

SHEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL
HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON 21st November 2024.**

Present	Councillors : J Gunnell, A Sharp, R Burton, H Denton-Stacey (Clerk) District Councillors: Stephen Bilbie, 6 members of the public
1.	<u>Chairman’s Welcome</u> Chair welcomed all to the meeting. He gave thanks to the volunteers involved in clearing the Green in preparation for the new fencing. He gave thanks to Cllr A Sharp for his work on getting the substation cleared.
2.	<u>Apologies for absence</u> T Picton- Clark
3.	<u>To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations</u> None.
4.	<u>To sign as an accurate record the minutes of the previous meeting</u> RESOLVED: to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 22 nd August 2024 as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr A Sharp, Seconded by Cllr R Burton.
5.	<u>To receive reports from District and County</u> Stephen advised that the Local Plan is due to go to committee on 6 th December. He advised that Lutterworth East will have an impact on the Local Plan as LCC have requested a variation of conditions for strategic warehousing. No allocations have been published. He advised that the County elections will take place in May 2025.
	<u>Matters Arising</u> Cllr A Sharp has contacted Highways regarding the accidents occurring on the cross roads, they have advised that they are awaiting the police data. From data gathered, it records one serious accident in 2020, 3 accidents in 2021/2022/2024. This data only records when an injury has occurred. Clerk is to request a FOI to Leicestershire Police for all incidents on Shearsby crossroads as there is a cost to the village in repairs when traffic diverts through, Clerk to inform Bruntingthorpe PC of the plans.
6.	<u>Meeting open to the public</u>

	None
7.	<p><u>Cox Automotive</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Managing Director of Cox Automotive Liam was in attendance, He advised that the site's core businesses are Auctions and reconditioning. They are currently looking at the shift to electric vehicles and plan to install charging facilities, they are currently looking into options and the impact to the local area through sustainable energy sources such as solar etc. 2. The site is restricted to the public due to the movements and chemicals on the site. 3. He advised there are between 300-500 people on site on a daily basis, with 30,000 vehicles on site. 4. He advised there is set routes published for the transporters. 5. He is happy to work alongside the PC to look into VAS camera options for traffic speeding through the village and Cox will be happy to contribute to such a scheme. 6. He invited the PC to have a tour of the site when suitable. 7. Cox Automotive are currently looking at apprenticeship options and early careers training locally.
8.	<p><u>Street Lighting</u></p> <p>LCC have extended their County trial, the PC will await results of this. It was discussed that residents could obtain their what three words for use with emergency services if lights are switched off, for those residents unsure of how to obtain this information, Julie Poncelet has offered to support with this and is happy to be contacted.</p>
9.	<p><u>Footpaths/Highway updates</u></p> <p>The footpath officer has put forward a proposal for proper access to Bears Hole, Cllr A Sharp is following up.</p>
10.	<p><u>Neighbourhood Plan</u></p> <p>The final draft has now been completed and is awaiting HDC's review.</p>
11.	<p><u>Planning Applications</u></p> <p>None.</p>
12.	<p><u>Precept</u></p> <p>The PC discussed the future budget with planned increases in contractor and energy costs.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Cllr A Sharp proposed to increase the precept by 8%, this is an increase to the PC of £1,352.72, which is an annual cost per Band D household of £11.96. This sets the precept for 2025-26 at £18,261.72. Seconded by Cllr J Gunnell.</p> <p>Cllr R Burton abstained.</p>

13.	<u>Finance and Accounts</u>		
	a)	Balance 31 st October 2024	£31,017.34
		Receipts: Jul 24- Oct 24	£31,733.75
		Payments: Jul 24 to Oct 24	£19,202.87
		<u>Aug, Sept and Oct finance reports viewed and approved</u>	
14.	b) <u>Payments for authorisation</u>		
	H Denton-Stacey	Clerks salary Oct	£311.10
	HMRC	Employee Tax	£77.60
	Leicester Gardening Services	Grass cutting charge	£395.39
	H Denton-Stacey	Clerks salary Nov inc NALC	£582.34
	HMRC	Employee Tax inc NALC	£145.40
	H Denton- Stacey	Home allowance Oct	£26.00
	H Denton- Stacey	Home allowance Nov	£26.00
	H Denton-Stacey	Clerks salary December	£324.08
	HMRC	Employee tax	£81.00
	Leicester Gardening Services	Grass cutting charge	£395.39
	Ironstyles	Village green fencing deposit	£4,572.00
	BM Painter	Bench repairs	£170.00
	Parish Online	Annual fee	£48.00
	Amazon	Printing Paper	£23.49
	JAW Maintenance	Electrical report	£120.00
	A Sharpe	Cable ties for poppies	£15.97
	RBL	Poppy wreath	£24.99
	H Denton- Stacey	Clerks salary January	£324.08
	HMRC	Employee tax	£81.00
	H Denton- Stacey	Home allowance Jan	£26.00
	RESOLVED: Payments be authorised, proposed by Cllr R Burton, seconded by Cllr A Sharp.		
15.	<u>AOB</u>		
	None		
16.	<u>Urgent / late items at the Chairman's discretion</u>		
	None		
17.	<u>Correspondence</u>		
	Circulated.		
18.	<u>Items for discussion at next meeting</u>		
19.	Date of next meeting: Thursday 23 rd January 2025 at 7:00pm		
	Meeting closed at 20:40pm		
