

## **Shelley Community Association - Minutes of meeting Mon 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

10 residents attended, along with KPC Cllr Ray Bray, KMC Cllr John Taylor and KMC Cllr Bill Armer, 11 apologies received.

### **Matters Arising:**

Cllr Bill Armer up-dated on the junction at the top of Far Bank with Huddersfield Road. Following complaints about poor signage and road markings he met with 'Highways' who agreed to re-paint all the road markings. However, no date for the work has been given yet because of lack of staff and funding, Bill is chasing.

### **Chair's Report:**

John Taylor was asked to provide an up-date about the new estate next to Stretch Gate and also address rumours that work on the children's play area has stalled.

John said the developer has gone into administration. There remains one property unsold, which is the only real asset. There remain several things outstanding to complete the site. There is no street lighting installed, the roads/pavements need completing, also the access to Stretchgate and the public open space including a trim trail.

The administrators are trying to sell the site but given the section 106 monies owed to Kirklees it is unlikely to be profitable. John is working with a local builder (acting as a white knight) who is looking at what may be required to complete the works.

To enable this site to get completed and resolved John is trying to persuade Kirklees to accept that it won't get all the section 106 monies and is meeting with relevant officers shortly.

John is updating residents regularly.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Incomings and outgoings were reported and it was noted that receipts from hiring the Hall have increased, thanks to Carol Rowatt for managing this.

### **Village Hall Report:**

The Mercer Room and main foyer have now been decorated.

Instructions on how to use the lockbox have been simplified to help hirers gain access.

New garden / bench at the side of the hall has been complimented a number of times now.

The main hall floor was polished by David and Carol, taking 7 hours.

Tony kindly installed the 'Hawthornthwaite' plaque in the kitchen.

### **Environment Report:**

The strimmer has broken and is not fixable at reasonable cost (thanks to GeckOps for looking at it and advising). Best approach is to replace with new strimmer using the small grant system (a £300 grant will be applied for to pay for next year's hanging baskets and contribute to a new strimmer)

Boules pitch weeded again on 6th August

On the 9th August, 6 residents cleared Doctor Lane and the steps and parking area behind the village hall.

The school path has been tackled by Kirklees, looks good, thanks to Bill and Kirklees

### **Kirkburton Parish Council Report:**

Ray up-dated that discussions continue about the problem of drivers speeding through the village.

Emails are being sent to our 3 local MP's requesting they look at the issue of changing legislation to allow roundalls to be erected (30 mph signs on lamposts).

John and Ray reminded residents that the Parish Council is now accepting small grants applications.

Any small community group based in the Parish can apply for a grant of up to £300, the application window runs until the 24th of October.

**Kirklees Council Report:**

John advised that there is a council meeting coming up at which road safety will be discussed and the concerns about speeding through Shelley will be raised. The West Yorkshire Mayor will be visiting the council soon and the issue will be raised there as well.

The increase in the number of large lorries going through the village has been investigated. Barden Transport is now based on Coalpit lane. Lorry drivers have been given an 'approved route' to get to and away from the site which is to use Ponker lane, go through Skelmanthorpe and along Denby Dale road. They should not be going along Shelley Woodhouse Lane behind the College. However drivers seem to be ignoring this and following their satnavs. This is causing damage at the junction between Shelley Woodhouse Lane and Huddersfield Road, damage at the junction between Coal Pit lane and Shelley Woodhouse Lane and concerns have been raised by Highways about structural damage to Coal Pit lane which wasn't designed to carry such heavy traffic. Work to see how this can be addressed is ongoing, but reminders have been issued to drivers.

**Social Events:**

Afternoon Tea at the Village Hall on the 4th of October is now sold out.

**AOB:**

A request was made to the SCA for £70-£150 to top dress the Boules court which was approved. This will come out of Garden Festival funds. A question was raised about whether a village Boules team could be established to help fund future work.

Woodsome Hall Golf Club are running some tours of the hall, the next ones are happening on the 5th and 12th of October. If you are interested in finding out about its history contact the office at Woodsome, tickets are £5 per person.

**The date of the next meeting is Monday 13<sup>th</sup> of October.**