

Draft

Shotteswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th May 2019 at 7.43 pm in the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), J Burgess, V Ingram (Clerk), M Pearson, B Zammett J Feilding (SDC)

Apologies: Cllr Williams (WCC)

Members of the Public: 1

Declaration of Interest: None

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Zammett to the Parish Council.

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

Highways and Trees: Given that it had only been a couple of weeks since the last meeting there was little in the way of updates.

The Clerk had followed up obtaining a quote for the hedge works on the Second Turn, to cut back elder and chip into the hedge would cost £350. This work would not be undertaken until after the nesting season. A tree survey had been undertaken by WCC, the tree by the Village Hall is not considered a priority, some crown lifting has been recommended for some of the trees on the Second Turn and includes the Acer by the Village Hall, specs to obtain a five and a half metre clearance.

Playing Field: The new benches and parasols had arrived and the first thatched parasol had been installed, the second would be installed when the weather picked up.

An offer had been made by a school's sixth form from Banbury to undertake painting the tree house if the council provided the paint and brushes. This would be supervised by the teacher and would be covered under the school's public liability. The Parish Council agreed to this proposed by Cllr Zammett Seconded by Cllr Pearson. Provisional dates, 8th, 9th and 10th July. A suggestion was made to consider removing the glass from the treehouse.

Cllr Burgess offered to wash tree house down prior to painting.

Gatepost by the bus shelter on the side of the Children's Playing field had been repaired over the weekend so the gate now closes cost for repairs was £10. It was proposed to ask Mr Spencer to repair the treehouse door.

RoSPA inspection booked for July, so a work party would be needed to clean and tidy up the field before then.

The contractor had again complained about dog fouling in the field and also has enquired as to whether there is public liability cover for the other mowing activity taking place in the field? The

field is topped by farmers who carry their own public liability, but no other public liability other than the official contractor had the necessary cover to undertake works in the field.

Dog Fouling: Aside from in the playing field it now appears to have become an issue on the Village Green, again contractor has complained as have several residents. Residents are to be encouraged to report anyone who does not clean up after their dogs and the Dog Technician would follow up these reports.

Fly tipping: A dead badger had been reported outside the Village Hall but SDC said that it had growled at them and reported it to the RSPCA. It appeared that the Badgers were causing a considerable nuisance in the confines of the village.

Finance

Annual Governance and approval of accounts, approved by all proposed by Cllr Burgess & Seconded Cllr Faulkner.

Insurance was up for renewal and the council were delighted to report that there was a significant reduction in the premium. If we sign for the next three years we also get it at an even more favourable rate

No LTU	£676.20
3 Year LTU	£642.39

Given we were paying £1,040 this was a welcome bonus, particularly as the council needed to replace the defibrillator (an annual saving of £397). Proposed by Cllr Pearson Seconded by Cllr Zammett agreed by all that we accept the three-year undertaking. We have been fortunate that the defib people loaned us a machine whilst we decide on the replacement, we have had the original one for twelve years.

The trade-in price for a new G5 is discounted to £750+vat which comes with a new battery & 2 sets of new pads, carry case, ready kit & carries another 8 years warranty (plus £20+vat carriage). It will certainly be cheaper/much more cost effective to replace it that way than pay for any repairs outside of its warranty. Proposed by Cllr Burgess, Seconded by Cllr Zammett Spent since last meeting Kall Kwick £188.80, Benches £1,210.25, Bench £529, Printing £136.78 Proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Faulkner all agreed.

It was reported that the Bus shelter notice board had a wobbly post, Cllr Faulkner will mend. School buses losing escort would we write to show our support for these to be reinstated? The replacement bench for the Village Green arrived on Thursday.

The hospital no further updates, but following suggestions put forward by Cllr Ingram she had been invited to meet with hospital representatives at the invitation of the CEO.

Orbit no updates as such but Cllr Ingram has been invited to meet with a senior manager.

75th Anniversary for VE day 8th May 2020, a request had been received to start planning for parties etc. It was agreed that the Parish Council would support and organise this.

Electricity undergrounding taking place on the First Turn expected to be completed by July. Request to underground wires across playing field the College had agreed and it was decided by the Parish Council to pursue this.

Footpaths The Clerk had written to the footpaths team and they welcomed the gates being installed on their behalf, just waiting for the contractor to install, who is likely to be the landowner.

County Council Report: The Annual Meeting of the full Council was held last Tuesday 21st May 2019. Apart from the routine matters of reappointing the Leader, the Cabinet and the Members to their various committees, there was an interesting debate about the effectiveness of scrutiny of the various duties carried out by the Council. In general, there was a feeling that scrutiny is appropriate and this identified potential problems before they occur. Work is also commencing with the establishment of a Working Party to calculate the budget for next year's budget setting process. I will keep you informed of developments.

With regard to the long-awaited Green Paper on Social Care, it is interesting to note that at a recent Prime Minister's Question Time the issue was raised and the Prime Minister admitted that due to Brexit discussions this matter has been delayed but will be high on the agenda once the Brexit saga has been resolved.

Community Grant funds for receiving applications is 7th June 2019.

District Council Report, Cllr Feilding thanked everyone for their support at the recent election. High turnout in this area. Cllr Feilding had been appointed to several committees which included planning, licensing and Overview and Scrutiny. Overall the Conservatives had a majority of four but it was felt that the two Independents might yet rejoin them.

The council were still pursuing broadband for areas with poor coverage.

The council were still battling for the Wellesbourne Airfield compulsory purchase order.

A housing company was still being mooted to buy up Orbit properties as they disposed of them to maintain a stock of housing.

Refurbishment at Elizabeth House was being undertaken with a view to renting surplus office space, to bring in additional revenue. Cllr Kettle had been visiting China on the Council's behalf seeking investment in Stratford.

It was reported that the Orbit grass cutting had been poor this year.

Reassuringly, however, the council are making a better job of the verge cutting along the main roads this year.

Meeting Closed at 8.31pm.

Next meeting provisionally booked for 20th August.