

DRAFT MINUTES - Sherington Parish Council Extraordinary Meeting on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 19:30 in Sherington Pavilion.

Attendees: Cllrs Palmer, Kitchingham, Axford, Ramsden & O'Dell, Jacqueline Galloway. Ward Cllr McLean & Ward Cllr Geary 10 Members of the public.

	ITEM	DESCRIPTION	OWNER/ACTION
1	RECEIVE AND ACCEPT APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Clirs Nokes & Hartley, Ward Clir Geary	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	None	
3	APPROVE MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING	Approved.	Chair
4	POLICE REPORT	Update of latest crime statistics for the last month - 1 x Harassment, 1 x Anti-social behaviour.	PC Allen
5	FINANCE	5.1 REVIEW MONTHLY BALANCES – Balances on account at 31/03/24: Current Account £ 25664 Savings Account £ 3050 Payments £ 4538 Total £ 24176 5.2 APPROVE INVOICES FOR PAYMENT – Approved.	Approved
6	PLANNING APPLICATIONS	6.1 24/00569/PRIOR Development at Sherington Nurseries, Bedford Road After a discussion which covered speed limits outside the nursery, the Neighbourhood Plan and the requirement to clarify whether this was a conversion or demolition and reconstruct. Paul Crooke spoke, telling the meeting that they have been offered large sums of money for the site, these developers would probably 'sit' on the site until such time as they could get planning permission for many more properties than this proposal. (30 to 50 red brick houses!) The developer chosen wants to do a bespoke development and would aim to offset any carbon – aiming close to net zero. Paul said that the two hectares of woodland are to be made over to the parish and they would make sure there is access to the woodland. He said David is in poor health and that the nursery is bankrupt, if this plan can't be done in this way, then they will be forced to sell to one of the other developers. They are looking at what to do with the retail area to maintain its use to the village as a 'living village' with productive businesses. The aim is to develop the site totally in keeping with and improving the landscape.	



		The following is from an email Paul sent to the Clerk which covers the points he raised at the meeting.	
		I reiterate and commit to the principles I set out: - The woods will not be touched, and we will look at how we can make these open for others to appreciate. As	
		noted, David already more than willing to have people come walk and enjoy during the opening times for the business.	
		The change of use and the manner the brown field site is looked at will be sensitive to the landscape we have sculpted over the last half a century. The house and the glasshouse at the top are being looked at to see how David (and myself) can continue to savour the environment we helped shape and certainly savour.	
		Friday 19th, we are talking with more experts to look at the retail area. As noted, we have spent the last 3 years talking with others in the garden centre and gardening business about how we are to build on what is there. But the points regarding highways are there and we have to be sensitive to the limitations we have regarding heavy goods vehicles entering the Parish on a more systematic basis - Note Haynes transport as Bernard and family had looked at options for example.	
		We shall make positives happen with the right foresight to feed back into development with a consideration for how we want things to develop noting what we can control, what we can influence and how we have make these controls and influences work for us.	
		It was agreed not to object to the application.	
		 6.2 24/00703/HOU Single storey extension at 18 Carters Close - no objection. 6.3 24/00670/HOU Barn conversion 59 High Street – no objection. 	
14	DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS	Next Parish council meeting will be 14th May 2024	

Clerk – Jacqueline Galloway