

7.30 pm Wednesday 14th August 2019

Shilton Village Hall

Draft Minutes

Present Councillors:

David Cuthbertson – Chairman, Jon Holloway, Harry Metcalfe, Chris Parker, Sarah Royle

Nick Field- Johnson OCC

1. **Apologies:** Cllr A Postan WODC
2. **Declarations of Interests:** None
3. **Minutes** of the SPC meeting, May 2019, had been previously circulated and agreed by all. Cllr D C proposed acceptance of the minutes and Cllr S R seconded the motion. The chairman duly signed the minutes.
4. **Matters arising from this meeting** not on the agenda: None
5. **Report from WODC** Councillor A Postan: None submitted
Report from OCC County Councillor Nick Field-Johnson
The proposed HGV restrictions through Burford High Street have been approved by Highways. Cllr N FJ commented that It will require funding of £150,000 however £50,000 has already been raised.
He was also pleased with the court judgements against Thames Water in connection with the Windrush Campaign and the pollution caused in the rivers Windrush and Evenlode.
He is also working with local communities to help resolve traffic and speeding
6. **Planning applications** (new and updates):
 - 6.1 Blue Cross 19/02034/FUL – No comment
 - 6.2 Ashbed, Ladburn Lane.
SPC were asked to consider a proposal for up to nine affordable houses to be built on this site. A discussion took place as to establish if this project could be considered as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Cllr D C explained that the plan is too late to be considered as the Neighbourhood Plan will go to referendum on the 29th August. He also commented that this had been considered previously and rejected by SPC on the grounds of access and location.
SPC would require a more detailed explanation as to what it is proposing in respect of affordable housing, rental or purchased. He added that it has to work alongside the WODC Local Plan.
7. **Finance Report** including account balances & payments to be agreed.
The Treasurers account as of the 31st July : £ 7554.89
Spending in line with budget and a second tranche of the precept was due in September.

8. Neighbourhood Plan update:

8.1 Referendum

Cllr D C informed the floor that the Shilton Neighbourhood Plan would now go to referendum on the 28th August. He recommended that residents should vote acceptance as it would give some assurance and protection over future developers and their proposals to protect views and glimpses.

The subject of glimpse view, through the gate of Fairfield Cottage to the valley, was discussed and the owner stated this now could not be seen as the neighbouring property had erected a high wall on the inside of the property which prevented this view.

He asked whether this could be removed from the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr D C stated that unfortunately consultation on the plan was over and the amendment could not be made.

8.2 Affordable housing:

Cllr D C reported that he had met with Debbie Wyatt, new in post at WODC, who is responsible for strategic developments within the District. Her main role is to champion affordable housing. She was disappointed that the SPC Neighbourhood Plan was rejected by WODC and suggested that other options could be available to SPC i.e. Affordable Housing Scheme and Rural Exception sites. Cllr Peter Handley from the floor asked for confirmation that there was no housing allocated within the NP. Cllr DC confirmed. He pointed out that Policies OS2 and H2 in the Local Plan restricted any development within the village.

9. Neighbourhood Watch update

Cllr S R said there was nothing additional to report

10. Traffic signage update in the Parish.

Cllr J H reported that the recent consultation concerning proposed speed limits on Hen n Chick Lane (proposed at 40MPH) had been challenged by SPC who asked for it to be reconsidered. This will go to consultation again in September to reduce further to 30 MPH.

Cllr J H had organised for "Twenty is Plenty signs to be printed and positioned around the village. He is optimistic this will help focus driver's minds towards speed in the meantime.

A meeting is to take place with Cllr A P and J H highways concerning speed issues at the dip.

11. Parish maintenance update

11.1 Increased litter around the village

There had been complaints of increased litter around the village and surrounding areas.

Cllr D C asked all to do their best to help to reduce this by being vigilant.

Dog fouling was also proving a nuisance and it was agreed to re-look at dog signs within the village.

Cllr J H said the annual litter pick had been set for Feb 29th 2020.

11.2 Wild life verges

A discussion took place concerning a request to transform part of a grass verge on Ladburn Lane into a wild flower zone.

SPC considered this request and decided it was not appropriate as the verge sits in the middle of adjoining verges.

Cllr H M commented that after the first year, they can be difficult to maintain.

Cllr D C proposed not to go ahead and Cllr S R seconded the motion.

11.3 Trees at Swinbrook Park

There has been a complaint that the trees, planted by David Wilson Homes, at the Swinbrook Park Development were not being cared for by the developer as agreed with WODC planning Department. In some cases the plastic tree protectors were broken and creating unsightly rubbish.

WODC had responded to SPC's request to contact the Developer and commented that they had been in touch with David Wilson Homes who reported that they had appointed a contractor to oversee the area and that work should start in September.

Overgrown trees

11.4 Overgrown Trees and Bushes

There are several points around the village whereby overgrown trees and bushes are restricting vision at junctions

- a) Access to Ladburn Lane
- b) Vera's Lane,
- c) Pie Corner and
- d) Alvescot road junction

These will be reported to Highways for cutting back

11.5 Drains

It was reported that there was blockage of the drains at Friezland Cottage.

The clerk commented that this should be put on the Fix my Street for OCC to action as this was the main access route to log the complaint.

The more that residents that use FIX my Street, to report to problems eg, blocked road drains, potholes, overgrown trees etc. the more likely the problem to be fixed.

Fix my street link: <https://fixmystreet.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

12. Defibrillator

It was decided to delay the purchase of a second unit until 2020 new budget.

13 Matters the Chairman views as urgent, not on the agenda: None**14 Forthcoming dates:**

SPC next two meetings in 2019:

9th October & 11th December, meetings to be held at Shilton Old School 7.30pm

Annual Litter Pick: 29th February 2020

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.45pm

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