

Shilton Parish Council Meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday 17th October 2018

Shilton Village Hall, Shilton

Draft Minutes

**Present: Cllr David Cuthbertson, Cllr Jon Holloway, Cllr Harry Metcalfe,
Cllr Chris Parker, Cllr Sarah Royle**

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declarations of Interests:** None
3. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the SPC meeting, August 1st 2018, had previously been circulated and agreed by all. The Chairman duly signed them.
4. **Matters arising** from this meeting not on the agenda: None
5. **Report from WODC Councillor** Alex Postan
Cllr A P reported that WODC Local Plan had been approved.
On the agenda will be a requirement to build new houses taking due care with water courses to help prevent flooding.
Report from OCC County Councillor Cllr N F J: None
6. **Planning policy and WODC local plan, applications new and updates:**
 - 6.1 Johnsons Farm - withdrawn
 - 6.2 The Blue Cross - already underway
 - 6.3 Westfield Farm – no plans submitted, using an ancient act to gain approval

Concern was shown by Cllr C P that SPC has little control or power when submitting its response to consultations onto the WODC planning portal. Also SPC comments were not always considered or indeed overridden.

He re-iterated that once plans had been agreed by WODC, there was no follow up procedure, by the planning department, to check whether conditions applied and specifications had been met.

Cllr D C also commented that he had found the WODC monthly planning summary to be a useful tool but this had been discontinued.

It was agreed that closer relations were needed between WODC Planning and SPC.

Signed.....
David Cuthbertson, Chairman

7. Speed Watch & Traffic update

Cllr D C reported that the speed watch programme was on hold at the present time due to the equipment concerns shown by the Police.

There were comments, from the floor, concerning speeding traffic through the village. It was suggested that a 20 MPH from the dip throughout the village and a ban of vehicles of over 7.5 tonnes.

Charles Mc Dowell, a local resident, had instructed a private traffic consultant to carry out a survey and will report its findings to the village, to establish what can be legally done to reduce both the traffic and speeding throughout the village.

OCC Cllr P H commented that a survey is to be carried out on the A40 and is pressing for two lanes at the Minster Lovell Junction to help alleviate traffic.

8. Neighbourhood Watch report

Cllr S R reported that:

- The Neighbourhood Watch had now attracted 16 members from Shilton and 11 members from Bradwell Village.
- Three signs have been erected in Shilton and Bradwell Village have given permission for one to be erected at the entrance of BV @ £5.00 each.
- There had been an increase in local crime in both Shilton and the surrounding villages, including the theft of a car and a van. In addition property was stolen from parked cars and vans.
- A drone had been reported flying repeatedly over Shilton. RAF police have tried unsuccessfully to track down the operator. The police advised that if seen again to call 999 due to proximity of the air base.
- Cllr S R spoke with P C Mauding and requested that he collect the stolen car number plates found behind the salt bin.
- **RCRG** – Rural Crime Resilience Group continues to be very active and has reported incidents of hare coursing, deer poaching and sheep stealing.

9. Finance Report:

9.1 Account balances

Treasurer's account: £11,954.56

Flood Defence Fund £ 9,565.06

9.2 Budget 2019 -2020

Copies of proposed budget had been previously circulated for discussion. The main expenditure anticipated, before the end of the financial year, is concerning the pollarding of trees, clearing of verges and overgrown vegetation. Work has already commenced although a few trees in the village had not been cut. Cllr DC agreed to speak with the Contractor.

Cllr D C proposed that the precept requirement would be £11,000.

All agreed. Cllr S R seconded the motion.

Signed.....

David Cuthbertson, Chairman

10. Neighbourhood Plan and CLT Progress

Cllr D C commented that the Neighbourhood Plan was put on hold until the WODC Local Plan was accepted. The independent examination is now underway and the final report should be available early in November. Once completed, the SPC Neighbourhood Plan will go out to referendum in January 2019, Constitutional changes to the Welfare Trust closed on the 16th October and he is awaiting their findings.

11. Discussion concerning a village defibrillator.

It was agreed that a defibrillator should be purchased for community use at an estimated cost of £1000, providing a grant can be obtained from the British Heart Foundation. Cllr S R proposed the motion and Cllr D C seconded.

12 Broadband

Gigaclear had been well received in the village and work was being carried with consideration to residents.

13 Bus Shelter

A request was made, from the floor, that the bus shelter receives urgent attention to remove ivy growing through the bricks and on the roof. Cllr D C agreed to look into it.

14 Date of next meeting: 19th December 2018

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed.....
David Cuthbertson, Chairman

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