

Shelfanger Parish Council

Chair: Mr Stephen Groom Vice Chair: Mrs Marian Paines

Clerk: Mrs Lois Easter e-mail: shelfangerpc@gmail.com 01379640431

DRAFT MINUTES

of the meeting held on MONDAY 13th February 2023 at 7.30 p.m. in All Saints Church.

In attendance: District Councillor James Easter, Stephen Groom, Mrs M Paines, Mr M Paines, Mrs Pam Ross, Mrs Pat Webster, Mrs Marilyn Hurst, Mr Keith Day, Mr Daniel Leeder and Mrs Lois Easter [Clerk]

Apologies for absence: County Councillor Barry Duffin and Mr Paul Chambers

Record declarations of interest on any item on the Agenda. – None

Mr Keith Day was invited to speak. He was pleased with the improved Parish Council website.

He noticed that the reports presented by the District and County Councillor, although filed, were not visible on the website. The Clerk will amend what was otherwise a new website teething problem.

Mr Day notices that several road and street signs in the village are yet to be repaired. District Councillor Easter will pass this on to Cll Barry Duffin.

Mr Day is organising a village Open Gardens event in June.

And he is concerned that the footpath on the east side of Winfarthing Road near the entrance of the allotments falls short and should be extended. **SG** will put this item on the April agenda.

REPORTS

Report from Councilor Barry Duffin. Read out by James Easter – filed and online

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Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th December 2022 approved by Mr Paines & 2nd by Mrs Paines. No matters arose.

1] Website

The Clerk stated that the Parish Council Website is now active and is managed by web designer Steve Jackman. Shelfanger residents to be informed via the ‘Cock Crow’ about the new website address...www.shelfangerpc.info

- Mr Paines asked if there is a user count installed. **LE** will make enquiries.

To be put on the website -

- Mr Challoner’s Shelfanger footpath map
- District Councilor and County Councilor’s reports
- All Saints school consultation information re Academy status plans.

2] **Financial report/Bank statements**

As of 13th February, the Community Account balance = £1055.28

The Business Account balance = £6096.01

3] **Flood prevention update**

SG asked the Clerk to write to the Diocese to organise a visit by them to discuss the state of the verges alongside the ditches in Wash Lane.

Mr Day informed the council that tree in the ditch next to 'The Cottage', which awaits renovation, should be removed by its Riparian owners.

4] **Traffic calming sign update**

The solar traffic calming sign near the entrance to the allotments is now operational.

5] **Fly Tipping**

Dist Cll Easter reported that Fly tipping in south Norfolk is occurring less.

Mrs Paines reported that building materials have been dumped on Peggs Green.

6] **Elections**

At polling booths on May 6th, I.D will be required.

SG asked which of the Councilors intend to stand and all those currently in office intend to do so except Mrs Webster. Mrs Hurst was undecided. Daniel Leeder is going to stand.

7] **Charles 111 Coronation & 80 years since WW2**

The Parish Council have no immediate plans to celebrate the Coronation. Beacons will not be lit but will be allowed in 2024 for D- Day.

8] **Help Hub** leaflets received in post by Clerk

Each councilor was given a leaflet and Mrs Hurst kindly took some for the village hall.

9] **Village Hall Report** - None received

Mrs Paines asked **LE** if the Village Hall supplies the Parish Council with their yearly accounts and was told that none have been provided in recent years. **SG** asked the Clerk to write to the Chair of the Village Hall, Mark Gingell, to ask for their accounts. District Councilor Easter explained that these are public records and can be viewed on the Charity Commission website.

AOB

- Mrs Ross expressed her concerns about the lack of solar energy installations on industrial units.
- Cll Easter responded: New house building will have solar panels fitted as standard. However, solar panels on industrial units are currently at the discretion of the owner. All council buildings will have solar panels fitted by 2030. There is no incentive for owners to install solar panels.
- Mrs Ross suggested that laminated tags could be attached to defective objects in the village to show those that have been reported and await repair. **LE** to deal.

Mrs Ross read out her Boyland Common report, which is filed and online

There is a planned wildlife walk on the Common on 21st May at 3 pm.

SG expressed his concern over bonfires being lit in the village which potentially carry a heavy fine for offenders if persistent. Councilors to monitor.

The Parish council has been made aware of someone riding a scramble bike on the Diocese land at the rear of All Saints Church/Graveyard, creating noise and disturbance. **LE** to contact the Diocese.

LE stated she has reported the broken handrail over the ditch at footpath 11.

PW reported pothole at entrance to Boyland Common. She may get her son to fill with rubble.

MH reported that two Alsatian dogs have been seen in the field near her property disturbing the horses. All Councilors to monitor.

Date of the August Parish Council Meeting brought forward to 31st July due to holiday commitments.

Meeting ended at 8.55 p.m.

Date of next meeting 17th April 2023

SignedDated