

**Shilton Parish Council Meeting**  
**7.30 pm Tuesday 13th<sup>th</sup> February 2018**  
**Shilton Old School, Shilton**

**Draft Minutes**

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**Present:** Cllr David Cuthbertson, Cllr Yvonne Lay, Cllr Alex Postan

- 1. Apologies :** Cllr N Field- Johnson, Cllr C Parker, Cllr S Royle, Cllr J Edwards
- 2. Declarations of interest :** None
- 3. The Minutes** of the November 2017 meeting had been previously circulated and agreed by all. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.
- 4. Matters arising** from the previous meeting: None
- 5. WODC and OCC reports**
  - 5.1 W.O.D.C** – Cllr Alex Postan reported:
    - WODC has received a reply from the Inspector who was minded to approve the 16k more homes laid out in the Local Plan.
    - There had been an approval of a development grant for the whole of Oxfordshire of £160 million.
    - A new waste program had been implemented to save costs.
    - Electric cars were seen as the way of the future but problems were associated with charging points etc.
  - 5.2 O.C.C** – Councillor Nick Field Johnson sent his apologies and submitted a written report
    - There will be a Community Priorities Fund put in place to support Parish Council Highway needs and Community Group Projects. Each County Councillor will have a £15k fund to support this.
    - Priority will be given to Children’s Social Care and an extra £1.9m is to be allocated into this service.
    - O.C.C. has agreed a 5.99% Council Tax.
    - The Oxfordshire Growth Board will see as additional £215m of investment for infrastructure, new homes and help boost economic productivity across the county.
    - O.C.C has formally terminated its contract with Carillion - effective from 1<sup>st</sup> February. Carillion’s staff in O.C.C’s schools and services will be transferred over to O.C.C in order that services will continue as normal. O.C.C will take over direct responsibility for commissioning construction work and service delivery
    - Extra funding to support asylum seeking children, living in Oxfordshire, has been received. O.C.C looks after 52 unaccompanied children who are predominately from Afghanistan, Albania and Eritrea.

**Signed.....**  
**David Cuthbertson, Chairman**

- 6. Elections:** Local elections for WODC and Shilton will take place during May 2018. Cllr A P announced that he would stand again.
- 7. Speed watch:** Cllr Y L reported that there was an increase in HGV's through the village and this needs to be monitored
- 8. Planning updates**
- a. Headford House: Cllr D C commented that this was a retrospective application
  - b. 115 Houses David Wilson Homes at Carterton, David Wilson Homes has gone to appeal. The PC objects on the same grounds as before.
  - c. Ralpear Cottage - a new application
- 9. Village Maintenance**

#### 9.1 The Shill

Cllr D C reported that there is an ongoing problem with too high or too low a flow of water. He explained that a resident who has two old carp ponds in his garden, that usually takes excess water from the Shill, had reported that these were now often stagnant and that he had not experienced this before.

Mr Metcalf informed the floor that until recently, the constant flow from the wellhead had not changed over the years and that it appeared to be flowing from through Signet. However it apparently now ends at Johnson's Farm and does not appear to flow out into the pond. A meeting with Lawrence King of WODC is to be set up to find out why and to discuss general maintenance.

#### 9.2 Bradwell Village

A resident raised the question why Bradwell Village residents should contribute equally to the precept and was the money fairly spent within the Parish.

Cllr DC informed the floor that the Precept was set as part of the WODC budget and legally had to cover the whole Parish including Stonelands, Sturt, Bradwell Village and Shilton. The major contribution was in the maintenance of the verges, trees, general groundworks and associated administration.

He said that, in the past, grants had been made to Bradwell Village. He was prepared to consider projects that required some financial assistance but pointed out maintenance of trees, verges within Bradwell was the responsibility of the Management Company.

#### 10. Neighbourhood Plan & CRTBO

Cllr D C reported that this had been circulated widely and that any comments were required for before March 19<sup>th</sup>. Concerns were shown by a resident over potential increased traffic through the village once the development of 8-10 houses is built.

Signed.....

**David Cuthbertson, Chairman**

**11. Finance:**

Treasurers Account stands at £27,981.16 which includes an £18,500.00 Groundwork Grant

Cheques for payment on 2nd March

RCOH Neighbourhood Plan a) £27,060, b) £2,580.00

The Precept was previously agreed at the last meeting and is set at £11,000

**12. Date of next meeting : 21<sup>st</sup> March**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed.....

**David Cuthbertson, Chairman**

**Ann Tyldesley**

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