

Shirebrook

Town Council

Minutes of the **Full Council** meeting of **Shirebrook Town Council**
held at **7:00pm** on **Wednesday** the **11th** of **December 2024**
at **Shirebrook Village Hall, Park Road, Shirebrook, NG20 8JP.**

PRESENT

Cllr. P Chapman
Cllr. F Gobey
Cllr. P Harford
Cllr. C Kane - CHAIRMAN
Cllr. J Lewis

Cllr. B Murray-Carr
Cllr. D Smith
Cllr. N Smith
Cllr. M Stockdale

Mrs J Jeffery - TOWN CLERK & RFO

IN ATTENDANCE:

Members of the public (42)
Miss S Stevenson – MINUTE CLERK
PC Jake Stone – DERBYSHIRE CONSTABULARY – 19:08
Steve Cathcart – BDC ENFORCEMENT – 19:08

Prior to the start of the meeting a member of the public asked if the meeting was a public meeting, or an ordinary meeting of the Council, and the Chairman Clarified that the meeting was an ordinary meeting of the Council as advertised in the schedule.

2024/135 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies had been received or were tendered on behalf of;

Cllr. S Brooks
Cllr. T Chapman
Cllr. S Cheeseman
Cllr. C Dale
Cllr. S Fritchley
Cllr. V Kirby

RESOLVED: That the apologies and reasons for absence be approved.

2024/136 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

2024/142 – TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW PLANNING DECISIONS.

Cllr. C Kane

Councillors withdrew from the meeting at the appropriate points and returned after the relative conversations had concluded.

Where appropriate Councillors remained in the meeting but took no part in the relevant discussions.

2024/137 TO DISCUSS ANY POLICE MATTERS AND DECIDE ANY ISSUES FOR REPORT.

The crime statistics had been supplied with the agenda and are available at <https://www.police.uk/your-area/derbyshire-constabulary/shirebrook/>

Cllr. P Chapman expressed her concern regarding the number of offences listed in the violence and sexual offences category.

PC Stone informed the meeting that these offences were normally domestic related and not stranger incidents but would provide further information directly to Cllr. Chapman.

He went on to report an update on the action taken to tackle the ongoing issues related to nuisance and illegal e-bikes and e-scooters.

Members of the public were afforded the opportunity to raise queries with the officer and he went on to remind all present the importance of reporting crimes to allow sufficient allocation of officers to the area before explaining the role of the Safer Neighbourhood Team and the importance of building local connections.

Further discussion took place regarding the relationship between crime figures and the number of HMO's in the area and the work that was being done on that matter.

Parking and traffic issues on and around the market square was also discussed.

2024/138 TO PERMIT PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD.

A period of up to ten minutes to receive questions from members of the public on matters pertaining to the agenda in line with the town council's standing orders. other matters not on the agenda should be submitted in writing and will be responded to directly or reviewed at a future meeting as appropriate.

The Chairman opened the public participation period by reminding members of the public that receiving written questions allowed the Council to respond appropriately during the session.

He went on to reiterate the Council are happy to respond and work with the Shirebrook SOS Group but that communications and actions should be truthful and fair. He raised concerns that false allegations and malicious rumours were being circulated and he kindly reminded those present that such behaviour did not foster a harmonious working relationship.

He further stated that the Council would be happy to organise additional public meetings solely for the intention of hearing specific public questions and asked, if that is what the public want, they should write requesting so, to allow the appropriate authority officers to be invited.

Those who had submitted questions in advance were invited to raise their queries.

MEMBER OF PUBLIC 1 QUESTION/S / COMMENT/S

- 1 How many Market Traders stood on Shirebrook Market on Friday the 6th December 2024?

RESPONSE/S - 21

- 2 How many of the traders on the 6th used Shirebrook Town Council market stall equipment?

RESPONSE/S - 19

- 3 It has been suggested that STC does not need new storage space for market equipment, they should stop providing market stall equipment and traders who want to stand on the market should bring their own stalls.

To help reduce costs have STC considered stopping providing market stall equipment and making stall holders bring their own stalls ?

RESPONSE/S - No

- 4 If not, why not ?

RESPONSE/S - To our knowledge traders are provided with stalls at all Council managed markets

MEMBER OF PUBLIC 2 QUESTION/ s / COMMENT/S

- 1 Would the Town Council encourage the relevant authority to enforce the Traffic Regulation Order around the market square.

RESPONSE/S - The Town Council had encouraged the relevant authorities to enforce the TRO numerous times over the years. It was expected that the development of the square would improve matters, but the Town Council would request assistance again if this remained an issue. Various opinions and suggestions were added to the discussion.

MEMBER OF PUBLIC 3 QUESTION/ s / COMMENT/S

- 1 Submitted Question - Please could you supply me with any information in relation to the funds paid to Shirebrook Town Council to purchase the land owned by Shirebrook TC for proposed developments by Dragonfly Developments Ltd.

RESPONSE/S - This question was not asked at the meeting – However the Town Council had not sold any land to be specifically developed by Dragonfly Developments Ltd.

An explanation was again provided regarding funds earned by Dragonfly being fed back into the District Council to allow growth across the whole District and mitigation against future rates rises.

- 2 Stated that, as the landowner, we could influence the design for the market square.

RESPONSE/S – Whilst not a submitted question, it was reminded again that the Town Council had been involved throughout.

MEMBER OF PUBLIC 4 QUESTION/ S / COMMENT/S

- 1 Asked for support in his campaign to save New Bassett House.

RESPONSE/S – The Chairman confirmed that the Town Council had and would continue to oppose the closure of New Bassett House.

MEMBER OF PUBLIC 5 QUESTION/ S / COMMENT/S

- 1 Stated that there had been bad news about the crematorium project and asked if there was any sort of compensation scheme.

RESPONSE/S – It was confirmed that the agreement would be in place from completion and the Town Council would not be seeking compensation or renegotiation.

2024/139 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HAVING BEEN HELD ON THE 16TH OF OCTOBER 2024.

It was noted that ‘Cllr. Mark Fletcher’ should read ‘Mark Fletcher MP’.

RESOLVED: That with the above amendment the minutes be approved as true record of the meeting.

2024/140 TO REVIEW THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND NOTE THE DECISIONS THERETO;

a. LEISURE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 6TH OF NOVEMBER 2024.

It was noted that F/24/032 should read ‘Cllr. Stockdale had made a donation of £300 towards the pump track development’.

RESOLVED: That with the above amendment the minutes be approved and the decisions be noted.

b. OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 20TH OF NOVEMBER 2024.

Cllr. Murray-Carr provided an update in relation to the site with fly tipping and the area in the Model Village that had a growth of Japanese Knotweed.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and the decisions be noted.

2024/141 TO REVIEW AND APPROVE FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

a. TO REVIEW CASH BOOK ENTRIES SINCE PREVIOUS MEETING AND ADDRESS ANY QUERIES PRIOR TO AUTHORISING – 1ST OF SEPTEMBER 2024 TO 31ST OF OCTOBER 2024.

The Clerk responded to any general queries raised and agreed to add the Sum-up information to future full council finance sections.

RESOLVED: That the reviewed information be authorised.

b. TO REVIEW AND AUTHORISE BANK RECONCILIATION/S FOR CASH BOOK PERIOD.

RESOLVED: That the reviewed bank reconciliation, showing a balance of £570,004.27 on the 31st of October 2024, be authorised.

2024/142 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND REVIEW PLANNING DECISIONS.

CLLR KANE DECLARED AN INTEREST FOR THIS AGENDA ITEM AND LEFT THE MEETING.

Cllr. P Harford temporarily took the chair.

It should be noted that whilst the Town Council are invited to comment on applications, they have no power over which applications are approved or refused.

It should also be noted that due to timescales between meetings, applications may appear in both the application and decision lists. Comments can still be notified to the District Council in these cases.

<u>APPLICATIONS</u>	<u>NOTES/COMMENTS</u>
Application No: 24/00067/FUL Proposal: Erection of 2 industrial units, 20 parking spaces with additional 2 spaces for the loading and unloading of LGV/HGVs and alteration to the access Location: Land North Of Sookholme Road Junction Portland Drive Shirebrook Applicant: Natalie Etches OS Map Ref: 453013 367470	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>No objections to this application were raised by Elected Members</i></p>

<u>DECISIONS</u>	<u>ACTION TAKEN</u>
Application No: 23/00644/FUL Proposal: Conversion of public house to general convenience store with extension to provide additional storage and conversion of 1st and 2nd floors to provide 2 self contained flats and 7 bedroom HMO Location: The New Victoria Inn Acreage Lane Shirebrook Mansfield Applicant: Mrs R Padda	<i>Granted Conditionally</i>
Application No: 24/00221/OUT Proposal: Outline application (with access and site layout to be agreed) for a maximum of five dwellings Location: Glen House Main Street Shirebrook Mansfield Applicant: MR PAUL IMRI	<i>Granted Conditionally</i>
Application No: 24/00407/FUL Proposal: Change of use of the rear section of a fish and chip shop into a 2 bedroom flat. Location: 6 - 8 King Edward Street Shirebrook Mansfield NG20 8AU Applicant: Mrs Pita	<i>Refused</i>
Application No: 24/00429/LDOCC Proposal: Alterations to shop front to include rendering, panelling, new doors and windows, roller shutter and lighting. (20/00313/OTHER) Location: 2 - 4 King Edward Street Shirebrook Mansfield NG20 8AU Applicant: Alekta Homes Ltd	<i>Granted</i>

Applications/decisions and all their supporting documentation can be viewed at <https://publicaccess.bolsover.gov.uk/online-applications/>

CLLR KANE RE-JOINED THE MEETING AND TOOK THE CHAIR.

2024/143 TO RECEIVE CHAIRMAN’S COMMUNICATIONS.

The Chairman confirmed again that this was an ordinary scheduled meeting but that the Town Council would be more than willing to hold specific meetings for a lengthier public session.

2024/144 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS/S – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS & PUBLIC

Exclusion of public

Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be instructed to withdraw from the meeting.

RESOLVED: That in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed, Members passed the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 & the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, Part 1, paragraphs 11, (due to sensitive nature of the issues being discussed).

2024/145 TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON LEGAL MATTER AND DECIDE ON ANY ACTION.

An update was provided relating to the potential legal support.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 20:36 HRS.

SIGNED: _____ **CHAIRMAN**

DATE: _____