

Shilton Parish Council Meeting

7.30 pm, Wednesday 25th January, 2017
Bradwell Village Hall, Bradwell

Draft Minutes

Present:

Councillors: Mr D Cuthbertson, Chairman, Mr C Parker, Mrs Y Lay, Mrs S Royle,
Mr Neil Owen OCC

1. **Apologies:** Cllr John Edwards, Cllr Alex Postan, Mr P Handley
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr CP uses Cllr YL Dog grooming business
3. **Approval of minutes** of the November SPC meeting were agreed and duly signed
4. **Matters arising** and not on this agenda:
Night Flying from Brize Norton is proving a problem for some residents. The clerk to advise Brize Norton of this.
5. **OCC Report**
Cllr Neil Owen reported that O.C.C. has finalised its 2017/18 budget and said it is very likely that more cuts will follow and he highlighted Children's Care in particular.

He detailed the new Oxfordshire County Unitary proposal, One Oxfordshire, which if agreed and implemented will seek to save £100m across the County.

OCC believe that the current system of 4 District councils, one City and one County Council is inefficient and should be abolished. They propose that one Unitary Council, replacing the others could offer better services, be simpler, more local and would allow them to operate at a lower cost structure to provide better services.

WODC has also put in an alternative proposal for consideration.

More information can be found on: www.oneoxfordshire.org where residents can read the draft proposals and fill in a feedback form.

Comments to be submitted by the 28th February 2017.

The WODC proposal can be seen at:

www.westoxon.gov.uk/news/feb/west-oxfordshire-too-good-to-lose

He informed the floor that all gritting bins have now been filled across the County.

He was asked, from the floor, about what was being done about the state of the road at Stonelands and the smashed traffic signs. He confirmed that he would investigate with Highways and respond.

Signed.....

David Cuthbertson, Chairman

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6. Planning applications existing and new

6.1 Solar Farm at Shilton Downs Farm.

Cllr DC said that an appeal had been made to the Secretary of State and that there is nothing more that SPC can argue as all points, already made, will be re-considered.

However, he stressed that all individuals can appeal separately.

6.2 Swinbrook Park Proposal – David Wilson Homes

A proposal for a further 115 homes, within our Parish, has been submitted by the above developer.

Cllr AP and Cllr DC held a meeting with David Wilson Homes and discussed that a buffer zone should be set in place to protect Shilton from the development. As the development is not in the Local Plan it is unlikely to get planning permission unless included in our Neighbourhood Plan.

However as DWH are not offering any additional buffer area it was agreed that SPC would not support the development and it would not be included in the NP.

6.3 2 Ladburn Lane

No objection by SPC

7. Village Maintenance

7.1 Litter Pick

It had been reported by residents that litter was becoming a problem around the villages.

It was agreed that there will be a litter pick on Saturday the 25th February, between 9am -11am.

Helpers to meet at the pond.

7.2 Traffic Issues

It was suggested that gates placed at the entrances to the village may help to slow traffic.

AT agreed to find out the costs of such a project.

7.3 Drains

A question from the floor as to whether the pipes at Byford House, which feed into the stream, could be cleared. Also there is a problem at the junction of Hen N Chick Lane and Alvescott Road. This is a Highways problem and can be reported to Wayne Barker who has proved helpful in the past.

7.4 Bus Shelter

A resident raised the subject once again of providing shelter for children waiting for the school bus. Approximately £400 would cover the cost. The Council agreed that there is money in the budget for such a project.

Signed.....

David Cuthbertson, Chairman

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8. Highways & Byways including Traffic problems

Speeding is once again a problem and in particular traffic using the Ford. This has been particularly bad during the recent cold weather due to the spreading of freezing water across the road and creating a hazard. The floor questioned whether restrictions could be put in place during bad weather.

Cllr Chris Parker raised again that SPC should consider a white line footpath, to create a safe walking zone for residents with the added benefit of slowing traffic through the village. Cllr NO requested that he speak with him directly.

9. Financial Report including Budget and Precept

Cllr D C reported that the SPC 2017/2018 budget had been reviewed by all Councillors and that there would be a requirement to raise the precept for 2017/2018 back to previous year’s level. The accounts up to the end of December were agreed by all.

10. Neighbourhood Plan update

The first meeting of the steering group with Neil Homer of ROCH (the selected Consultancy Company) has been held and a budget and time table agreed. The plan should be completed by October 2017.

Cllr DC reported that SPC had received grants to cover the feasibility costs for affordable housing at the Allotments.

He asked the floor if they agreed that this should still go ahead as he felt that not all agreed to its necessity and does the community think it is in their interest to push forward with this plan?

Cllr DC informed the floor that there will be a period of consultation, whereby each and every household will be contacted for their views.

Signed.....
David Cuthbertson, Chairman

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Date of next meeting: March 22nd, 2017 @ 7.30pm, Shilton Village Hall

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