

# Shilton Parish Council

## Annual Parish Meeting at the Old School, Shilton

7.30pm, Tuesday 29th May, 2018

### Draft Minutes

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Mr David Cuthbertson – Chairman, Mr Jon Holloway, Mr Harry Metcalfe, Mr Chris Parker, Mrs Sarah Royle, Mr Nick Field-Johnson OCC, Mr Alex Postan WODC

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Introduction of new Councillors**

Chairman D C introduced the newly elected Councillors Jon Holloway and Harry Metcalfe. Cllr Chris Parker and Cllr Sarah Royle remain. Cllrs Y Lay and Cllr John Edwards stood down at the May elections.

**3. Declarations of interest:** Cllr DC has previously recorded his list of clients.

**4. Approval of Minutes from Annual Meeting May 2017**

The minutes of this meeting were agreed by all as correct and duly signed by the Chairman.

**5. County Councillor's report.** (Nicholas Field-Johnson) attached

Cllr NFJ also announced that he had allocated SPC a £600 community grant for 2018/2019

**6. District Councillor's report (Alex Postan)**

Cllr AP thanked all for voting for him in the recent elections and promised to continue his support of the communities.

Cllr AP congratulated SPC, in particular Cllr D C , for its work on the Neighbourhood Plan. SPC was one of three villages of 12, within the district, that had laid down the rules/ administration for their communities. In his opinion, this would help protect them from future unwanted developments.

Cllr A P reported that by 2019 over 95% of villages, within WODC catchment, would have access to faster broadband.

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Public transport was still a problem throughout the area for both political and financial reasons.

Cllr AP said that there was limited land available for new housing and that he is working closely with the new team at Carterton Town Council. He added that he hopes relations there will improve, scaling back the need for Carterton Town Council to expand outside of its boundaries.

**7. Old School's Management Report – Marilyn Cox**

Marilyn reported that it's fund raising and activities were much the same as the previous year.

The main expenditure had been on improvements and decoration to the Village Hall. She gave thanks to Andy and Mandy Bray for all the work they had carried out in the Village Hall.

She also thanked Mrs Shirley Cuthbertson and her team, for their efforts in fundraising by means of car boot sales which was proving a good source of income.

There are 13 gardens open for Gardens Day in June which will provide additional income and as always volunteers are welcome. If anyone is interested in helping please contact Marilyn. She also asked for help for other activities during the year which would be appreciated.

The AGM is on the 10<sup>th</sup> July 2018

**8. Welfare Trust Report -David Cuthbertson**

David reported that there were few financial movements during the year. There had been two grants awarded for educational purposes.

The significant change to the Trust was to approve its change of purpose in connection with CRTBO project. (N.B. It owns the land on which there are allotments and restrictions of use.) Applications had been made to the Charity commission to approve purpose of the Welfare Trust

At the recent Welfare Trust meeting, a proposal was made and agreed leading to a resolution to amend the existing scheme at a cost of £2000.

## **9. Parochial Church Council's report – David Cuthbertson**

The proposed purchasing of additional land for the extension of the graveyard will now not go ahead as the cost was beyond the means of the funding and unsustainable. The PCC is aware of the problem.

Two questions from the floor:

1. Could the footpath through the churchyard be kept clear?

Cllr DC said that the graveyard was now under SPC Village Maintenance program and would be strimmed and mown regularly during the growing season.

2. Dog fouling, in the Churchyard, is becoming a problem. Could a sign be put on the gate?

Cllr DC agreed to look into this.

## **10. Chairman's Report**

### **10.1 Finance.**

Cllr D C informed the floor that SPC had approved the accounts for 2017/2018.

He added that SPC had allowed for the grass cutting contract to include the graveyard. SPC had also increased the number of grass cuts and included spraying of gutters and strimming.

### **10.2 Neighbourhood Plan & CRTBO**

This is now with WODC for consultation. If there are no changes to be made this will then go on to Examination and a Referendum where everyone has the right to vote. If accepted the Community Land Trust will draw up a new lease. A grant is in place to cover this.

### **10.3 Flood Defence & Shill Maintenance**

A meeting was recently held with Mr Laurence King, Chief engineer of WODC, concerning the Shill and the bund. LK suggested that a specification should be drawn up of necessary works to be done and to use the flood defence fund to cover costs. It would then be prudent to form a memorandum of understanding for the land owners abutting the Shill and the Bridge. As the riparian owners, they would be legally obliged

to maintain the riverside themselves and this would be legally enforceable. The Mrs R.S agreed to hold a meeting with the riparian owners to move this forward.

An issue was reported that the Carp Ponds had for the first time in living memory, become stagnant due to poor flow of water. An inspection further upstream was necessary to establish the flow of the river and to investigate higher/lower peaks and troughs.

#### **10.4 Speed Watch**

SPC had purchased a speed gun at the recommendation of the Police. The Police have since decided that the appliance is not accurate and may not be used because of public liability. The Police have cancelled the scheme everywhere.

#### **10.5 Neighbourhood Watch**

This should begin at the end of June and one can sign up to WhatsApp for sharing of information.

**11. Open Forum** : no questions

**12. Chairman's closing remarks**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm and was followed by drinks and light refreshments

Ann Tyldesley, Clerk to Shilton Parish Council