

# SHUSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Monday 17th March 2025 at 7.30pm

## ORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

### DRAFT MINUTES

**Present:** Councillors G. Dupree (in the Chair), O. Brown, G. Farr, R. Hill, K. Jones and N. Larkin  
Clerk – Neil Millard  
2 members of the public

#### 1 Apologies

1.1 An apology for non-attendance was received from Councillor Gough.

#### 2. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interest

2.1 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest relating to items on the agenda.

#### 3 Minutes of Meetings of the Council

3.1 The minutes of the previous ordinary and extraordinary meetings of the Council had been circulated to all members.

3.2 It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the ordinary meeting of the Council held 27th January 2025 and the extraordinary meeting held 24th February 2025 be approved as a true and correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

#### 4 Questions or Presentation from Members of the Public

4.1 There were no questions or presentations made by the member of the public present at the meeting.

#### 5 Reports by County and District Councillors (for Information)

5.1 There were no reports forthcoming and no members of the District or County Council present at the meeting.

5.2 The Clerk reported that Councillor Wright had sent his apologies due to attendance at a meeting of NWBC

#### 6 Approval of List of Accounts

6.1 The Clerk submitted a list of accounts as set out below containing all payments made since last approval.

		£
HSBC	Bank charges	5.00
Clerk	Expenses Jan	22.00
Clerk	Salary Jan	361.80
HSBC	Bank charges	5.00

Clerk	Reimburse (car park signs)	81.02
Clerk	Expenses Feb	22.50
Clerk	Salary Feb	362.00

6.2 It was RESOLVED that the above list of accounts as submitted to the meeting be approved

## **7. Consideration of Continuing Subscription to “Connecting Four” Magazine**

7.1 The Clerk submitted correspondence on behalf of the “Connecting Four” magazine enquiring about the Council continuing its contribution to the magazine.

7.2 It was RESOLVED that the Council continue its donation to “Connecting Four” magazine for the 2025-2026 year in the sum of £260.00

## **8. Consideration of Repairs/replacement of Fence Surrounding Play Area at Recreation Ground**

8.1 Members had been advised that the existing fence to the side of the play area had fallen down as a result of a recent storm. Members debated whether to repair the existing fence or to provide an extended fence to enclose the entire play area.

8.2 It was RESOLVED that the Council delegate to the Clerk the power to spend up to £600 on materials to repair the existing fence.

## **9. Consideration of Repairs to Recreation Ground Car Park Entrance**

9.1 The Council was advised that a member of public had drawn attention to a hole in the surface of the entrance to the Recreation Ground car park

9.2 It was RESOLVED that the Council purchase gravel to a maximum value of £20.00 to rectify the damage.

9.3 It was also RESOLVED that the Council display a disclaimer sign to warn motorists that they use the car park at their own risk.

## **10. Consideration of a Suggestion for Parking Restrictions on The Green**

10.1 The Clerk had circulated to all members an email from a local resident requesting double yellow lines be introduced for a section of The Green as a result of the number of vehicles being parked on the section of road and the resulting difficulties for residents and passing traffic.

10.2 It was RESOLVED that the resident be advised that the Council has no powers in this area and they be advised to contact WCC and that the Council would be happy to support their representation.

## **11. Consideration of the Council’s Involvement in Future National Celebrations**

11.1 It was reported that there was still no formal proposal for consideration. The school will be approached to see if they have any plans to commemorate the anniversary of VJ day with the possibility of a joint venture.

11.2 It was RESOLVED that consideration of this matter be deferred to the next meeting.

**12. Progress Reports for information only**

- 12.1 The Chairman reported that a raffle held by Friends of Shustoke Park had successfully raised around £500 and this would reduce the amount to be required from the Council for phase two of the play area.
- 12.2 Councillor Brown drew members' attention to the possibility of becoming a Hedgehog Friendly Village and provided some literature. It was agreed to discuss this topic at the next meeting.

***There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.***

**I certify the above minutes, comprising four pages as a true and correct record of the meeting which took place.**

**Signed .....**      **Name .....**

**Chair**                              **Date**