

SHILTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

8 July 2015, Bradwell Village Hall, Bradwell at 7.30pm

Councillors: Mr M Linney- Chairman, Mr J Heyworth, Mrs K Robertson, Mr A Postan, Mrs Y Ley

Minutes

1. Apologies – Mr Neil Owen OCC

2. Declaration of Interests

CLlr K R employed Cllr Lay's services for the grooming of her dog.

Cllr AP stated that he would leave the room if Ecotricity/Shilton Down Farm were to be discussed

3. The Clerk's report

Matters outstanding from previous meetings, not on this agenda

3.1 Mr Misri's trees – ongoing, Cllr ML to follow up

3.2 Speed signs – no response from Highways. AT to email Mr N Owen to establish position

3.3 Response to Link Road query in May meeting – Mr Neil Owen reported that this was a rumour only.

3.4 Traffic Noise Levels at the Dip - Cllr ML reported that there was very little else the Police could do.

4. Approval of Minutes - 13th May Shilton Parish Council meeting were duly agreed and signed.

5. Projects and Progress

5.1 **Ladburn Lane Potholes** are causing concern. Highways are to repair the potholes that Cllr N Owen agreed to be done. Mr Dan Depp, Highways, said that the work scheduled would be completed within 28 days of the green warning paint being sprayed. This timeline will expire on the 15th July. In some cases the paint has already worn/washed away. Cllr AP suggested that Mr Rodney Rose, Cabinet member OCC, support should be enlisted. Cllr AP to action.

5.2 Miss Bateman's Field

WODC has indicated that the land has not been registered with the land registry and raised concern that there was no evidence of ownership of the property legal representation of the property. A copy of the deeds needs to be requested, from Miss Bateman, in order to move forward.

Cllrs JH and KR to oversee

5.3 **Bradwell Office.** The lease is now signed however there is another document that requires signature. The office should complete in approximately two weeks. Cllr KR to oversee

5.4 **Local Plan/Neighbourhood Plan / Shillbrook Survey** – on going by AP

6. Oxfordshire and West Oxfordshire reports

a) County Councillor (Mr Neil Owen)

Cllr Neil Owen sent his apologies and reported that there had been an interesting development concerning Thames Water who had presented plans of a flood budget of £20m. He recognised that Brize Norton had a serious sewerage problem and that an action plan needs to be formulated within the district.

b) District Councillor (Mr Alex Postan)

Cllr AP reported that Carterton Master Plan had been published and that the Mayor was keen to involve local communities to agree to it. It was suggested that a formal meeting should be held, and that a County Councillor chairs the meeting. In the terms of reference the Master plan needs to include Shilton's interests to form the basis of a proposal at that meeting and should also include other neighbouring Parishes.

7. Public Consultation

7.1 The trees/hedge on the LHS of the road as one enters the village from Stonelands, at Bridge House, are overgrown and obscuring the 30MPH sign and drivers are pulling over to the other side of the road to avoid them. Cllr AP to speak with householder

7.2 A request was made for No Dog Fouling Signs - AT to order from WODC and distribute

7.3 It was agreed to separate the Wild Flower budget from the general grass cutting to show two stand-alone items. AT to action

7.4 A grant £350 of was requested to assist with Churchyard maintenance and could it be backdated two years. It was proposed by ML that the Parish Council would support this year only and would be reviewed annually. Cllr KR seconded this.

- 7.5 Concern from the floor as to why an office for SPC was being considered and costs attached. Cllr ML responded and said this had been published and agreed over several meetings and after discussion the matter was considered closed.

8. Business Items

- 8.1 **Financial report**
Closing Balance as of the end of June was £7,773.41
- 8.2 **Applications for grants** – Churchyard Strimming and Christmas tree proposal for this year agreed
- 8.3 **Authorising of payment to Darby's re lease for Parish Office** Cllr ML proposed KR seconded
- 8.4 **Agreement to centralising Parish records and filing system** – agreed by all SPC members

9. Local services and amenities

- 9.1 **Dog Bins** – Mrs Ronnie Scard agreed to obtain quotes and options for the next meeting
- 9.2 **Litter Pick Day** – Agreed for August. AT to request equipment form WODC and select an appropriate date
- 9.3 **Footpaths and Bridleways** - Formation of subgroup to represent interests Footpaths and Bridleways JH and YL - ongoing

10. New Planning applications within the Parish

- 10.1 Solar Farm appeal – An open consultation meeting was held and comments to be fed back by Mr Metcalfe to Ecotricity

11. Organisations and services operating within the Parish

- 11.1 **Conservation Association** reported financial statement at the May meeting – no change but has offered help with legal costs if required in respect of the Solar Farm Appeal
- 11.2 **Welfare Trust** has appointed a new treasurer, Mr David Cuthbertson who reported that they had spent £334 in disbursements during 2014 and has £22,901.93 available.

The Trust owns the allotment fields and has been approached by Mr C Rawlings as to whether they would consider selling a strip of land in order for him to have two access points to his land. The Welfare Trust does not have an objection to this and are currently having the land valued.

Cllr AP said careful consideration needs to be given to this in order that this does not create an opening for a future large housing development that would require such an access. He suggested it would be pertinent to consult with SPC before a decision is made and suggested creating a restrictive access covenant.

11.3 **Old School Committee**

Miss M Cox reported that the Old School Closing Balance now stands at £58,279.73.
The Old School Committee requested a grant of £250 towards the cost of a Christmas Tree at the Pond. Cllr AP proposed and Cllr JH seconded.

12. Neighbourhood developments, other Parishes and Local plan

See District Councillors report item 6b

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

All agreed the meeting was constructive

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm
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