

Shotteswell Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

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

Apologies: None

Members of the Public: 6

Declaration of Interest: Cllr Faulkner & Burgess, IRO of Tree Application & Cllr Burgess IRO of a personal 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.

Due to Cllr Williams wishing to leave early the Chair deviated from the agenda and granted permission for Cllr Williams to give his report:-

M40 Junction at Gaydon virtually finished, it is hoped that this will solve the issue with JLR traffic. The Community forum was to be held on Thursday the 15th September, at Newbold Pacey.

B4100, 50 miles per hour speed limit had been passed on the stretch from Gaydon to County Boundary. This will mean that deregulation signs will be installed at the entrances to our village. Funds to County Council are likely to be reduced from Central Government.

Cllr Burgess asked Cllr Williams for the breakdown of the cost of the three signs, which had been promised to her in May. Cllr Williams stated that he had sent these by email following the May meeting. Cllr Burgess had not received the email and neither had the Clerk. The Clerk asked if Cllr Williams would kindly resend the email when he returned home that evening and Cllr Williams promised that he would.

Matters Arising:

Highways & Trees

Further potholes have been filled. The loose gravel still remained a problem in some areas of the village, the Back Hill and Mollington Road had to some degree been cleared, SDC road sweeper had fortunately partially helped remedy this on his last visit. The loose gravel presents a danger especially to cyclists, the Parish Council had been told by WCC that it would be cleared in due course, but many months had passed since originally reported.

B4100 road closure at the new development, (Hanwell Chase). The Parish Council attended a road show held in Banbury and subsequently contacted all relevant stakeholders and other local Parish Councils. With a combined effort led by Shotteswell the proposed eight-week road closure had been reduced to two weeks with the possibility that it may take even less time. The proposal involved the contractors digging up the newly laid path instead of the road, this shortened closure had been dependent on whether the contractor hit rock when excavating. The Parish Council had contacted Murphy's (the contractor) and OCC/WCC to achieve this outcome and is grateful for their support. The Mollington to Warmington road is also subject to road closures for the next couple of weeks, according to recently erected signs.

The water leak on Mollington Road, by the property known as Merlin had been reported to STW. Trees: The tree opposite the Chapel was causing concern the Parish Council had contacted the landowner. Overgrown hedges were causing a concern in Bakehouse and Middle Lane, responsibility to be established but it was felt some of this could be managed with the hedge cutter the Parish Council engages.

Queen's Birthday: Thanks were extended to all the villagers that had contributed by virtue of donations, food preparation, decorations and by joining in the celebration on the day. Everyone

appeared to have an enjoyable day and feedback had been all positive. Although £260 had been allocated from the Parish Council in fact only £120 in real terms after recovery of VAT had been used, which it was felt was quite an achievement.

Fly tipping: A dumped washing machine had been reported at the B4100 lay-by. Cllr Faulkner & Cllr Pearson to put up fly tipping signs in layby and at the bottom of the village to deter this activity.

Bus Shelter: Cllr Ingram had cleared a large quantity of broken windscreen glass, off, of the road by the shelter. Cllr Omer had cleared the ivy from the shelter walls. The missing hose had re-appeared, Cllr Burgess would sort out a new jubilee clip, the base of the drum had not yet been painted.

Playing Field: Replacement fencing posts had been completed the wire still needs reattaching. Cllr Faulkner had filled in the indentation by the main entrance gate and laid a new safety surface, which had taken most of the day to complete. The bird deterrents had been removed from over the swings and needed replacing. Cllr Faulkner and Cllr Pearson to rectify. Weed killer needed to be sprayed around the base posts of the tree house, both the door and guttering needed attention.

Dog Fouling: The dog fouling issue appeared to be improving. It appears that people are taking dogs into the playing field and allowing them to roam freely which should be discouraged for the well being of the toddlers and children that play there, this is to be monitored.

Village Hall: Cllr Ingram had attended the meeting and a request had been made for funds towards the repairs to the perimeter brick wall. It was decided that half the cost of the project be met and a donation of £230 was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Pearson Seconded by Cllr Omer.

Horton General Hospital: Cllr Ingram gave an update of the current threat to the hospital.

Footpaths: Slow start reported to clearance but paths used the most had now been cleared. The group had been using their own equipment, but a strimmer had recently been sourced from the County Council, which was beneficial. Landowners had cleared footpaths and a reminder was to be sent about their obligations. Kissing gates had not yet been installed, due to help being required from WCC. Cllr Pearson asked if the Duke of Edinburgh candidates could be reminded to close field gates after them, Clerk to make contact and ask for their co-operation.

The Parish Council had received confirmation of another clean audit and the required documents had been displayed on the notice board.

Tubs had been planted up in readiness for the fete thanks were extended to Cllr Burgess & Cllr Ingram for doing this on behalf of the council.

Parish Plan, Cllr Ingram had met with Chair of the Parish Plan group and had requested that the plan was updated to reflect the current situation.

A discussion ensued about whether a Housing Needs Survey (HNS) was needed. This had been previously discussed and minuted that the Parish Council did not wish to undertake a HNS at the current time. The majority of the villagers were against further development. It was reported that without a survey the plan was likely to be rejected. It was reiterated by the Chairman that it appeared the district council only wanted the plan for purely planning reasons as had been stated at the outset of the original discussions.

It was mentioned that Oxhill had produced a plan and only a couple of months after being passed appeared to be worthless in defending Oxhill from development. The development was granted permission by the Planning Committee going against the contents of the plan, namely in permitting building in an area where Oxhill did not wish it to be. Despite asking for any

development to be staggered over the strategy period, permission was granted instead for the whole quota to be built at the same time.

It was decided that Cllrs would contact SBT on the subject of a HNS and its implications it was understood that a HNS is for social/affordable housing and not for general housing.

Cllr Dalla Mura stated that the Core Strategy had been adopted.

Approval of payments held over to the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

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