

Shilton Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

7.30pm Wednesday 18th May 2016

The Old School Shilton

Minutes

Introduction of S.P.C. Councillors:

David Cuthbertson- Chairman, Yvonne Lay, John Edwards, Sarah Royle

1. Chairman's report

Chairman DC said that he had not prepared an annual update as he hoped that the increasing number of emails and newsletters being produced by SPC would help to keep the residents updated.

2. Oxford County Councillor's report (Neil Owen)

Neil showed concern and disappointment concerning the state of rural roads within the county and has received a lack of response.

He has written to Mr David Cameron outlining his concerns but to date has not received a reply. He presented a report from OCC and detailed their cuts although they had had a cash injection in respect of cuts to children 'care in the community as a result of an end of subsidies from OCC

3. W.O.D.C Councillor's report (Alex Postan)

Alex informed the floor that Mr Barry Norton, WODC had retired and a replacement had been appointed.

WODC Local Plan had been thrown out and that until a new one is in place there will be countless unwanted planning applications from developers and re-iterated how important it is to form a SPC plan asap.

4. Thames Valley Police's report – non given

5. Parochial Church Council's report – David Cuthbertson

Church finances are in good order although not paying its own way because of the current spend on church repairs and upgrades.

The P.C.C. has secured a plot of land to the west of the churchyard which will substantially increase the area for burials and placement of ashes. The cost of this will be in the region of £13,000.

SPC has already agreed a grant of £2000, in the current year, and hope to continue this grant in subsequent years. An appeal was made for contributions to the costs involved as all residents of the Parish have the right to be buried in the churchyard.

6. Presentation by Welfare Trust

On behalf of the Welfare Trust, D.C. gave a presentation to the meeting, copy attached, proposing the building of a small number of affordable house on the land owned by the Trust at the Alvescott Road junction (the Allotment field). This would be achieved by use of a Community Right to Build Order that would form part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Signed.....
David Cuthbertson, Chairman

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There followed a lively debate. Resident Peter Handley objected to the plan and asked if local landowners had been consulted. DC explained that the purpose of the presentation was to get the views of the residents and that no firm decisions had been taken.

Various other matters were raised by members of the public including concerns about adding to the existing sewerage issues and the election of Trustees to the Welfare Fund.

A member of the public asked who would be eligible to vote in the referendum on the EU.

DC explained that only those on the electoral role were eligible to vote.

N.B. It has been subsequently been confirmed, by WODC, that second home owners can apply to join the electoral role in more than one district and can get a vote in the referendum.

In conclusion DC reiterated that the whole purpose of making the presentation at the AGM was to get the views of residents. If there was no support for the idea or for the NP then SPC would not proceed.

Various residents expressed their support for the scheme and DC called for a show of hands of those in favour of exploring the possibilities of a NP and the proposed development, All but three of the residents present voted to proceed.

7. Old School Committee's report Marilyn Cox

£2000 better off. Although fund raising is in continual progress she asked for any new ideas how to raise additional funds. M C gave thanks to Shirley Cuthbertson and her helpers for her productive efforts at car boot sales.

8. Conservation Group's report- Mr J Cleethorpe

Account stands at £12650.

Nothing else to be reported

9. Flood Defence Group's report – Cllr David Cuthbertson

Currently a balance of £9.4k held in the fund and agreed that this would be brought forward for discussion at the next Parish meeting in July

The meeting closed at 9pm and was followed by light refreshments

Signed.....

David Cuthbertson, Chairman

Ann Tyldesley -Shilton Clerk

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