

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th April 2017, at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), J Burgess, V Ingram (Clerk), M Pearson.

Apologies: Cllr A Omer, C Williams (WCC).

Members of the Public: 5

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Burgess, planning application.

Minutes of the previous meeting having been previously circulated were approved and signed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Burgess, Seconded by Cllr Faulkner.

The Chairman welcomed the newly elected District Councillor, Cllr Fielding to the meeting and congratulated him on his successful election.

Matters Arising:

Highways & Trees: The following concerns had been reported to the Highways Dept. These included potholes on First Turn, Chapel Lane & Church Lane. Displaced kerb stones around the Village Green, and included the exposed concrete path, by the bungalow at New Road. The Footpath area outside of Gunn Cottage required clearing and various potholes on the B4100.

Enquiries have been made to the DFT and the County Council regarding the B4100 speed limit and its potential implications, the Parish Council reported that enquiries were pending.

The Parish Council had been called to resolve an issue with a rogue bird scarer, which had been misfiring throughout the night. The Clerk contacted all the farmers in the valley and the rogue machine was traced and turned off, our thanks for the co-operation of the farmers.

The issue with the mud on the road had been dealt with again with the cooperation agreed with the farmers. The first cut of the village verges had taken place on the day of the meeting, fortunately more care had been taken around the daffodil displays.

A question was asked as to the frequency of cuts by Orbit housing Association at New Road, Clerk would make enquiries.

Nothing to report regarding trees.

Bus shelter, this had been swept out, but the drum under the water barrel needed painting, Cllr Burgess to action.

Playing Field: Bird deterrents still not erected, complaints of people taking dogs into the field had been received.

Dog Fouling: Really prevalent again on the Second Turn, it was believed that the person/s responsible may be able to be traced.

Fly tipping, tyres had been dumped in the ditch at Mollington Road, reported to SDC. Signs to go up in the layby on the B4100, Cllr Pearson to erect and Cllr Faulkner would erect the sign on the Mollington Road.

Finance: Paid since last meeting

Bulbs £117.60 & Tub £39.99	Rent for hall £50
Fridge £200	Grass maintenance £1,732

Proposed by Cllr Faulkner & Seconded by Cllr Burgess.

Grass Cutting S Watts was awarded the contract for grass cutting for the year, proposed by Cllr Burgess & Seconded by Cllr Pearson.

Village Hall: Had held one meeting since the council last met. The specification for the fridge had been decided and the fridge with the largest icebox selected. The old fridge with the broken seal may be used for chilling wine at events.

Footpaths: The kissing gates had not yet been installed. The bridge over the sewerage ditch had been replaced and it was understood this had subsequently been modified at the request of the landowner.

Horton Hospital: The consultation was to end on Sunday 9th April, leaflets and letters had been distributed to the village. Stratford District Council had invited Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning group (OCCG) and Warwickshire Clinical Commissioning group to a meeting at Stratford, Cllr Ingram had attended and Cllr Fielding. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been very thorough in their questioning and it transpired that 27,000 residents in Warwickshire had not been adequately consulted. Cherwell District, South Northants, Banbury Town Council and Stratford District Council were in the process of pre action protocol of a Judicial Review, against OCCG.

Parish Plan: No meeting had been held, it was decided that a letter be sent to the parish with the Chairman's report re housing.

Planning Applications: Tree works, St Laurence Church,(17/00868) Fairview, (17/00757)Edenbrook,(17/00631) all pending. AGNOT Lancaster Farm,(17/001119) approved, Non Material Amendment, Plumstones, (17/00283) approved.

County Council report: Budget increased by 1.99%

Highways – The legal requirements introducing the reduced speed limit of 50 mph on the B4100 from leaving Gaydon to the Oxfordshire border had now been completed, engineers to install repeater signs along its length as well as signage indicating speed regulations when turning off the road. This work should be completed by the end of April 2017.

The County Council is listed within the top 100 employers offering apprenticeships. £1 million more will be invested to improve the safety of routes to schools. In addition, a further £1 million will be invested in LED lighting which will support the Council's ambition to bring our street lighting up to date. Forty new staff will be employed to help as Social Workers to help with the growing problem of looking after the 750 children that are currently in care in Warwickshire.

District Council report: Cllr Fielding explained he was just finding his way around the council, having only been elected a few weeks, but was keen to help out were there to be any concerns with SDC. The Parish Council stated that they always worked well with SDC and had no problems. Cllr Fielding had been appointed to the OSC and had attended the meeting with the joint CCG's, he was concerned over the fact that little consultation had taken place with residents or GP's in the area. With the Alex at Reditch being in a similar position as the Horton it was a big concern. Stratford Cancer hospital was now to have an MLU installed.

Cllr Fielding stated that various parishes had concerns over the 50mph speed limit on the B4100, these included Radway, Warmington and Gaydon. The Police & Crime Commissioner had also expressed concerns over the proposed speed limit. The speed limit would have to be self regulating It appears that there are only three speed vehicles to cover the whole of Warwickshire.

Provisional dates for the next year, these are subject to change. May 16th, July 18th, Sept 21st, Nov 21st & 23rd January 2018.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm