

Shotteswell Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

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

Apologies: Cllr Pearson

Members of the Public: 1

(Cllr Feilding (SDC) joined the meeting at 7.47 pm)
(Cllr Mills (WCC) joined the meeting at 7.48 pm)

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Zammett IRO Planning applications for V Hall

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Cllr Burgess and Seconded by Cllr Zammett

Matters Arising

Highways & Trees

Trees: The tree overhanging the Back Hill by Sleepy Hollow has been reported to Highways. There appear to be three dead Cherry trees on Middle Lane which need replacing, given the forthcoming Jubilee whereby the council is encouraged to plant trees it was decided that these could be replaced under this scheme and also a suggestion to plant some small trees of a similar nature opposite the bus shelter had been put forward. Prop by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Faulkner and unanimously supported by the council.

The annual tidy of the hedges had been booked. Several residents had mentioned the hedge in Bakehouse lane protruding over the road. The Clerk will check with Cllr Pearson to see if he had raised this, if not it will be followed up. A complaint had been received regarding the tree planted outside of Highview in view of the fact that this will eventually cause visibility issues. Cllr Mills, recommended contacting highways as this was county land.

Road works: Following the extensive contact with WCC a lot of road works were planned over October and stretching into November, we are very grateful to the County Highways for agreeing to these works.

Chapel Lane will be closed on 19th October. Owing to a potential drainage issue in Chapel Lane the Clerk had flagged this to be repaired before the resurfacing took place. There is a blocked gully outside of the Mount, which couldn't previously be located. The Clerk had found the gully and had asked if it could be cleaned before the roadworks go ahead.

Snuff Lane was to be closed for resurfacing on the 18th of October, but this had now been postponed and will be carried out next year instead.

The Snuff Lane delay is due to Western Power's proposed electricity undergrounding which will take place next year, a large trench will have to be made in the road to facilitate the undergrounding, so it made sense to try and co-ordinate the works so that one didn't undo the other. The Clerk had also organised a repair to be made to the fire hydrant trying to ensure this is also done before the resurfacing takes place.

Bury Court Lane will be closed on 20th October for road works and Church Lane on 21st October. Cllr Burgess queried why the road was being resurfaced as opposed to Church

Lane which was in need of repair, it was agreed this would be raised with Cllr Mills when he arrived.

First Turn will be closed for structural repatching on 4th & 5th November.

Further defects have been flagged as they have arisen.

The Clerk noticed a further leak opposite Sunny View and this had been rectified.

There is still water escaping onto the road further down and the Clerk is following this up.

A different water bowser was coming to fill up in the village from Banbury, the Clerk followed this up and hopefully, this will have stopped. Water escaping onto the road particularly in the winter months is undesirable and potentially dangerous.

Parking: Complaints had been received regarding the continued parking at the junction to Middle lane and that large vehicles are now parking on the verge opposite the bus shelter. The resident who raised this has asked if the parish council can write to those persons responsible or ask if it is down to highways to write before this becomes established practice? Cllr Zammett stated that a speed sign had been found in the road on the B4100.

SWLP. The results of this exercise and the proposed sites have not yet been released, we continue to monitor the site.

A new survey has come out to which all residents are encouraged to participate in the proposed merger of SDC and WCC. Details were on the noticeboard if anyone would like to respond, the intention is to try and be a stronger voice and to cut costs by amalgamating. No response had been received yet from our request to find out about the M40 resurfacing but a reminder had been sent.

A further letter was sent to the council re the land between Manor Cottage and Manor side Barn by the developer asking if he could seek the council's view on the proposal before submitting anything formally to SDC. The council's view remains that it prefers to wait until a formal application is made before commenting.

Cllr Mills & Cllr Feilding joined the meeting

Cllr Burgess raised the resurfacing with Cllr Mills who agreed to find out further details.

Playing Field: Rospa had been to inspect the field and had identified that the other child cradle swing may need attention shortly. A few missing bolts, a loose pole on the goal post and some repairs to the treehouse had been identified.

String on swings needed to be removed, a bench had been identified as showing some rot. Wicksteed had been back to us at long last for repairs to the skier and this had been ordered to be repaired and the seat to be replaced on the baby swing at the same time to avoid additional transport charges.

A quote to cut back the hedge had been received and will take place as soon as practicable. The thatching had arrived and needed to be placed on the frame and the old thatch removed and disposed of. The fencing posts need to be checked and repaired where necessary.

Litter signs were ordered from SDC as promised but didn't seem to be very suitable, so the council will design their own.

Bonfire needs to be lit but moved before doing so to avoid killing any wildlife that may be nesting underneath.

Cllr Burgess agreed to spray around the equipment in the field, Cllr asked to provide the spray.

It was suggested to lighten the burden of the field that Cllrs would take it, in turns, to inspect the field and record the findings. Cllr Zammett will take the first month

New Road: Hopefully, the issue of the council taking over the land is nearing completion. This was our initiative and in the process, this has helped out many other parishes throughout the county.

Refunds are due to New Road residents, backdated until June 2020. Unfortunately, we didn't know that this had to be applied for directly until the Clerk followed this up with Orbit.

Following this discovery a note was sent to residents informing them of the need to apply to Orbit, the letter advised if there were any problems to let the council know and we would try to help.

The legal work is about to be signed off this in part was held up somewhat as the land search revealed that some of Orbit's land at Shotteswell had been taken, which has involved more legal work to resolve.

A suggestion had been made to see if it would be feasible to install electric charging points in the New road garages to try and provide a solution to households who would have difficulties in charging EV at their own properties. This suggestion had been taken up by Orbit and they will come back to us on this idea.

The grass cutting appears to be working okay and will continue to be monitored. Grass cuttings must be mulched or disposed of properly.

Some minor defects had been reported on the road surface entering New Road.

The hedge will be trimmed back by the contractor later this year.

Fly tipping: Several incidents have been reported and cleaned up promptly.

Dog fouling: One resident has reported to SDC an incidence of dog fouling that was witnessed by the resident, we understand that the owner has been contacted. It is a great pity when we have so many considerate dog owners that clean up after their pets that a few spoil it for the others.

Bus service a query was made by a resident asking when the service would resume this was followed up and hopefully should be running okay again on Thursdays.

A request to buy some bulbs was made by Cllr Ingram this was seconded by Cllr Burgess and agreed unanimously.

Platinum Jubilee, nationwide celebrations will hopefully take place in June 2022, with a Bank holiday on 2nd & 3rd June, a beacon to be lit on 2nd and an event planned for Sunday 5th June. Further details are to follow but the date has been added to the diary.

Planning residents in Bury Court Lane and Church Lane had raised concerns about the proposed application for dog walking fields.

Finance: Paid since last meeting, proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Faulkner.

Paid Since Last Meeting

Thatch £943	Printing £127
Barrels £150	Plants £184.60
Printing £79.20	RoSPA £120 Ink £88.70

District Councillor's report J Feilding

A Summary of the Cabinet papers 4 October which are online

Key Milestones

Consideration of the business case for the merger will be held at the Council meeting on the 13th of December. If agreed the business case will be submitted before the end of 2021 for approval by the Secretary of State within a year of the submission date. The Shadow Council should in existence from April 2023. Elections including those of parish councils deferred for a year; all services to merge by April 2024 having started the process in November 2021 irrespective of full merger being agreed. The new council comes into life on the 1st of April 24 elections for the new council in May 2024

Shared Management Team Posts

Proposals have been agreed by both Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick District Councils to implement a Joint Management Team on 2 August 2021. These proposals were approved by way of Leader Decision at Stratford-on-Avon DC on 17 June 2021 and by way of an Employment and Appointments Committee decision at Warwick DC on 15 June 2021

Shared Contracts between the two authorities

Following the decision at both Councils a joint specification was agreed for the Refuse and Recycling contract between the two authorities.

Joint Core Strategy/Local Plan Review

The process for the determination of the South Warwickshire Local Plan has commenced with a special joint Cabinet and Member Advisory Group established to oversee the process.

“To create a single statutory South Warwickshire Council covering all of the activities currently carried out by Stratford-on-Avon District Council and Warwick District Council by 1 April 2024.”

Plans for Full Service Integration

Councils to progress with the process of service integration irrespective of the decision relating to the proposed full merger. In the light of significant financial pressures and in line with the findings from the Deloitte report both Stratford-

on-Avon and Warwick have included significant savings within the respective Medium Term Financial Plans (MTFPs). Over the duration of the MTFPs these are as follows:-

2021/2022 will be £390,000, in 2023 they will increase to £1.42 million, the following year £2.600 and by 24/25 will be £3.230, the following year up to £3.760.

Strategy Housing Policy.

Discussion was had with regards to integrating local need properties within larger planning applications. It was pointed out that in the smaller schemes it was very difficult to integrate these properties in the same way. In a discussion with the Head of Strategic Planning, it was pointed out that landowners were happy to set aside land for this type of development, but they would like to see the development on land occupied by redundant agricultural buildings. This was providing that the development also included open market housing to help to offset differed land values. The small blocks of up to 7 affordable homes better suited to social housing developers as they are easier to monitor and handle.

Climate Change A training course was held on climate change and the need to incorporate improved insulation and other improvements to developments.

County Councillors report

Support for families and individuals facing hardship

Warwickshire County Council continues to help local families and individuals facing hardship over the next few months.

Additional funding has been allocated to every Council for families with children, other vulnerable households, and individuals to ensure that people who are struggling have the support they need for food, essential items, and utilities.

Warwickshire's share of Government grant is £1.322m and the Council will be distributing the latest allocation of the Covid Local Support Grant to families eligible for benefits related free school meals and others in need of support over the period when schools were close for the summer. For more information contact www.warwickshire.gov.uk/localwelfarescheme

Warwickshire continues success in keeping young people in education, employment or training.

A recent publication from the Department for Education (DfE) has shown that once again, Warwickshire County Council is one of the most successful local authorities in the country for ensuring 16- and 17-year-old residents are either in education, employment, or training. For More information contact: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/neet>

A stark but essential warning – Warwickshire County Council welcomes the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change (IPCC) report 2021

The UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC Report-published on Monday 9th August 2021 has set out the current position in terms of human influenced climate change and overall condition of natural world across the globe. Although the findings are

bleak, WCC has welcomed the publication ensuring that considerations of climate underpin all Council decision-making

You can read a copy of the IPCC report: <https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/#FullReport>

For More information about how Warwickshire County Council is facing the challenges of the climate change emergency, visit:

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/strategies-policies-legislation/facing-challenge-climate-warwickshire>

Warm Hearted Warwickshire residents show support for Afghan refugees

Warwickshire is expected to welcome around 100 people into the country as part of the National Home-Office Plan. Residents of Warwickshire have been quick to show their compassion and offer support.

Stratford Welcome Here group have set up a justGiving page to support Afghan families.

Council releases powerful video to raise awareness of child exploitation in Warwickshire. Hundreds of children and young people in Warwickshire exploited

Child exploitation is the manipulation and/or coercion of young people under 18 and it takes many forms.

WCC has released a powerful advert to raise awareness of it happening across the County with the aim to encourage young people, parents, carers, teachers, professionals, and all other members of the Community to learn how to spot the signs and most importantly to report it or get support. The campaign website www.somethingnotright.co.uk is packed full of information and resources including the different types of exploitation and the warning signs. To watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MQ0Z2iLDyRA>

If you are worried about a child or young person, contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday on 01926 414144.

New strategy to support victims of domestic abuse is approved

Warwickshire County Council has approved a Safe Accommodation Strategy which looks to provide safe and secure accommodation and support for women, men and children who are at risk of, or have experienced domestic abuse

“Plant a tree for the Jubilee” Warwickshire County Council- The Queen’s Green Canopy.

Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Lieutenancy are encouraging individuals, schools’ community groups and businesses to get involved in a unique, tree planting initiative to mark Her Majesty’s Platinum Jubilee 2022.

Anyone can get involved by planting a tree during the forthcoming planting season which runs from October 2021 until March 2022:

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm