

Shilton Parish Council Meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 30th November, 2016
The Old School, Shilton

Minutes

Present:

Councillors: Mr D Cuthbertson, Chairman, Mr J Edwards, Mrs Y Lay,
Mrs S Royle, Mr A Postan WODC, Mr Neil Owen OCC

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr CP uses Cllr YL Dog grooming business
3. **Approval of minutes** of September SPC meeting were agreed and duly signed
4. **Matters arising** and not on this agenda: None

5. WODC and OCC Report

5.1 WODC Report

Cllr Alex Postan reported that the WODC Local Plan has gone to Consultation.

Extra Housing is centred on North Witney, but none are planned for Shilton. However, planning permission for 1200 homes at North Carterton (Brize Norton) is being sought by Christchurch College and their agents. This is currently under public consultation.

Cllr Postan informed the meeting that W.O.D.C is anxious to work with Carterton Town Council in order to achieve the best outcome for all parties

5.2 O.C.C. Report

Cllr Neil Owen reported that O.C.C. is currently working on the 2017/18 budget - their main focus is where the next layer of savings/cuts can be made. He indicated that it was inevitable there will be some small increases across the board but within the Government's target of a 2% increase.

County and District are still in discussion concerning the Unitary Business proposal and will seek to go through a Consultation/ Feedback process. He will keep SPC updated.

There are various issues within the County concerning Planning, Highways and Footpaths. SPC would like to thank Neil for his ongoing support and his agreement to work with Highways to resolve the current issues within the Shilton Parish.

Cllr Neil Owen informed the floor that the Highways Team will be out refilling salt bins across the county.

With respect to Broadband, Cllr Neil Owen stated that the objective of O.C.C was to roll out broadband to 99% of all homes in Oxfordshire

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6. Planning applications existing and new

1) Westfield Lodge, Shilton Ref. No: 16/03822/FUL

SPC has reviewed Mr Rawlings application and agreed to adopt a neutral position and will make no adverse comments to planning.

SPC is to produce guidelines concerning what happens after approval for planning is given and will encourage residents and developers to subscribe to and adopt the Considerate Contractors Scheme when working within the Parish. SPC recognises that although residents accept that building works have to go forward, they are the ones who suffer from parking problems, noise and dirty roads as a result.

Cllr Y Lay and Cllr J Edwards agreed to look at producing guidelines which would be sent to all new planning applicants in the Parish.

7. Village Maintenance

There were two issues reported from the floor;

- 1) Large pot holes by Delia's Gate and also at Stonelands
- 2) Overgrown trees at Ladburn Lane are obscuring vision when turning into/out of the lane.

Cllr Neil Owen agreed to take up these problems with Highways on SPC behalf.

It was agreed to desilt the river and that work will be scheduled for Spring 2017.

SPC will seek quotes for a contractor to carry out the work.

A request was made from the floor for a mirror to be positioned at the Dip. Cllr Neil Owen said this was not in line with O.C.C. policy.

8. Highways & Byways including Traffic problems

Cllr Chris Parker raised two issues;

- 1) He suggested that SPC consider a white line footpath, to create a safe walking zone for residents with the added benefit of slowing traffic through the village
- 2) Bradwell Directors are concerned about confusing speed signs on entering and leaving Bradwell village.

He will contact Highways to see what can be done

Cllr Y Lay suggested that the 30MPH sign, outside the farm going out of the village in the direction of the A361, should be moved 30m back; when it was originally erected there were not many residential properties at that site – she considered that by doing so this would provide additional safety measure against speeding.

Cllr D Cuthbertson suggested that a solution to traffic problems through the village could be alleviated by introducing a one way system. Access to the village from the B4020 would be allowed but no exit from the village at the dip. From Hen 'n' Chick Lane two-way traffic would be allowed down the hill but only as far as the pub. Traffic wishing to leave the village would have to exit via the Alvescot Road or Hen 'n' Chick Lane to the A361. The situation with traffic going through the dip would have to be explored. A show of hands indicated that such a proposal would have the backing of the community.

9. Financial Report including Budget and Precept

Cllr D C reported that the SPC 2017/2018 budget had been reviewed by all Councillors and that there would be a requirement to raise the precept for 2017/2018.

He explained that the 2016/2017 precept was reduced substantially as there were surplus funds in the bank accounts. At the time, residents were informed that this was an extraordinary one off action. However, with increasing cutbacks by O.C.C. it will be necessary to raise the precept to the level of previous years,

This would allow SPC to:

- Grant £2000 towards the extension of the Graveyard as the land purchased cost £13K.
- SPC require £ 1500 to help towards the cost of the Neighbourhood Plan - over £12,000 has been financed through grant applications by Cllr D. C.
- A modest £750 contingency fund was added to take care of unforeseen repairs etc.

Cllr D. C proposed that SPC accepted the budget and Cllr Y Lay seconded it
The accounts up to the end of November were agreed by all.

10. Neighbourhood Plan update

The first meeting of the steering group with Neil Homer of ROCH (the selected Consultancy Company) has been held and a budget and time table agreed. The plan should be completed by October 2017.

The WODC Local Plan was discussed and development in Carterton will be restricted as there are few employment opportunities in the town and would increase traffic on the already congested local road network.

Shilton does not have any development scheduled in this plan. It was noted that David Wilson Homes is currently looking at building 115 houses north of the current development. There may be potential benefit to the Parish in undertaking a dialogue with DWH

Cllr A P suggested that a Section 106 levy could be enforced which would give much needed infrastructure support. In addition, a provision by the developer of a buffer of land could be negotiated.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: January 25th, 2017 @ 7.30pm Shilton Village Hall

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