

Shotteswell Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 17th January 2023 at the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), J Burgess, V Ingram (Clerk), B Zammett, M Pearson, Cllr Mills (WCC), Cllr Feilding (SDC) (Cllr Mills arrived 7.37)

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: 4 (2 arrived after the meeting started 7.39)

Declaration of Interest: None

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

Matters Arising

Highways & Trees:

The undergrounding of electrical works should recommence in February, weather dependent this should not take too long to complete, but will again involve road closures. Residents will be contacted in due course, the Parish Council will again try to organise bin collections for affected properties. Bakehouse Lane whilst drainage had improved, there still remained an issue with the original gully, opposite the Bakehouse the Clerk is pursuing this with WCC. Back Hill continues to be monitored and it was noted that the last gully does not appear to be picking up the water. There is a further issue by Merlin where water is coming from the verge and leaking onto the Highway the Clerk will pursue this with WCC. Several potholes have been identified and passed to the Highways to deal with, including New Road, Mollington Lane, Chapel Lane and Second Turn. The Parish Council are also, in discussions with the council regarding the drainage issue in Church Lane.

Unfortunately, we were not successful in our bid for the green canopy run by WCC, therefore, the Council will need to fund these ourselves.

The annual tidy-up had taken place and the council trusted this had improved the overhanging branches issues. A tree had fallen into the road by the junction to Bury Court Lane, WCC were very reactive and this was cut back. A resident had been informed that part of his wall had fallen in the same area this will be dealt with once the frosts have gone and repairs can be made.

Electric Poles that needed to be removed in Back Hill area have had some further work done to them, connections have been made to properties but the delay in getting the poles removed was due to the footpath not being restored. The Clerk had been chasing this missing section, since November and had sent photographs to BT asking them to rectify asap.

Parking at the junctions had been thought to have improved but complaints have been received again about inconsiderate parking and a lot of mud on the road in this area as a consequence, Clerk will consult with WCC to see what can be done.

The parking sign still needed to be installed in the passing place on Mollington Road and this had become an issue with people constantly parking there and therefore, not being used as

a pull-in place. The passing bay and the pull-in bays on Mollington road are disappearing and need to be cleared, Cllr Faulkner will clear these back as soon as the weather allows. The Salt bin on Bakehouse Lane had been damaged Clerk had contacted the insurers. A request had been made by a resident for a salt bin by the garages on Mollington Road on the bend, although this was agreed in principle it was subject to cost etc to be investigated.

Children's Playing Field/Bus Shelter

The bus shelter had been swept out several times but the ivy was still presenting issues, Cllr Ingram had removed quite a lot but this needs to be monitored.

Playing field, the skier had been repaired and should now be working. A decision over the tree house needed to be made, it was felt that this would need to be replaced at some point in the near future and this was to be reconsidered at the next meeting. Cllr Pearson was to pass the Inspection book to the Chair. The contractor had been asked to ensure that the swing area is kept free from nettles etc. The Contract had been awarded to our existing contractor who offers good value for money.

Dog Fouling/Fly tipping

Flytipping is still continuing and appears to be worsening, all dumping had been reported to the council. Tipping appeared to be an issue on Mollington Road and again in the layby at the B4100.

Dog fouling is still a problem in some areas complaints had been received regarding the footpaths and people are allowing their dogs to foul in Laurel Farm Field, which is partially a permissive footpath. Fouling is also evident on the Jim Page Memorial walk, which spoils the walk for everyone. Cllr Mills reported that someone in Kineton had recently been reported and had received a £1,000 fine.

As a result of the potential solar farm, Cllr Ingram had contacted the MP over the lack of panels on warehousing and the obstacles that stood in their way to this, such as increased business rates and lease agreements. The MP had replied about the anomalies and had agreed to raise this with the Secretary of State.

New Road conveyancing was still with solicitors.

Coronation A letter of expression of interest to be circulated. Wood for the beacon had begun to be stored in preparedness.

Cllr Ingram had raised the matter of the lack of a doctor's surgery at Upper Lighthorne at the last meeting, owing to the pressures this was placing on satellite services such as Fenny Compton, Kineton and Wellesbourne surgeries. Following this discussion, Cllr Ingram contacted the lead parish council and offered her help, which included asking other parish councils to lend their support which they did a total of 22 councils formed a body to lobby for the facility. Cllr Ingram was invited to speak at the OSC and went to the meeting in Shire Hall in Warwick, this speech was subsequently reported in the Stratford Herald. On Friday SDC were to host a meeting which includes the ICB where it would be announced that the option is to go for a new build surgery at Upper Lighthorne. This will then commence with a

business option to deliver the facility. A welcomed outcome which will benefit many of the surrounding villages.

Voter ID will be required for the next elections details of how to apply are posted on the noticeboard.

Precept: This was presented, discussed and approved. It was agreed to remain at £6,500 proposed by Cllr Faulkner and Seconded by Cllr Burgess agreed by all.
Finance proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Pearson

Poppy Wreath £50	Grass Cutting £1,640
Flowers for tubs, well and bulbs £370.11	Hedge Cutting £264.60

Planning:

23/00026/Tree Edenbrook: Tree Application -No objection
22/03563Tree Willoughby Cottage - No objection
22/02574/ FUL Bury Court Farm: Application for further dog field - Unanimous objection
22/03509/Tree The Manor - No objection- Approved
22/03320AGNOT Agricultural Notification
22/03278/Tree & 22/03321TPO Street Works approved
22/03115?LBC & 22/03114/FUL the Mount Alterations, extensions to outbuilding partially demolition and rebuilding of listed wall - Unanimous objection
22/02447/Tree White cottage- no objection- approved
22/02454/LBC Fairview Repairs to boundary wall - pending consideration

Cllr Mills made his report, the Clerk asked about the bus service being altered and having to book a visit. Cllr Mills said he was unaware of this and would try to find out

Cllr Fielding used this Agenda item to speak about a complaint lodged by residents of the parish to SDC. The Parish Council were not privy to the contents of any complaint letter, so could not comment.

The meeting closed at 20.32

The next meeting arranged for Tuesday 18th April