

Shilton Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Council meeting on Thursday 30th January 2025 held at The Old School, Church Lane, Shilton, OX18 3AE at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr David Cuthbertson (Chair), Cllrs Andy Bray, Andrew Pearson, Steve Harrison

Members of the public: 12

1. The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Apologies received from Cllr Field-Johnson, Cllr Sarah Royle and Julie Alden
3. The minutes of the meeting of 28th November 2024 were approved and signed by the Chairman.
4. No matters were arising.
5. A report was received from Cllr Field-Johnson this will be published with the minutes of the meeting and included comments on the following:
 - a. OCC Budget 2025/26
 - b. Support for Oxfordshire farmers
 - c. HIF1 Planning Inquiry
 - d. OCC aims Net Zero
 - e. Oxford traffic measures questioned
6. Cllr Rosie Pearson gave a brief report of WODC activity including:
 - a. Policy on agricultural buildings
 - b. Work on the Local Plan ongoing
 - c. New housing targets and national framework.
 - d. Increase in housing targets to over 905 per annum.
 - e. Government white paper on local government devolution. No district council after 2028.
7. Finance update – Current account balance £10,392.81 Flood fund £18,204.28. The accounts show an excess of income over expenditure of £2,202 for the year to date.
8. £745 spent since the last meeting being salary and employment taxes.
9. No new planning applications received that required comment. Bloor Homes have contacted the Parish Council concerning a proposal to build a large number of houses on the Foxbury Farm site in Brize Norton. The council will attend a planning meeting with Carterton Town Council, Brize Norton Parish Council and Bloor Homes in March.
10. No decision yet on the proposed solar panels at Bridge House. We are still awaiting the outcome of the appeal on the Ashbed Ladburn Lane.
11. Flood defence –Proposals for extra drainage under Sheep Bridge and the flow of water through Packhorse Bridge were discussed at length Cllr AP has liaised with WODC, OCC Highways and the Environment Agency but little progress made. It would seem that the primary requirement is a detailed hydrology report before any real progress can be made. No funding is available from local authorities or government so we will have to fund this from Parish funds. Cllr AP will continue to work on possible solutions. Villagers are reminded that the Shill needs to be clear of all debris, leaves etc. It is hoped that as soon as weather conditions allow, Hickmans will undertake desilting of the pond.
12. Opportunity for the public to speak – A complaint was made about road signs being left after works completed. Contact info@milestoneinfra.co.uk 01438743744.
13. Date of the next meeting Thursday 27th March 2025
14. The meeting closed at 8.42pm.