There was a recent scare in Hollington regarding a threatening burglary. This was communicated through Facebook and to our village WhatsApp group.

I contacted our SNT and our Derbyshire NHW representative.  
The PCSO Bradbury reassured me that they had increased their patrols of the area and both he and Abbie Coleman talked about holding a meeting in the village to discuss any concerns.  
This has not happened, as yet, but is being arranged as soon as possible.  
I relayed this information to the village via the WhatsApp group.

Thankfully those involved are treating the incident as a 'one off'  
I hope members of the PC will be supportive of the NHW team and attend the meeting as and when it is arranged.

24/74 Parish Clerk's Ongoing Matters

- Drains and Hedges – Mill Lane drains have been reported. The Clerk will send the details to Cllr Bull.
- Speedwatch – it was agreed to send out a notice requesting volunteers for speedwatch. Wyerston have been spoken to about a sharing agreement

Clerk

24/75 Pot Holes – it was reported that there is a bad pot hole on Park Lane. Cllr Crabtree will report this. There are a few small ones around the village and one on the crescent.

Cllr Crabtree

24/76 Planning Applications

New:

- Derbyshire Dales - None
- Derbyshire County Council – None

Existing:

- Derbyshire Dales – None
- Derbyshire County Council – None

Noted

24/77 SS&SA – Mrs Leeney

Thank you for the opportunity to report to the Parish Council  
I apologise for my absence.

The field continues to be kept in good condition and is used regularly by the Ashbourne Aztec team, local families and dog walkers.

We still have the same old problem of inconsiderate owners not picking up after their dogs but generally this is in the minority.

We have had to have the toilets cleaned twice this year due to some periods of hot weather and

the more regular use by the Aztec teams. I'd like to thank the PC for their previous support in helping to pay towards the cleaning of the toilets and request that they consider repeating this generous donation again for the coming year.

At our last SSSA meeting, changes the entrance to the field were discussed. We would like to improve accessibility for everyone, into the field, including people with pushchairs, walkers and scooters. Discussions are in their infancy, but we would appreciate any suggestions that may help us obtain grants towards the work and equipment needed.

We will keep the PC updated with developments.

It was noted that the new mower and tractor has been brilliant.

24/78 Churchyard Maintenance

- Wall repairs – it was noted that the college organizer has been off work but should be returning in time for the wall work to begin in spring.

- Mowing – the diocese has requested a no mow may in graveyards. It was noted that there are village objections to this. The Clerk has had difficulty finding local mowers for the burial ground. Cllr Staley will contact a local gardener for a quote. Cllr Staley
- Sycamore Tree – Cllr Crabtree will speak to an arborialist and have the tree surveyed.

#### 24/79 Reports on Meetings attended

- Parish and Town Council Forum – Cllrs Walker and Delaney – reported in Public Participation.
- Meeting on Local Doctors Services – the Clerk will supply a report.

#### 24/80 Correspondence – The following correspondence was noted:

1. Volunteer request from the NSPCC

Noted

2. Defibrillator Training offer – the Clerk will get some dates and report back

Clerk

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS - All meetings held at 7.30pm in the Community Space at St Michael's Church, Church Lane, Shirley, Ashbourne DE6 3AS. - MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2025
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (Annual Parish, Annual Parish Council and Ordinary Meetings)