

Shotteswell Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18th July 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), J Burgess, V Ingram (Clerk), A Omer, M Pearson, J Feilding (SDC) C Williams (WCC)

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: 3 with 4th joining at 8.05

Declaration of Interest: None

Minutes of the previous meeting having been previously circulated were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Faulkner, Seconded by Cllr Burgess.

Matters Arising:

Trees & Highways:

Two water leaks had been reported to STW and had since been repaired one on Back Hill and the other in Bakehouse Lane.

Bus Shelter: Cllr Burgess agreed to paint the water drum and had washed the bus shelter out.

Playing Field: Bird deterrents replaced by Cllr Faulkner and Cllr Omer had washed away the bird droppings on the swing seat away. Dogs appear to be being taken into the field, which is disappointing and should be discouraged. RoSPA inspection had been booked. Tree house carpet to be removed and floor painted. Word had been circulated that a potential scout was looking to move caravans on to the top fields. Farmers had as a precaution moved machinery into the gateways to avert this. Residents encouraged to be vigilant. Another successful fete had been held in the field, the Chairman thanked the organisers and all who had supported the event.

Dog fouling: Anti dog fouling packs are to be sourced as problems now being experienced on footpaths. Evidence of dog fouling in Bakehouse & Middle Lanes.

Fly Tipping: None reported, but the bin in the layby always appears to be overflowing, option to either remove existing bin or acquire further bin.

Finance paid since last meeting Proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Pearson

Insurance £1,044.55	Plants £130.20 & Rent £350
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Long term insurance with a secured premium had been obtained.

Cllr Ingram & Cllr Burgess had planted up the village flower tubs.

Village Hall: Nothing to report

Footpaths: A report had been sent, this included concern over dog fouling on the paths, which, continued to be a problem, anti dog fouling packs to be sought. Motions were in progress to formalize the Jim Page memorial walk from permissive to an adopted path. The footpath team is considering throwing a party to celebrate the path. The Chairman asked when the kissing gates were to be installed, concern was expressed over the field margins

being cut which could affect the Government subsidy for High Level Stewardship payments. Cllr Omer requested that the Chairman write to the footpath team to make them aware of this and the need to repair the gap in the hedge. It was noted that this had not been undertaken intentionally and was probably something that the team were not aware of, but that it could put the path into jeopardy if not resolved.

Horton Hospital: The Clerk had travelled to Oxford to attend the HOSC meeting on June 22nd a further meeting was planned for early August where some further discussion will take place. Several members had resigned from the OCCG.

8.05 further member of the public joined the meeting

Parish Plan: No meeting had taken place.

The matter of speed limit was raised due to the 50mph speed limit imposed on the B4100, which on the day of the meeting had seen the erection of unrestricted signs on the junctions into Shotteswell and on Camp Lane. After lengthy discussions about the merits or not of potential speed limits, it was decided that speed monitoring equipment be installed to establish actual speeds being travelled through the village. Cllr Pearson stated that the most recent speed monitoring by a resident interested in potential development had shown that the speed was below 30mph. Cllr Williams insisted that a 20mph would not be appropriate here, it was for urban areas and that you couldn't have a 20 if you didn't have a 30. Also that a school was required and no pavements to qualify for a 20. Cllr Williams further stated that the cost of a speed limit was in the region of £9,000 per road. A suggestion was put forward to consider the possibility of a 30 speed limit only on First & Second Turn and Coronation Lane. Cllr Williams is to inquire and advise on the cost of speed monitoring equipment and suggested waiting until September to conduct the monitoring.

Planning Applications: 17/01912/LBP, 17/01934/VARY, 17/01725/VARY – Corner Cottage 17/01601/FUL, 3 Spring Cottages, pending

District Council report: OSC was still considering the state of the hospital proposals and still very supportive. Roll out of broadband continues, but not enough capacity for many of the new houses being built. HEART team looking at housing needs with particular attention to the elderly and disabled, housing pilot established and a five- year housing task group established. Core Strategy is to be revisited, as alleged not enough housing. Insufficient electric supplies in the district to cope with new development. Orbit is disposing of many of their garages the sales of which have generated one million for the council. Cllr Feilding will monitor these to see if our garages are mooted for sale in the future. Many of the plots disposed of are being developed.

County Council report: Reduction in the number of councillors. Business rates not being handed back as expected. Budget cuts were to be made by reducing children's centres down from 19. It was felt that the North of the County was deprived and the south wasn't. The centres were for mothers who couldn't cook and thought that a bag of crisps constituted a vegetable. Lighthorne not considered a deprived area and yummy mothers were using the centre for child care. Oxfordshire and Birmingham had made similar cuts. County grant scheme to be launched but this was not for parish council projects. Warwickshire fire service not to see any stations close but would see appliances being crewed by four rather than five people.

Meeting closed at 8.27pm

Provisional date for next meeting changed to 3rd October