

7.30 pm Wednesday 27th September 2017

Shilton Old School

Minutes

Present: Cllr D Cuthbertson, Chairman, Cllr J Edwards, Cllr Y Lay, Cllr C Parker, Cllr S Royle
Cllr A Postan, W.O.D.C. plus members of the public

- 1. Apologies:** Mr Nick Field Johnson, O.C.C.
- 2. Declarations of Interests:** Cllr CP uses Cllr Y L Dog Grooming Parlour.
Cllr D C provided a listing of his business clients within the Parish.
- 3. Approval of minutes** of previous meeting, July 7th 2017, were agreed by all as being correct and duly signed by the Chairman

4. Matters arising: None

5. WODC Report

Councillor Mr Alex Postan advised that a decision is to be made, by W.O.D.C., at the end of October as to which company has secured the Broadband contract for the district.

Cllr D C congratulated Cllr Postan for the work he has done, alongside WODC, concerning the new scheme for financing first time house buyers.

O.C.C. Report

Councillor Mr Nick Field Jones sent his apologies as he is away on holiday.

6. Planning applications new and updates

6.1 Sunset View ref 17/02809/FUL SPC will make the same comments as before and object to the proposal as an unsuitable development that will be prone to flooding and also consider it an over expansion of Carterton.

6.2 Bridge House No adverse comments - a subsequent review of this application has resulted in the council making a request for a change of specification of the roofing materials on the new timber garage and that stone only should be used.

6.3 Stonelands ref 17/02809/FUL Small amendment to the site. SPC had no adverse comments.

Signed.....

David Cuthbertson- Chairman

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Finance Report**7.1 External Audit**

The financial accounts has been reviewed and approved by the B.D.O., the external auditor. Should anyone wish to see these they will be available, on request, from the clerk, from the 28th September for a period of 14 days. After this date they will be available on the Parish website.

7.2 Bank Balance

Current bank balance stood at £11,879.48

Payments agreed for:

McCracken's	£1,666.56	grass cutting and tree maintenance
BDO	£ 120.00	Audit fee
A Tyldesley	£ 834.42	Clerks 6 month salary payment

7.3 VAT

The clerk reported that she had applied for a VAT refund of £ 648.00 for 2016/2017. Another submission to HMRC will be made in October for the six months to date.

7.4 Churchyard Grant

Cllr D C said that a grant of £2000.00 (previously agreed with SPC) was to be made in October towards the purchase of the extension. It was also agreed that the council would include the strimming of the churchyard in the overall village contract.

8. Village Maintenance and Issues**8.1 Speeding Traffic**

Views were expressed again that the speed limits need to be reduced to 20mph throughout the village. The Chairman suggested that a group should be formed to deal with this and draw up guidelines/policies about how this could function. Volunteers are sought. Cllr John Edwards offered to co-ordinate and work with the police along with a Community Speed Watch project.

8.2 Pot Holes – there are some large potholes in the village. Cllr DC said these could be identified by residents and placed on the OCC website under Fix My Street.

8.3 Inconsiderate parking by contractors who are working in the village. One refused to move his vehicle when asked and prevented the resident having heavy white goods delivered to their door. Further upset was caused when the police were called and did not respond.

8.4 Bradwell Village

A complaint has been received by Cllr C P from a resident of Bradwell Village suggesting that the precept was being used unfairly to maintain Shilton Village at the expense of Bradwell residents.

Cllr D C stated that the Parish Council has a responsibility to maintain the common areas in the Parish. It does not use money from the precept to maintain privately owned areas. Bradwell village is not common land and is maintained by a Management company and is therefore not the responsibility of the Parish Council. The precept is set for the whole parish and it is not possible to have separate rates for different areas of the Parish.

Signed.....

David Cuthbertson- Chairman

Cllr CP stated that even if it was possible to provide a rebate to Bradwell Village this money would have to go to the management company and would not directly benefit residents.

Cllr AP pointed out that it would be possible for the residents of Bradwell Village to request a transfer of their area to another Parish such as Burford if they were dissatisfied with Shilton PC, but he pointed out the precept in Burford was considerably higher than that in Shilton.

It was noted that Bradwell residents seldom attend SPC meetings. The PC would encourage residents to attend meetings and to give their views on how the precept is spent.

8.5 Community Funds

Cllr D C put a call out to the floor asking parishioners how monies/funds could be spent to benefit all of the community.

Feedback came as:

- a) Construction of a new bus shelter for children
- b) Bulbs/ Wild flowers to be planted. Cllr A P recommended that a consultation with Mr Peter Edwards, who manages the wild flowers on the bank, would be useful when selection is taking place.
- c) Traffic calming gates, at the entrances of the village to slow traffic
Cllr A P commented that Tony Wilson homes had agreed for a number of gates to be allowed as part of the CIL 106 levy. Paper trail cannot be found as managers and officers have changed. More work needs to be done
- d) White line on roads for pedestrian safety. Cllr C P is liaise with Cllr N J F

9 Neighbourhood Plan Progress

The steering committee has now finished its report and will present their findings and recommendations at the Old School, on the 14th of October between 10am and 4.30pm. Residents are invited and will be able to express their views/concerns and answer Questionnaires. Pamphlets will be delivered to all houses.

The presentation will focus on:

- a) Design
- b) Environment
- c) Future Planning and Housing

10 Community Land Trust

Cllr D C reported that a grant was received to fund a day with a CLT expert Ian Crawley. At this meeting it was suggested that a Housing Association could be appointed to build and manage the Affordable Housing Scheme, should this go ahead. It transpired that this would give occupants the right to buy after an agreed period under current Government legislation. Cllr DC does not recommend this course of action. He thinks it essential to the success of the project that the community maintain control of the property in the long term. Cllr DC and Cllr AP have met with Mr C Hargreaves, WODC head of planning to detail the Scheme and reported that he was very supportive

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Date of next meeting: November 29th at 7.30pm, The Old School, Shilton

Signed.....
David Cuthbertson - Chairman