

SHILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

18th February 2015
Bradwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

Councillors: Mr M Linney- Chairman, Mr B Adams, Mr J Heyworth, Mrs K Robertson, Mr A Postan

1. Apologies

OCC Councillor Neil Owen

2. Declaration of Interests

CLlr A P declared a rental agreement with Mr Metcalfe

3. The Clerk's report

Matters outstanding from previous meetings, not on this agenda

3.1 Local Plan principles submitted to WODC – Cllr AP to cover items 3.1 and 3.3 under Section 6 of WODC report

3.2 Leylandi trees – Manor Lane, agreement now reached with owners for several feet to be taken off and work is imminent

3.3 20 mph speed limit has limited support from OCC highways. Item closed.

4. Approval of Minutes : 3rd December 2014 Shilton Parish Council meeting, pages 1,2 and 3 agreed and duly signed off by the Chairman, Cllr M Linney

5. Chairman's report to include specific projects including:

5.1 **Councillor vacancy** from effect of April 2015, Cllr Adams has decided to stand down in April after 14 years and offered to pass knowledge onto newly elected councillor. Cllr ML thanked him for his support and offer of help.

5.2 **Stoneland's Solar** Farm – trucks approach from Stoneland's and are widening the road, recognised that this is causing damage and a public nuisance, A letter required to be sent to both Highways and WODC. **Action:** ML

5.3 **Blue Cross** –WODC agreed with application and SPC to meet with property manager to improve communication.

5.4 **Miss Bateman's** Field – All involved with donations to the flood defence fund have been contacted and have agreed to leave funds in remaining balance of the fund and that this should be used to pay for the proposed work to be carried out at Miss Bateman's field

5.5 **Bradwell Office**- awaiting approval of lease agreement by advisors.

5.6 **Local Plan** – Cllr AP to produce a Policy Statement for consideration and agreement by members of SPC

5.7 **Shillbrook Survey**- Cllr AP commented that Mr L King has offered to produce a document that is not developer led. There have been a number of planning applications from developers where surveys have shown no concern over flood problems. The Environment Agency is under resourced and maps generally looked at from desk top rather than an actual survey. Discussions needed with surrounding villages of Radcot, Clanfield, Signet, Burford and Alvescot as a survey could cost upwards of £30k. Cllr A P Suggested approaching the Conservation Association for a grant towards it.

All items covered in attached Chairman's report

6. Oxfordshire and West Oxfordshire reports

West Oxfordshire District Councillor (Mr Alex Postan)

District Local Plan was approved by the Cabinet and will now go to full Council for approval. He commented that a local plan is better than an urban plan and should have a **bottom up** approach. He advised Highways are not included in a Local Plan as they are dealt with by County Council and can only be referred to.

The plan is to be discussed on Wednesday the 25th of February and that anyone can speak. Cllr AP suggested Cllr ML to be present and speak on behalf of Shilton PC

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7. Public Consultation

There were concerns from the floor concerning;

- a) Proposed Burford Coach Park
- b) Increased traffic and traffic noise becoming a real nuisance to residents at Shilton Dip
- c) Bridle paths and footpaths

Cllr AP responded:

a) Burford Coach Park

Questions from the floor concerning the Coach Park and was it really necessary and would it become an overnight lorry park. Also, would it increase risk to children crossing near the roundabout to Burford School? Cllr A P responded that Burford Parish Council were in favour of this and that we should accept their decision. However there were benefits:

It would deal with the problems of coaches in the centre where parking was a risk and also it would be away from the Primary School. Cllr AP said there would also be some A40 road improvements built in as a result.

b) Increased Traffic and Noise at Shilton Dip

Question raised concerning the increased noise from traffic at Shilton Dip. Residents complain that they suffer from excessive traffic noise which has steadily risen since they took residence in 1986 and as a result is damaging their property value and also disturbed sleep. It was asked whether it be possible to move the road north at the cross roads. Cllr A P will discuss with Highways.

It was also suggested that Highways should move speed limits. There have been 3 recent incidents at Alvescot road and Friezlands and that a review was needed of all speed limits and their positions In and around Shilton Parish. **Action:** ML.

c) Bridleways and Footpaths

It was raised that many had fallen into disuse and that a review was required of their status. It was suggested that a sub group be formed and their findings to be included into Local Plan. Cllr JH proposed that this could be set up and AP seconded. A discussion to take place with Yvonne, who showed a keen interest and knowledge of the area.

8. Business Items

- 8.1 Financial report, it is estimated that including the work/ approval of lease for the Proposed Bradwell Office we should close the year with a £2k closing balance
- 8.3 Applications for grants – there were none discussed
- 8.4 Website and communication by email, proposed to send residents information by email and assurance given that their privacy would be maintained. An initial email, of introduction, to be sent requesting agreement for future use. **Action:** AT

9. Local services and amenities

There is silting up of the drain ditch on the side of Church Lane and discharges into the pond, The ditch needs to be cleared out. SPC agreed for a quotation for work to be carried out.

10. New Planning applications within the Parish

There were none submitted

11. Organisations and services operating within the Parish

- 11.1 Conservation Association - To be approached for a grant towards Shillbrook survey. **Action:** AP
- 11.2 Welfare Trust – Allotment field now registered
- 11.3 Old School Committee – Building Insurance has now been agreed and that they will pay the amount agreed, annually.

12. Neighbourhood developments, other Parishes and Local plan

See Chairman's report section 5 of minutes

13. Members meeting summation and items for the next meeting agenda

The meeting was seen to be carried out in a timely manner and no comments were made.

14. Cllr AP gave thanks to Cllr Brian Adams for his long diligent service and also to Pat, his wife, for her ongoing support.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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