

**Minutes of a virtual meeting of Shobnall Parish Council
held on Monday 18 January 2021 commencing at 7.09pm**

Present

Councillor Dennis (in the Chair)
Councillors Asghar, Dittmer, Donlon, Hoare and Shilton

In attendance

County Councillor Clarke
ESBC Councillors McKiernan and Walker
Mary Danby, Clerk

Public Forum

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

2020-21/132 Apologies
Councillor Yousaf

2020-21/133 Declarations of interest
None declared.

2020-21/134 Written applications for dispensations under the Localism Act 2011
None were received.

2020-21/135 Updates to Councillors' Register of Interest Forms
No updates were notified.

2020-21/136 Minutes
Resolved That the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 December 2020 be approved and signed as a true record.

2020-21/137 Matters arising from the previous meeting
None raised.

2020-21/138 County Councillor's report
Councillor Clarke reported that:

- **Drains**
He had attended an Overview meeting where councillors had been informed that so far over 500 problems with drains had been identified. The County Council is working towards identifying the drains in the county which need remedial works.

Several drains in Shobnall Street had been dealt with; there are other drains with lid problems which need to be resolved.

One drain in Derby Street needs to be replaced.

- **Shobnall Road resurfacing**
A Shobnall Road resident had contacted ESBC Councillor McKiernan with a copy of the comments he had submitted to the original consultation, expressing

concern that he had yet to receive a response. Councillor Clarke said that SCC Officers will respond to the consultation responders as part of the consultation process.

▪ **Washlands Club**

He had become involved regarding the access to Washlands Sports Club, which is used by 1000 people, over land previously owned by Bass Brewers. The access had been given as a verbal agreement and no formal record of that agreement can be found. An application will now be made to redevelop the site.

Accessing the Sports Club is through the car park at the front of the building used by Fitness First (previously Bass Brewers) on Wetmore Road, and over a bridge over the River Trent at the rear of the building. The access bridge was frequently structurally checked when managed by Bass Brewers, but it is not known who has this responsibility now. Access to this site and the bridge has now been blocked by the new owners erecting concrete bollards at the entrance to the car park. He has been in touch with the club and the County Council and is trying to arrange for the SCC planners to negotiate with the new owner to get a new access/permission provided. He agreed to keep the parish council informed of progress in this matter.

2020-21/139 Borough Councillors reports

Councillor McKiernan gave an update on the Covid-19 vaccination programme, adding that the Pirelli Stadium was now a Vaccination Centre and testing had moved to Hillfield House, Stretton DE13 0BW.

She would be attending a Zoom meeting with the County Council later that week on the vaccine rollout and she said she will press for better communication to get the message out to the BAME community about the need for everyone to get tested and vaccinated when it is offered. She would also make an enquiry on the possibility of residents not being registered with a doctor's practice and how could they be included in the Covid vaccination programme.

2020-21/140 Planning matters

2020-21/140.1 Planning applications

Resolved That the following observations be submitted to ESBC:

Application No.	Location	Proposal
P/2020/01436	64 Ravens Way	Erection of a first floor side extension
No objection		
P/2020/01438	127 Shobnall Street	Erection of a single storey rear extension
No objection		
P/2020/01454	Former Bargates High Street	Hybrid planning application seeking full planning permission for 72 unit sheltered housing scheme, 1 No. dwellings, 13 No. apartments, 2 No. B1 Office units and associated landscape, parking and external works; and Outline planning permission to include up

		to 5150 sq. M of Class E (a/b/g), C1 Hotel, C3 apartment, public houses/drinking establishments with associated parking and up to 4 No. dwellings and 8 No. apartments with all matters reserved
<p>Objection on the grounds that the parish council would prefer to see better recreational use made of the land for everyone in Burton to be able to access and to keep the river frontage open. ESBC should look at other towns and cities to see how they have promoted their areas, that have the benefit of a water frontage, to bring footfall into the area. Housing within this area, particularly sheltered housing would be the wrong mix of noise and late-night footfall accessing the businesses that are around this area. Burton upon Trent needs a mix of activities and facilities to enhance the lives of residents and this area is ideally located for this.</p>		

2020-21/140.2 **Planning decisions**

Resolved That the notified planning decisions be received and noted.

7.50pm

ESBC Councillor Walker joined the meeting.

Councillor Asghar left the meeting.

2020-21/141 The Link Park

ESBC Councillor McKiernan referred to the recent granting of planning permission Reserved Matters for the residential development of the former Imex Business Centre. She noted that there was a Section 106 agreement which sees £69,400 available for improving The Link Park. She made a case for the council to consider using some or all the Park to provide allotment plots.

Councillors were concerned that the historical use of the site would probably mean that the land was contaminated and therefore extremely difficult for re-use for allotments. It was also felt that site was too small an area for this purpose and additionally that there would be security issues due to the path/cycleway that runs adjacent to the site.

The discussion moved on the future of the site and it was **RESOLVED** that the council surrender the Lease to the County Council. (Vote carried 3 for, 2 against).

The Clerk was requested to inform the County Council of the above decision and request confirmation of the legal procedure to be followed to surrender the lease. Information was also to be given to the County Council regarding the S106 funds suggesting that they should negotiate with ESBC for access to those funds to be used to improve The Link Park for the benefit of Shobnall Parish residents.

Once this information is known and the surrender date is confirmed the Clerk was asked to notify Bloomin' Gardens (grass cutting/litter picking) and ESBC (regarding the S106 funds).

2020-21/142 Financial matters

2020-21/142.1 **Schedule of payments**

Payee	Payment Method	Gross £	VAT £	Transaction Detail
Bloomin' Gardens	BACS	270.00	45.00	The Link Park: Litter picking
Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd	BACS	30.00	5.00	Move Alpha software to new laptop
SLCC Enterprises	BACS	123.80	0.80	12 th Edition 'Local Council Administration'
Clerk	BACS	692.63	2.40	Clerk's salary and expenses
SPCA	BACS	30.00	0.00	'Surviving Year End Audit' course x 1 delegate
Total Payments		1,146.43	53.20	

Resolved That the above payments be approved and that the documents be signed at the next face to face meeting of the council.

2020-21/142.2 Bank reconciliation

Bank Reconciliation	£
Current Account	46,681.59
HSBC Business Money Manager Account	30,134.86
Total Funds Available as at 31 December 2020	76,816.45

Resolved That the above was a true record.

2020-21/142.3 Earmarked Reserves (EMRs) as at 31 December 2020

Earmarked Reserves	£
Elections	10,000.00
Bus shelter project	15,000.00
Link Park: New fitness and play equipment	37,000.00
Parish boundary signs	5,000.00
Replacement IT	1,000.00
Writing competition	3,000.00
General Reserve	5,816.45
	76,816.45

Resolved That the information be noted.

2020-21/143 Actual receipts and payments as at 31 December 2020

RESOLVED That the report be received.

2020-21/144 Shobnall Parish Council website

It was noted that there had been 111 visits to the website in the 30 days to 08 January.

Councillors asked that a Comment/Feedback box could be provided on the website front page.

2020-21/145 Councillors questions

2020-21/145.1 Noticeboards

Councillor Dennis reported that the noticeboard doors were difficult to open as they had become warped by exposure to rain. It was suggested that consideration could be given to replacing these with metal versions.

Agreed That this be suggestion be considered when the council looks at the projects it wishes to undertake in 2021/22.

Councillor Dennis reminded the council that the College still had the noticeboard originally located at The Link Park. The Clerk suggested that the external wall of the Princess Centre Training Centre as an alternative location.

Agreed That the Princess Street Training Centre be approached and asked if the Management Committee would give permission for the noticeboard to be located on the wall, as suggested above.

2020-21/145.2 "Old" tablets

Councillor Dennis asked if the council would like to donate the "old" tablets to local schools so that these might be used by children whose families do not have access to IT equipment for virtual learning purposes during the National Lockdown. Councillors felt that the tablets were not to an acceptable specification for the suggested use and therefore this suggestion would not be progressed.

2020-21/146 Correspondence and Circulars

2020-21/146.1 Staffordshire Parish Councils' Association (SPCA)

The SPCA's weekly newsletters have been circulated to all Councillors.

2020-21/146.2 Highways England

The weekly A38 Traffic Management Bulletins have been circulated to all Councillors.

2020-21/147 Items for next meeting

No items were raised.

Date of next meeting

Monday 15 February 2021 commencing at 7.00pm via Zoom.

The Meeting closed at 8.25pm

Signed

Date