

SHILTON PARISH COUNCIL



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Minutes of The Shilton Parish Council

Date: March 26th 2014
Venue: Shilton Old School
Time: 7.30pm

The Meeting opened at 7.30pm:

Present:

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| Vice Chairman: | Mr Brian Adams |
| Councillor: | Mr Alex Holmes |
| Councillor | Mrs Patricia Hedges |
| OCC Councillor | Mr Neil Owen |
| Clerk | Mrs Ann Tyldesley |

Apologies received from:

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| Chairman: | Mr Alexander Postan |
| Councillor: | Mr Justin Heyworth |
| WODC Councillor | Miss Verena Hunt |

There were 10 members of the public present.

Declaration of Interests

There were no amendments to make

Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were signed as a true record

Matters arising:

Weight restriction and Flashing signs

Flashing Signs are in place. Communication has now been received from Mr Tole concerning signs into the village.

Cllr PH expressed concern that Mr Tole's proposal did not include a sign when turning left from Carterton into Shilton, before the dip, and that there should be a sign for every approach into the village. Email Mr Tole concerning sign. Item brought forward to June.

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Brian Adams, Vice Chairman

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Shilton Flood Defence Group

Cllr AP's input noted that a second Bank account to be opened by April 6th and cheque of £2000 to be lodged from Councillor Owen's (O.C.C.) Community Fund. A transfer of £2136.56 from the Shilton Conservation Account is to be actioned.

Some finance is in place and sums of money granted by the Environmental Agency and OCC (£80k) held by WODC who will act as Project Managers
Verena Hunt has a green light for loan of £20k if we are able to raise additional funds of £5k. SPC voted one additional grant of £1250 in 2013

Contribution can be raised via an increase in the parish rates but this would take a considerable time and action is needed now. It was suggested that money could be raised from a local government grant that could be paid back over an agreed timeframe. This, however, would lead to an increase in local precept tax.

Input from the floor suggested that the April Newsletter would be an ideal vehicle to advise the community the need for raising money via council tax and that it is a minuscule amount that would be charged to every house hold in the Parish. To be actioned by MKJL.

Cllr PH asked the councillors to clarify what the sum of £1200 shown in special projects was for and was it to be paid out of 2013/2014 budget? Copies of minutes and budgets to be circulated.

Marilyn Cox to liaise with AP to draft a note.

Marilyn showed concern that Bradwell village often stands alone yet needs to be more unified as part of the community of Shilton. Her concern was that they do not always feel part of the Parish and that things that are required in other parts of the parish are not necessarily needed by them.

It was agreed that a letter concerning the benefits of the flood proposals to be sent to Tony Cripps to help keep the community informed and become more integrated part of the Parish community.,

It was suggested, from the floor, that a letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Metcalfe re bunds on his land. To be actioned by MKJL.

Correspondence

Re: Letter to Environment Agency from Cllr AP , reply to be circulated asap

Finance

Cash in Hand: £10.50
Lloyds Bank: £3535.00

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Mr M Linney, Chairman

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Elections

Elections are to be held re: Shilton Parish Council.

Cllr AP has stated that he will resign from the post of Chairman but will remain as Councillor if re-elected. He is giving up Chairmanship to be more involved elsewhere.

Cllr P H stated that she will also stand down.

WODC Cllr Verena Hunt has stated that she will not be standing in the May elections. It was recorded a vote of thanks to Verena for all her hard work, over 16 years, on our behalf. It was agreed that a presentation is to be organised to for her long service.

AOB

Pot Holes

There is damage to crazy paving at Down’s House. The paving is damaged .and is a hazard. Malcolm has already mentioned this to Cllr AP. Needs to be followed up and to check with WODC when repairs can be expected to be carried out. To be actioned: Tony Cripps.

There are additional holes in the village at Field House where the tarmac has sunk.

Shilton Welfare Trust

Marilyn Cox reported that it is the time for re-election. Marilyn Cox and Penny Pierce will stand again. Cllr AH proposed and Cllr PH seconded. Marilyn and Pat were duly re-elected for a further term.

District and County Councillors

Cllr Neil Owen congratulated Shilton for their continuing efforts to raise money for the Shilton Flood fund. He stated that funds (£2m) were promised from the government to be used across the county. Access to the fund is through Mr Rodney Rose. However no decisions are in place as to how the funds are yet to be allocated.

As an interim, Cllr Owen offered, from his budget, an additional £1000 to be added to the Shilton Flood Fund. This will be available after April 6. Thanks were given to Cllr Neil Owen for his continued support and his generous offer of help.

A letter of thanks to be sent in recognition of his help and support.

Cllr Owen attended the meeting concerning Carterton West Development and reported it was a very lively meeting. He stressed that WODC has shown disapproval of the scheme and that to the date of this meeting, no planning applications have been submitted. The public gave the officers at the meeting a hard time, their main concerns being infrastructure and additional traffic through adjoining villages. There is however a possibility that the Secretary of State may override any decisions made.

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Mr M Linney , Chairman

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Questions from the floor

Council Tax Increase

The precept has been raised by 84%. Why?

Cllr AH explained that when the budget was set in December, SPC had to take into account various possible increases from Building insurance, Contractors and Grass cutting. Also WODC has cut back on some services previously supplied and that may now fall into our area of responsibility e.g. tree trimming.

However, last year the Precept reduced by over 20% so the raise is not as high. It is considered that if not required the Precept may reduce next year.

Notice boards

Question was raised as to whether Minutes should be posted on the Notice Boards. It was agreed that there are three notice boards, one at the telephone box that is locked, one at the bus shelter and one at Bradwell village with limited space. Concerns were raised that the telephone box had not been updated and there was some information there from last year. This is in fact is the results of the 2013 audit.

It was asked whether minutes could be displayed in all areas. AT agreed to put a notice up with contact details to say she will forward a copy of minutes, either by email, or post, to whoever requires a copy.

It is planned that once the Website is updated they will be displayed there. There was some concern that not everyone has access to a computer.

Diary

The date of the next meeting is May 28th 2014, to be held at Shilton Old School at 7.30pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Mrs A Tyldesley
Clerk to the Council

Signed.....
Mr M Linney , Chairman

This dayof May 2014