

Shotteswell Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 12th December 2023
at the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

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

Apologies: Cllr Mills (WCC)

Members of the Public: 3

Declaration of Interest: None

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

Matters Arising

Highways and Trees: The various Voneus road closures had now been completed, and some restoration issues had been raised with the company. Negotiations re Voneus using the electricity pole by the entrance to the garages by New Road had been successful, which gave assurances that no further new poles would be installed. It is a question of the electricity company establishing a wayleave agreement with Voneus which appears to be quite protracted. Some roadworks in Bury Court lane had caused concerns that the proposed pole might still indeed be installed but the Clerk had contacted the company and was again assured that no new pole outside of Bury Court farm would be erected.

The Clerk had been chasing the removal of the poles in Back Hill from the job of installing underground electricity, these had now been removed, one at Cherry Lodge and the other at Laurel Farm. The engineers were to return to remove the remaining telephone wires, but this was causing separate issues.

The flower tub damaged by contractors on the entrance to Snuff Lane had been replaced after a number of email exchanges to get the job done.

The Clerk had removed the debris from the vandalised flower tub outside of the telephone kiosk and removed the leaves on the path up to the letter box as it was very slippery. A meeting with a contractor had taken place with a view to the replacement of the dead trees on Middle Lane. Potentially it was proposed that some shrub cover to complement the planting such as Dogwood would add some colour. Cllr Burgess recommended that the nettles be cleared before planting so as not to choke the shrubs. A quote was awaited

The Clerk had pressed for the Slow sign to be repainted on the Mollington Road and this had been done.

The salt bins have been installed but the county has been asked if the one by Ivy Lodge could be repositioned as it is on the slope and looks odd. It was reported that the school bus had gone down Middle and Bakehouse Lane, but no damage reported.

Negotiations for obtaining the ground at New Road have at last begun in earnest, the Clerk has been in contact with the solicitor and it is hoped that the draft document will be available shortly.

Trees down the Back Hill by White Cottage have been put forward to be trimmed back. The trees in Bakehouse Lane have also caused concern and this had been raised with the County.

The annual tidy up of the verges had been booked, unfortunately the contractor had to be changed owing to problems with the machinery, this work was expected imminently and before Christmas.

An accident had occurred down Church Lane with a head on collision. Unconnected with the incident the condition of the road surfacing has been mentioned to highways. Cllr Burgess reported that some of the residents had complained about the volume of traffic using Church Lane and that she had suggested that they either write to the council or attend a Parish Council Meeting.

B4100 it is hoped after negotiations with the County Council that an informal request for passing buses to stop can be arranged, the sign will go on the B4100 when there is time for the contractor to fit this in, more details to follow.

Complaints had been received over the lighting at Camper King, which had already been passed on to SDC for investigation.

Bus Shelter: Bus Shelter, thanks were expressed to Cllr Burgess for starting to remove the ivy, it was hoped this would be completed by the end of the winter.

Thanks were also recorded to Cllr Faulkner for removing and disposing of the three abandoned chairs left in the bus shelter. The bus shelter had been swept out again.

Flytipping Fly tipping- Couple of dumped mattresses on First Turn and items in the lay-by again. Some further fly tipping on Mollington road.

Dog Fouling Dogs appeared to be being taken into the playing field on a regular basis and the contractor had complained about the dog fouling. It appears there are 8 males who regularly take their dog into the field, they are not on the footpath so should not be using the field for this purpose.

Playing Field Playing Field a quote for the replacement of rotten timber had been received, it was agreed to proceed. A survey of the trees in the field had been requested, the Chairman will investigate. It was decided to ask the contractor to cut the inside hedge in the Children's Playing Field back.

The demolition of the treehouse is to be arranged for January 2024, when the weather is favourable.

Fire Service: Consultation for restructuring the fire service had been opened, this will run until March 2024. This will have an impact on Shotteswell and everyone is encouraged to engage with the consultation, the council would endeavour to find out as much as possible due to the potential consequences for this end of Warwickshire.

Finance

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

Poppy Wreath £50	

Consideration to potentially increase the donation to RBL next year to be given.

Cllr Pearson asked if there was an issue, where practicable if an approach could if possible be made to anyone first before involving the council.

Planning Appeal lodged for The Mount.

Tree Applications for Bury court Farm, The Old chapel, Hill View

LBC applied for from the Enchanted Cottage, Garden Room applied for from College Farm

The meeting closed at 8.24 pm following the District Councillor Reports

The next Meeting provisionally arranged for 23rd January 2024.

