

# Shotteswell Parish Council

## Draft

**Shotteswell Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2020 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)

**Apologies:** C Williams (WCC)

**Members of the Public:** 1

**Declaration of Interest:** Cllr Burgess: Tree Application

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

## Matters Arising:

**Highways & Trees:** The Clerk had followed up all the outstanding issues, including potholes, road deterioration, blocked gullies and moss on the road. A request had been made by a resident for a new sign indicating that the road was not suitable for turning manoeuvres. WCC was agreeable to the proposal it would involve attaching to the current post. However, WCC would not cover the cost, it was proposed that a sign be purchased by Cllr Zammett and Seconded by Cllr Faulkner, subject to cost. The planned road works in Bakehouse Lane were scheduled for March. Trees, still awaiting the planned tree works to be undertaken. The annual cut by the contractor had been delayed due to the inclement weather but had taken place last week. Thanks had been expressed from one resident for the tidying up by his property.

**Playing Field:** Nothing to report, the bonfire to be lit as soon as practicable.

**Dog Fouling/ Fly-tipping:** Dog fouling still appears to be an issue on Back Hill due to dogs being let out unaccompanied. Fly tip on Mollington Road reported to SDC and removed promptly.

**Finance** paid since last meeting £1,584 Proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Faulkner. The Precept was discussed and it was agreed to keep the precept at last years rate of £6,500. Proposed by Cllr Burgess and Seconded by Cllr Pearson. CIL payment, it was discussed and decided that the replacement defibrillator would be purchased out of these funds and any remaining monies to be used towards repairs to the playing field. Proposed by Cllr Zammett Seconded by Cllr Burgess

**Horton Hospital:** No further news, however, the council still remained concerned over the lack of maternity services in particular over the lack of the provision of epidural pain relief services not being available in Banbury at the MLU.

**May 2020 Event:** This was discussed and the preference expressed to hold the event on a Saturday rather than Friday and mid-afternoon rather than the evening. Planning of the event was delegated to Cllr Ingram and Cllr Burgess.

**New Road,** The lease had been agreed and should come into effect next month.

**Planning:** Tree application for Plumstones.

**District Council Report:** Cllr Fielding reported that SDC had declared a climate emergency. Despite the drive for electric cars, there were few charging points and the facilities to do so in the villages would be challenging. Cllr Ingram pointed out that the infrastructure in villages in terms of electric capacity would mean that in our village there would only be feasible for 2 points max. Highways were monitoring traffic movements at the motorway junctions via the use of telephones but didn't appear to have taken into account villages. Green Bin charges, this was discussed at length it was pointed out that the council felt inadequate consultation had taken place and the opportunity to reach the public had failed by not including this consultation in the View Magazine. Cllr Fielding stated that it was a statutory obligation to collect food waste, the council felt that this being the case then SDC were using the public to fund this obligation and that many would choose to put food in the black bins rather than recycle via a caddy. No one knew how big the caddy would be and felt that it would cause problems with vermin and the like. If the lorry was coming around with the same man and incurred the same fuel costs where was the saving? It was asked if charities would receive a concession, Cllr Fielding said that they hoped to make a profit and charities would benefit and the rest be devoted to climate emergency fund. Warwick District and SDC were to embark on building their own facility as the Ettington depot had been sold. The Parish Council expressed their disquiet that this move would lead to more fly-tipping, apparently, in another council, this had not been the case but this appeared not to be a rural area like Stratford so the concern remained as did the possibility of an increase in burning waste which appeared not only to be a social nuisance but contrary to the climate emergency, declared by SDC.

**County:** Finances and reserves are healthy there are issues including Adult Social Care which will have to be tackled. Although yet to be finalised, the budget will incorporate a 2% allowance for social care costs as last year but any material changes to the budget proposals are still to be announced.

WCC named as the UK's Top Performing Council for Highway Maintenance in National Highways for the second year in a row. Warwickshire was among 111 Highway Authorities, including 28 County Councils, which took part in an independent survey which looked at satisfaction with Highway services. Warwickshire came out top for Public Satisfaction dealing with potholes and undertaking cold weather gritting. The Council also ranked amongst the best in other areas including condition of pavements, speed of repair to damaged roads, keeping drains clear and speed of repair to streetlights.

Funding opportunities: WCC has made funds available to the community and voluntary sector groups under the countywide health and wellbeing grants programme. South Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning Group has also provided additional funds for projects in South Warwickshire.

We are currently being plagued by itinerant travellers. In case you have not been aware there were around ten caravans parked in the layby on the A423 at the county boundary near Farnborough having previously been moved on from Gaydon.

Cllr Burgess asked if the Highways Authority could be approached with a view to resurfacing this stretch of the M40 with quieter tarmac.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Next proposed meeting 7th April 2020