



SHILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

3rd December 2014

Shilton Old School at 7.30pm

Councillors: Mr M Linney- Chairman, Mr B Adams, Mr Justin Heyworth, Mr A Postan, Mrs K Robertson

Clerk: Mrs Ann Tyldesley

3 members of the public in attendance

The meeting was declared open at 7.30pm

Apologies were received from Mr Neil Owen OCC

1. **Declaration of Interests** - building work in progress at Cllr AP's garage

2. **The Clerk's report** on matters outstanding from previous meeting

All actions were completed with exception of two items:

- The grant promised by Cllr Owen. Monies applied for and summary of proposed maintenance to be submitted

Action: Cllr ML

- Leylandi trees at Manor Lodge:

Cllr ML reported an agreement has been reached to trim the face and reduce tops down by 12'.

Action: Cllr ML in progress

3. **Approval of Minutes** of the 24th September S.P.C meeting was signed by Cllr M Linney

4 **Chairman's report** (please see attached document)

- Introduction of new Councillor Mrs Katherine Robertson
- Pollarding around the pond – now completed

5 **WODC District Councillor report**

Cllr A P, drew attention to the appeal made by Westerfield Farm after two unsuccessful applications. The appeal found in favour of the development.

Cllr AP reported that an application to build 260 homes at Swinbrook, West Witney had been unanimously refused. The grounds were based on:

- Too near an industrial Bottle Gas Plant
- Area of outstanding beauty
- Complaints from neighbours

Cllr AP suggested that this case was a point for future reference.

Signed.....Malcolm Linney, Chairman.

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6 Public Consultation

Comments were made regarding the recent collision with the bollards outside Fyfield Cottage. The subject of traffic calming was raised once again and what form would it take?

Cllr AP responded that OCC Highways, WODC and SPC have agreed:

- 30mph through the Dip –with the erection of traffic calming fences/gates
- 20mph limit through the village.
- David Wilson Homes agreed to pay for the work as agreed in the original specification of works

Work has begun on the Shilton link road which will be known as Price Way

Cllr AP has objected to the proposed street lights which would contribute to increased light pollution. He confirmed that they now will be low height level.

7 Business Items

7.1 Draft Budget 2015/2016

The Council agreed in principle.

Cllr ML asked for two additional amendments to be considered:

- Increase the allowance for proposed Parish office from £1200 to £1600
- Increase Church Yard grass strimming from £400 to £600

Cllr ML stated that he had applied a contingency allowance of £1552.51

Cllr ML recorded that the one-off proposed contribution of £20.00 per Parish dwelling, designed to provide funds for flood prevention, would not now need to be charged in 2015.

Proposed by Cllr JH and seconded by Cllr AP

7.2 Flood defence

The overall project came in under budget leaving a balance of monies. A discussion was held as to what should be done with the accrued funds. It was agreed that they would be ring fenced.

Cllr ML stated that contributors to the fund should be given the option of either the residue of their contribution returned or they could opt to leave it in the fund for future flood prevention work.

Cllr JH declared that the balance should be placed in a new, dedicated bank account for future flood defence projects.

7.3 Grant applications

With reference to Shillbrook Conservation there were some legal developments.

Cllr JH proposed that a professional survey should be carried out. Although some monies could be available, it was agreed an approach should be made through O.C.C for £20k.

This would enable a professional company to produce a survey and giving a view of the implications of such a development. Cllr KR seconded.

Actions: AP to apply for the grant of £20K

Website

AT reported that the website was fully operational at www.shiltonparishoxon.co.uk

8. Local services and amenities – no comment

Signed.....Malcolm Linney, Chairman.

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9. Organisations and services operating within the Parish

9.1 Conservation Association – nothing to report

9.2 Welfare Trust

Cllr ML has applied to the Land Registry reference the Welfare Trust Allotments

9.3 Old School Committee

Cllr M L met with the Secretary to discuss the lease of the Village Hall and its terms with reference to insurance policies.

The Old School Committee agreed, as leaser, insurance costs of the Village Hall building. It was also decided that SPC would pay the premium and invoice the Old School the apportioned amount.

Cllr JH proposed to implement the changes beginning of SPC 2015 Financial year and a valuation to be carried out detailing the replacement value of the building. Seconded by Cllr K R.

Action: AT to invoice the Old School Committee April 2015

10. Neighbourhood developments, other Parishes and Local plan

Shilton Parish Principles to be agreed

Action: Councillors to meet on Friday 5th December and agree a list of principles that could be incorporated into a plan.

11. Members meeting summation and items for the next meeting agenda.

Generally a good meeting that finished on time. The only comment was to make recommendations rather than proposals.

Date of the next meeting: February 18th 7.30pm at Bradwell Village

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....Malcolm Linney, Chairman

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