

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 10th May 2018 at 7.37 pm in the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), J Burgess, V Ingram (Clerk), M Pearson, J Feilding (SDC) C Williams (WCC)

Apologies: Cllr A Omer

Members of the Public: 4,& (1 further member arrived at 8 pm).

Declaration of Interest: None

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.

Matters Arising:

Highways & Trees. WCC had repaired the potholes on the B4100, and the potholes in Bury Court lane, but were still waiting for those by the Village Hall to be repaired. The tree at the entrance to the playing field which had previously been notified to WCC as a serious concern for safety reasons was eventually responded to. It appeared that the land was now shown as being in the ownership of the county nor in the ownership of Brasenose. This left us with rather a predicament as the tree was failing and the one alongside also precarious. Permission was granted to remove the offending trees to make safe the entrance to the field. In the process, SDC inspected the Horse Chestnut on the triangle by the Village Hall and recommended its removal and issued permission to fell. An application was made to attend to the trees on the Village Green which is due for a decision on the 17th May. Churchyard tree, this had received the necessary consents to be felled. It was felt that the Horse Chestnut would be put on next agenda because it was not unsafe, but that once felled it would need the stump grinding to allow a new tree to be planted in its place. The wood left from the trees was available to anyone who would like it Cllr Pearson said he would like it. Cllr Fielding offered to ask SDC to look into the land registry aspect for the land outside the field.

Playing field. The rocking horse lose platform still needed repairing. The tree house door needed repairing and the guttering needed to be fixed. The Zip wire has had the necessary replacement and enhancements completed. It appears that people are still taking dogs into the field and allowing them to roam freely, which needs to be discouraged a notice to this effect has been put in the Chairman's report. The council would see if this helped with a view to taking further measures in terms of signage and individual letters if it did not. Cllr Fielding advised that a new dog technician was in post at SDC and may be able to help. The possibility of getting the thatched shades refurbished or replaced was still under investigation, one quote received for replacement tiles but still trying to see if a thatcher could do the work. Cllr Burgess offered to wash the tree house and Cllr Faulkner will spray weed killer around the stilts of the treehouse.

Dog fouling, still an issue in places around the village often as a result of loose dogs. Fly tipping 2 incidents in the B4100 Layby, reported and removed. There had been some further tipping on the Mollington Road of branches and garden materials etc.

Under the new auditing regime Parish Councils with less than an income of £25,00 could elect to do the new limited assurance scheme or pay £200 to have an audit. It was considered that given there had been no issues with previous audits that the Parish Council should select this option. Proposed by Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Faulkner agreed by all

Annual Governance and approval of accounts, approved by all proposed by Cllr Pearson & Seconded Cllr Burgess

Finance: Paid since last meeting:
Proposed by: Cllr Burgess Seconded by Cllr Pearson

Wicksteed £838.80	Printing & Stationery £128.89
Village Hall £50	Defib Pads £40.08
Tree Works £462	

Horton General. This was slightly more positive inasmuch that the IRP recommended a Super HOSC, this had been held up formation wise due to the purdah period for local elections. The news that the A&E and pediatrics is to remain was welcomed, so the focus was now to see if the fully obstetric-led maternity service can be restored.

Footpaths: Grass cut on most paths. The posts had been put in for the first kissing gate on the Millenium Walk but could not be completed until the rotten plank had been replaced across the ditch.

Parish Plan: Cllr Ingram had met with parish plan representatives following the last meeting and the revised plan had been tweaked and sent to SDC on 14th February, it was subsequently returned for further adjustments but had to date not been submitted back to the Parish Council to be forwarded to SDC.

The Parish Council will take part in the WW1 Celebrations with the lighting of the beacon at 7pm and the ringing of the church bells at 7.05pm. Possibility of some food and entertainment in the hall before the beacon is lit. Cllr Feilding offered the village the loan of his grandfathers experiences in the First World War.

District Council Report

Letter received from the Stratford MP sent from Victoria Prentis regarding the Horton Hospital. Tony Jefferson had been elected the new leader of the Conservative Group at SDC. Concern had been expressed over how residents were being treated by Orbit housing and as such the council were returning to basics in trying to build affordable housing and possibly taking over empty orbit properties and doing them up to rent out. New housing for larger properties is being discouraged in favour of smaller houses. Helen Badger hospital receiving investment, will also have a maternity unit in situ shortly. WALC had a fund announcement re Army funding for certain projects.

County Council Report

Cllr Williams explained that a high proportion of council funds goes on adult social care and looking after children taken into care. There is not a Children's Home in Warwickshire all the children are fostered or adopted. Savings will be made through employing less staff. Warwickshire continues to be a popular place to settle, but all the new build adds pressure on infrastructure. Finances were in a good position at the county despite the cuts from Central Government.

Next meeting arranged provisionally for August 7th, 2018.

The Meeting was closed at 8.46pm

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