

# Shutlanger Parish Council



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Minutes of the meeting of the council held on 9 September 2021 at 8.00 pm when the following business was transacted. The meeting took place at the Village Hall, Shutlanger.

**Present:** Cllrs. Evans (Chair), Clements, Newson, Stanbridge, Chambers,  
District Cllr. Fowler.  
1 member of the public (Pam Dixon, Easton Neston)

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## Minutes

- 9-09-01** CHAIRMANS ANNOUNCEMENTS were made.
- 9-09-02** APOLOGIES for absence received and accepted from Councillor Lindsay.
- 9-09-03** There were no **DISPENSATION** requests and no **DECLARATION OF INTEREST** on items on the agenda received.
- 9-09-04** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the **MINUTES** of the meeting held on 8 July 2021.
- 9-09-05** It was **RESOLVED** to object to the following **PLANNING APPLICATION**.  
**WNS/2021/1239/FUL 11 Bakers Lane**
- 9-09-06** It was **RESOLVED** to accept and approve the **FINANCE REPORT** previously circulated.
- 9-09-07** A report was received from the **WARD COUNCILLOR** and updates presented.

An update on the proposed DHL development in Towcester was given and Cllr Fowler explained that a complaint had been submitted stating that the area was not ready for the increase in traffic in the area and that the jobs promised were of little interest to the population of Towcester. It was also stated that the "Public Consultation" was not actually public as appointments need to be made in advance.

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On the matter of the Footpath with which Councillor Fowler has been active in trying to get the timeline changed in favour of the resident (Sarah Cave), little hope of anything changing soon due to the backlog of requests.

It was also confirmed that central government will be covering any costs relating to any refugees located in the area.

**9-09-08** It was **RESOLVED** not to make any changes to the following **POLICY**.

#### **Code Of Conduct**

**9-09-09** Temporary **TRAFFIC SIGNS** will be investigated further by the Clerk to gather costs and design.

These will be placed at strategic positions throughout the village. The Clerk will also investigate other traffic calming options such as increased number of chevrons painted on the road (like those at the entrance to the village on Main Road.)

**9-09-10** **ITEMS MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC** wish to raise were discussed.

The Bakers Lane footpath direction change has the full support of the council

The Clerk will investigate the possibility of the installation of CCTV cameras at strategic point in the village. A consultation will be conducted prior to any cost gathering exercise to ensure the residents supports the idea. The Clerk to put together a statement for the village Facebook page.

The idea of speed ramps on Showlsey Road near the entrance to the village (past the playing field gate towards Showsley) was again tabled and the Clerk will investigate the possibility with Highways.

The road closures are to be investigated further by the Clerk and the Ward Councillor to gather more information on the actual proposal for the closures as this will have a big impact on the ability of residents to go about their usual business. It is also noted that the closure may have a severe effect on the ability of emergency services to get to the village.

It was reported that the pavements on the road to Stoke Bruerne are again dangerously overgrown. The Clerk will report the problem.

The shrubs and bushes at the junction of Showsley Road and Main Road are again causing problems, visibility is very poor when trying to join Main Road. The Clerk will report this directly to Highways as well as Fix My Street.

The idea of painting the outside of the Bus Shelter was tabled, as this is a maintenance issue it can be completed within the Standing Orders of the council. However, it has been suggested that this is not undertaken until the bushes adjacent to the bust stop have been cleared, this is in hand.

**9-09-11** It was **RESOLVED** that the **BOLLARDS** in the Alley between Twitch Hill and Main Road be removed and replaced with a set of barriers, this will enable those with wide push chairs and mobility vehicles to manoeuvre the entrance more safely.

**9-09-12** **COMMUNICATION and CORRESPONDENCE** documents were discussed.

It was agreed that the council would support the challenge of turning the Playing Field in to "Village Green" status. The Clerk with Cllr Newson will progress this.

**9-09-13** The Council **INSURANCE POLICY** Renewal was discussed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the renewal would be with the offer from BHIB Insurance as this is substantially cheaper than the offer from the existing insurance broker.

Current offer £834.82, BHIB offer £345.91 (3-year contract)

**9-09-14** **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING on 11 November 2021** were received as follows.

Formation of a working group to assist the Village Hall in fundraising.

Budget 2022/23

Gym Equipment for the Playing Field

Village Hall funding

Picnic Benches

CCTV

**9-09-15** It was **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the attached payments and **SIGN** cheques.

**9-09-16** Meeting **CLOSED at 8:56pm**



**John Scott**  
**Clerk to Shutlanger Parish Council**

## Documents attached.

## Accounts to be paid.

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### Payments To Be Made

Amount	VAT Inc	Payee	Description
209.70	34.95	N J Blackwell	Grass Maintenance
338.00	-	J R Scott Salary July	Staff Costs
90.00	15.00	WNC	Election Costs
338.00	-	J R Scott Salary August	Staff Costs
360.00	60.00	PKF Littlejohn	Audit
209.70	34.95	N J Blackwell	Grass Maintenance
139.80	23.30	N J Blackwell	Grass Maintenance
47.12	-	Clerk Expenses	Clerk Expenses