

Draft

Shotteswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20th August 2019 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

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

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: 13

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Zammett & Ingram application for the Village Hall,

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

Highways and Trees:

With the full permission of WCC the Elder hedge by the playing field has been cut, following safety concerns that had been previously raised. Two inspections were made prior to the hedge being cut to check for nesting birds and none were found. It appears that the Parish Council were reported to the District Council for undertaking this work, necessitating an officer from Stratford coming to inspect the works, however, the complaint was without foundation and dismissed. New growth is already sprouting up and this will be easier to maintain in the future, the hedge will be added to the routine maintenance each year. The council had, however, received several compliments over the improvement this has made.

A request was made to see if further hedge cutting could be considered on Second Turn, permission had only been given by the highways to remove the elder in danger of falling into the road, however, quotes will be sought to see if this is feasible.

Permission has been given by WCC to fell the tree by the village hall, quotes have been sought to fell and grind the root stump. A suggestion has been put forward that a replacement tree is to be purchased in memory of the late Jane Betts, the council agreed to this proposal, donations are to be collected for the replacement tree and plaque. The family were very touched by this suggestion and are fully supportive. The council will pay for the tree to be felled and the replacement tree and plaque by donations.

Proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Zammett. An offer to fell the tree had been made by a local farmer, however, the necessary public liabilities would need to be ascertained before a decision could be made. If this offer was accepted a contractor would be sought to do the tree stump grinding two quotes had been received to undertake the original works, a further breakdown will be requested for the grinding, if necessary.

Highways, potholes at New Road reported, still waiting for the previously flagged items to be addressed, but unable to follow up as the officer was on holiday.

Complaints had been received over the skip on Back Hill, which had been in situ for almost two months and was both full and malodorous. The Parish Council forwarded the complaints to the relevant authority, in this case, the licensees at WCC, who then followed their procedures to advise the skip company that it needed collecting.

New Road, the Clerk had met with officials from Orbit and a District Councillor, whilst legal matters were being sorted it was proposed that a temporary lease for twelve months be made to allow completion of these legal matters. This is expected to be drafted in September, once this draft is agreed then residents paying the fees of approx £1,200 each would be lifted, which we are sure will be an immense relief to the residents. The matter of the hedge maintenance has been raised with SDC and the poor quality of the current mowing contractor with Orbit.

Footpath kissing gates not yet installed waiting for the farmer to finish the harvest. A quote was being sought for minor repairs to the gate, closing spring and post for the noticeboard.

Playing Field:

The children from Banbury Academy had painted the treehouse, there was some tidying up still to be done. Thanks were expressed to the children for their contributions and letter sent to school. A local carpenter had kindly repaired the door for us and the guttering, the ladder leading to the treehouse had been checked for stability and it was found only to be cosmetic. The ROSPA report had flagged up some issues that need addressing, the report had been circulated. These included missing bolts in several pieces of equipment, string hanging from the swings leftover from the fete and concern about the swing seat.

Since the hedge has been cut back it appears to have discouraged some of the night callers.

Glass being removed from the treehouse was discounted as could cause rot.

A suggestion was put forward to top, the top half of the field more often.

Fly-tipping none reported, dog fouling still appears to be an issue in the Village Green area and Back Hill.

Finance:

The Audit process had been completed.

Paid since the last meeting, Proposed by Cllr Faulkner Seconded by Cllr Burgess

Plants £154.99	Hedge cutting £360
Insurance £676.20	Rent for field £400
WALC £104	AED £58.80
Dulux £186.33	ROSPA £120

A letter of thanks had been sent to the Dulux Decorator Centre for their generous discount on the paint and materials for the treehouse and varnish for the benches.

The new lease terms for the playing field remained unchanged other than the rent had been increased to £400 per annum. Proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Zammett

A request had been sent regarding the electrical wires in Coronation Lane and the Clerk has arranged to meet with Western Power to see what was possible. Still waiting for the poles to be sorted out by BT from the last wave of works. The Clerk had chased up the works for Middle and Snuff Lane.

Horton Hospital: Still ongoing with a meeting planned for later this month.

May 2020 event planning would begin in earnest once further details received.
Police Crime Commissioner elections will be held on 4th May 2020.

19/02012/ TREE	19/07/ 2019	Pending Consideratio n	The Mount Chapel Lane Shotteswell Banbury OX17 1JB	T1 - weeping willow - Fell
19/02008/ FUL	18/07/ 2019	Pending Consideratio n	Village Hall Coronation Lane Shotteswell	3 replacement windows to toilet wing and installation of air source heat pump.
19/01814/ FUL	28/06/ 2019	Pending Consideratio n	Shepsden Bakehouse Lane Shotteswell Banbury OX17 1JA	Single Storey oak framed orangery extension
19/01075/ FUL	25/04/ 2019	Permission with conditions	Sunrise Shotteswell Banbury OX17 1JA	Proposed garden room

Donation approved towards U Bus service of £50.
Proposed by Cllr Zammett Seconded by Cllr Burgess.

District Council Report

With fourteen new councillors, the council was trying to get everyone up to speed with training and taking on the different roles.

Concern over Rural Policing adequacy had been raised and as such a special meeting at Primrose Hill Farm on 4th September for Councillors had been arranged, the PCC would be in attendance along with District Council officials and Inspector Wiggin. This was hoped to lead to better coordination with neighbouring police forces and a greater understanding of the roles. Cllr Feilding encouraged people to report crime, otherwise, it appeared to be on the decrease, when this may not be the case, which inevitably would lead to less resources. A new police app was

to be launched which should enable the public to report any suspicious activity more easily but of course, the 101 service would still be available for non-emergency calls.

County Council Report : With the retirement of David Carter, Monica Fogarty has now taken on the role of sole Chief Executive. WCC has started on new proposals which set out a clear vision to make Warwickshire forward-thinking, supporting its communities and delivering a vibrant economy.

The new Assistant Director of Highways is Scott Thompkins who comes with 18 years' experience, joining from Gloucestershire.

The new Assistant Director of Public Health, Helen King, and The Assistant Director of Adult and Children's Social Care, John Coleman, are working together to highlight the need for healthy living in the community. Dementia, obesity, exercise and mental health are top of the list of long- term concerns that are being highlighted.

HS2, early works are nearing completion and the contractors are commencing some preparatory works in particular connected with the tunnel boring machine. They have trials in Wormleighton which are underway. Cllr Bob Stevens has been appointed as Cabinet Advisor on HS2 matter and will be working to get better and more accurate communications regarding HS2. He is also aiming to get the three District Councils who are affected by HS2 to accept their responsibilities and to appoint a dedicated Officer as a point of contact.

There are still pockets of money around for small grants for community benefit. Shotteswell was fortunate in obtaining £400 to improve the heating in the Village Hall and to reduce the risk of damp.

Cllr Zammett raised the matter of laying more safety surface matting on the verge outside of New Cottage. Although an offer had been made to donate some matting, a quote needed to be sourced for a cost to undertake the work, given that the ground is so impacted due to vehicles mounting and parking on the verge. Confirmation of the dimensions and how many mats would be required to be sought.

Meeting closed at 8.24 pm

Date of next meeting provisionally set for Wednesday 13th November 2019