

# Shotteswell Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 8th February 2022 at the Village Hall, Shotteswell.**

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

**Apologies:** Cllr Mills

**Members of the Public:** 2

**Declaration of Interest:** None

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

## **Matters Arising**

### **Highways & Trees:**

The annual tidy up had taken place of the hedges/verges

The clerk had contacted WCC regarding planting trees opposite the Bus Shelter, waiting for a response with the intention of planting trees to represent the 70 years for the Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Pearson to see if any free trees are available.

The 20's plenty sign appears to have been vandalised on 2nd Turn, thought to be by hedge cutting, replacement to be ordered.

Significant works had taken place since the last meeting these included: Large patching by New Road on First Turn. Bury Court Lane resurfaced, Blind man's lane leading to Bury Court farm resurfaced. Chapel Lane had in addition to the resurfacing had all the drains fixed. Although there have been some grumbles about the road surface being too smooth it has been inspected by the Manager of WCC and found to be okay. It was considered that the Black ice had affected all lanes regardless of the road surface.

Defects reported in Middle Lane and the road works signs on Coronation Lane are due to be collected in the next couple of days.

A request had been made to repaint the slow sign on Mollington Road and this has been agreed upon.

Drainage grips had been dug on the Second Turn.

Church Lane is on the list for resurfacing.

The Council's attention is now focused on Bakehouse Lane to try and resolve the water on the road and the potholes. WCC had agreed to revisit this, which is excellent news.

Snuff Lane will be closed from Wednesday 9th February until the 11th to allow for the fire hydrant to be rebuilt. The Council arranged for the bins to be emptied before the road closes, residents had been informed.

Electricity undergrounding is anticipated to start in Mid May and will last for 4-6 weeks, this will result in some road closures. Following the completion of the works Snuff Lane will be resurfaced.

Mollington Road blocked gully with tree roots to be cleared.

Patching in New Road to be reported.

The sign for the tree will be installed on Church Lane. Cllr Faulkner to alter plaque.

The new tubs had been planted up with spring bulbs

Passing bays on Mollington road need clearing back, Cllr Faulkner will attend to this. The council continues to be concerned over the parking at the junctions on Middle Lane and on the verges.

Complaints have been received over the parking in the passing bay on the Mollington Road, this was installed to allow traffic to pass and not cause damage to the verge or to drag mud onto the road, sign to be installed.

The owners of the hedge hanging into the road on Bakehouse Lane had been approached with a view to cutting it back. Tree on Mollington Road owners to be contacted re-cutting the overhang.

Issues with telephone lines, the Clerk had been in touch with BT, as a result to some extent this had been resolved with the laying of the new cable. The signal is still patchy in New Road so the Clerk would follow up.

SWLP No sites had been put forward for development in Shotteswell, under the call for sites. However, a significant acreage at Warmington has been proposed. The responses have been uploaded to the website if anyone would like to read them. The council will continue to monitor the situation.

### **Playing Field**

New inspection book purchased.

Once the weather improves the new thatching will be installed.

The clerk has asked for the treehouse and benches to be inspected for any remedial work.

The contractor had switched out the defective swing seat and made the repair to the goal post screws on the board. However, the wrong part was sent to mend the skier, this has been followed up twice but as yet no date to fix it.

The handrail on the steps outside the playing field is broken.

Complaints had been flooding in regarding the number of dogs being taken into the field.

The Council will in the first instance send a letter around the village and then follow up again if necessary.

Spraying around the equipment to protect it from strimmer damage needs to take place, Cllr Burgess will do this, Cllr Faulkner will supply the spray.

It was agreed that the bonfire will be turned and burnt, Cllr Faulkner to arrange. A beacon will be lit in June but given the time of night this needs to be lit will be on a smaller scale.

**Dog Fouling:** Evident in the playing field and also on the Village Green. Bags of dog excrement have been left in the field by the footpath stile, given there is livestock in the field which is an unacceptable danger to the animals.

**Fly-tipping:** This seems to be on the increase with numerous tyres being dumped in the layby and on Second Turn. Domestic waste also reported on Mollington Road. Tyres dumped on the layby on Camp Lane, Clerk will report.

Residents should be aware that the Green bin charge is going up to £42 this year with no early bird scheme, which is disappointing. The bin collection is changing there will be weekly collections of food waste and caddies will be provided, green and blue bins will remain fortnightly and the black bin will be emptied once every three weeks. The Council asked that their concerns be fed back to SDC re the charges and the fact that black bins only being emptied once every three weeks will cause issues for families especially those with babies.

The Council expressed their view that they could not see the saving if weekly collections were being made for food waste as the cost must be the lorry and the men.

**New Road:** The final contract has been drafted and the council were hoping to have it before the meeting. The clerk will follow up. Residents need to apply for their repayments for the maintenance charges which date back to June 2020. The contractor should cease to come and this has been reported back to Orbit. Orbit is not paying for the cutting of the grass so this will not affect residents' refunds. A note has been issued informing residents of their need to claim their respective refunds and if they encounter any problems to let the council know. Cllr Zamett to encourage the applications. Initial contact has been made with Orbit regarding the idea to install electric charge points in the garages for those unable to charge outside of their properties.

**Finance:** The Parish Council will hold the precept at £6,500 which will be welcomed in view of the fact that SDC, WCC and the PCC will be increasing theirs and the green bin fee is being increased. Proposed by Cllr Faulkner, Seconded by Cllr Zammett and agreed by all.

Finance Paid since the last meeting:

Poppy Wreath £50	Bulbs £88.93
Grass Cutting £1,752	Hedge Cutting £226.80

Proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Pearson

**Platinum Jubilee:**

Thursday 2nd June Lighting of the Beacon 9.45 pm and serving Jubilee Beacon Tarts.

Friday 3rd June Service of thanksgiving

Saturday 4th June Trooping of the Colour and Palace Party

Sunday 5th June Jubilee Party, entertainer to be sought.

The clerk will send a letter asking for volunteers to help but was pleased to report that some people had already offered to help.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

Next Meeting is provisionally arranged for Tuesday 10th May.

**District Councillors Reports as received from Cllrs**

The follow are sections of Portfolio reports:

It also demonstrated that getting the sequence of decisions right is critical. The new joint waste contract was procured on the basis of charging for green waste and, had charging not gone ahead and collections had to be made from every household, the additional cost would have been about £500k p.a.

The new blue bins for WDC have been ordered along with the food caddies for both SDC and WDC. Delivery of the food caddies is likely to be around April/May time. The new fleet of trucks has also been ordered with the 26 tonne RCV's being manufactured by Dennis.

Progress on the mobilisation of the new contract is going well and communications plan has been put together. I will circulate this to you over the next few days.

The key message is that the 2022/23 SDC Budget has been constructed on the basis that SDC will again maintain all its existing service provision during the coming year.

The terms of the Government's Spending Review for 2022/23, another one year settlement – the fourth in a row - has done nothing to improve the certainty with which we can plan SDC's finances for the longer term. We continue to live from one year to the next.

From the point of view of our residents, the 2022/23 Budget means an increase of £5 on a Band D property to £154.12 for the year. This is a rise of 3.3%, significantly less than the latest CPI figure of 5.4% (December 2021) which the Bank of England forecasts will rise to 6% in the Spring of this year. Our recent experience of inflation demonstrates how quickly and how significantly the prospects for the UK economy can change. In January 2021 the CPI rate of inflation was 0.7%.

The Budget also proposes that the Garden Waste Scheme Fee will increase by £2 to £42, a rise of 5% that is broadly in line with inflation. Residents need to be aware that SDC has a number of contracts with service providers that are inflation rate linked. This fee increase reflects the terms of this particular contract.

Given that SDC's Council Tax will increase by £5 per Band D property, SDC typically retains only 7.5% of the Council Tax revenue it collects on behalf of the towns and parishes, the PCC and WCC. The lion's share – 77% last year - goes to WCC.

I have actively been trying to enlighten the new head of planning Adrian Harding about those matters that need to be cleared up within the planning department. It does not make me popular but conservation and getting the various departments to communicate includes enforcement, planning, and building regs.

With regards to listed building, the conservation officer works on the premiss that those who buy grade 2 listed building have got to adopt to the building and not to current SDC requirements with regards to climate change. This another problem I have pointed to the Head of Planning.

The LGA have also made some changes to the model code, which now needs to be signed off by SDC and WDC. SDC this will require an extra meeting of its Audit and Standards Committee to agree to it.

### **County Councillors report:**

The County Council Tax will increase by 3.75% in 2022/23. This is to help fund many services such as: Adult Social Care: The highest spending service for Warwickshire County Council

Children's Social Care.

Increase capacity in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)

Make a difference to the lives of children and young people

Warwickshire County Council is looking to all members of the community to ask them what they can do to help make the County the best place for children and young people to grow and learn. the council is looking to businesses, organisations and individuals for ideas, no matter how small, which will nurture the next generation.

This will be the key to the success of Child-Friendly Warwickshire, an exciting programme bringing the County together in a collective mission to create opportunities and lasting and positive change to young people. It will ensure their voices are heard, that they are safe, happy and healthy and equipped with the skills to lead the best lives they can.

The programme needs support of everyone in the community so that every child and young person, no matter their background, has every chance to flourish.

Find out how to get involved at [www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/our-friends](http://www.childfriendlywarwickshire.co.uk/our-friends)

Join new County taskforce to achieve good health for all

Warwickshire residents who are passionate about health and wellbeing are invited to be part of a group to provide independent advice, ideas, insights and feedback to Warwickshire County Council and partners. The purpose of the newly established Equity Group is to ensure a community perspective is always included in service planning and improvements. The views and ideas of residents will be central to ensuring needs can be met across the county. Participation is voluntary and anyone over 18, living anywhere in Warwickshire can get in touch below to find out more. Training will be offered to all members during March 2022 and the group also involving representatives from the county Council and different organisations will meet monthly from April.

### How to apply

Residents from a wide range of backgrounds are encouraged to apply to become a member of the Health Equity Group. No qualifications are needed. For successful applicants, a welcome meeting will take place on Thursday 24th February 2022 and free evening training sessions will be provided between 1st - 29th March 2022. To find out more please contact Michelle Gravatt at [michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:michellegravatt@warwickshire.gov.uk) Warwickshire joins the region's virtual forest Warwickshire County Council has joined the West Midlands Combined Authority's (WMCA) Virtual Forest as part of its response to the climate change emergency and restoring nature. The Virtual Forest is an opportunity for everyone in the West Midlands to get involved in making the region a greener, happier, and healthier place to live, work and play. It is part of WCC's commitment to achieve net zero by 2041. Since the launch of the Virtual Forest two years ago, more than 45,000 trees have been planted. The plans are to plant 600,000 trees. Creative Dementia Workshops (Twitter and Facebook) Following on from the successful singing workshops in Leamington, there are now some more free, fun, friendly workshops happening for people with dementia and their carers. Find out more: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/news/article/2715/free-fun-creative-workshops-for-people-with-dementia-and-their-carers-february-march-2022> Warwickshire Road Safety Strategy (Twitter and Facebook) Warwickshire Road Safety Partnership has published the Warwickshire Road Safety Strategy to 2030 setting out an ambitious target to reduce deaths and serious injuries on roads by 50% by 2030. For more information go to: <https://warksroadsafety.org/2022/01/24/warwickshire-road-safety-partnership-publishes-new-strategy-to-2030/> Highway Code changes 2022 (Twitter and Facebook) The #Highway Code

has changed. You should give people crossing, or waiting to cross, and cycling straight ahead, priority when turning in and out of junctions. The Highway Code has changed. Check the changes and let's keep each other safe: [www.gov.uk/dft/highway-code-changes](http://www.gov.uk/dft/highway-code-changes)

Mitigating the impact of COVID-19 on ethnically diverse communities Covid-19 and health inequalities Joint Communities and Adult Social Care & Health OSC Dr Shade Agboola Director of Public Health for Warwickshire COVID-19 highlighted and sometimes exacerbated existing inequalities Ethnicity – unequal COVID-19 health outcomes PHE reports: Beyond the data: Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on BAME groups Disparities in the risk and outcomes of COVID-19 People from BAME communities had higher rates of COVID-19 mortality and morbidity compared to White British The report made seven recommendations for implementation, including “Support” community participatory research to understand the wider determinants of COVID-19 in BAME communities, and to develop readily implementable and scalable programmes to reduce risk and improve health outcomes” Survey A detailed questionnaire was circulated to Warwickshire residents 39 people from ethnically diverse communities (small sample size) Experiences of accessing a GP Experiences of caring for others Experiences of lockdown Long term physical health conditions Case studies Long term physical health conditions Mental health difficulties Isolation Accommodation issues Vaccine hesitancy Ofsted report Ofsted published its report on the inspection of Warwickshire children’s services which took place in November 2021. Warwickshire County Council are delighted to announce that the inspection team found the local authority to be performing well grading us ‘good’ in all areas. This is such great news. As part of the inspection, Ofsted inspectors spoke with children, young people, and families to hear their views, as well as partner agencies and social workers. They also visited a wide range of our services for families. Following the last inspection, the Council has implemented a wide range of measures to make sure that the needs of children in Warwickshire are better met.

Children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire are invited to take on a heroic challenge to win £2,500 for climate change funding for their school. Children and young people in Coventry and Warwickshire are being invited to submit their ideas on what it means to be a climate change hero as part of the Young Green Shoots