

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th August 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

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

Apologies: Cllrs Pearson & C Williams (WCC)

Members of the Public: 3, Mr Zammatt, Mr Omer & Mr Noble

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 . One missing word not being included was noted in regards to the ownership of the land adjacent to the hall, "not belonging to the College or WCC".

Matters Arising:

Highways & Trees: Some potholes repaired but unfortunately the potholes in Snuff Lane had only been partially completed, those at the brow of the hill still remained. Snuff Lane is in the system for resurfacing but date as yet unknown. The road outside of the hall and leading to Middle Lane where carriageway is breaking up had been reported as had the loose gravel in various areas around the village. Blocked gullies in Bakehouse lane and the leak which is causing the road to deteriorate reported, it was suggested that a French drain may be the answer. Leak on Mollington Road had been fixed but the traffic control left behind after the repairs was somewhat to be desired, signs remained long after repairs had been made. Potholes on First Turn have been completed. Horse sign had gone missing on the Mollington Road. Blocked ditch by the county boundary, responsibility of the land owner to rectify.

Back Hill Western Power were still working and they have made quite a mess of the lane it is hoped as the Clerk has been chasing this, that work will re-commence shortly and the Village Green be reinstated. Some flooding to properties resulted due to the top soil washing into the drains, which had been spread by Morgan Sindell, these issues were being handled by Western Power. There will be a power outage on the 16th August from approx 10am until 12noon affecting approx 66 properties.

Trees: The trees on the Village Green were still waiting to be done. Tree in the churchyard completed and account settled, the wood from the tree was offered to villagers and many took advantage of the offer. Tree by village hall is definitely dead and will need to be removed at some point.

Road signs: 20's plenty signs had been posted at all entrances to the village, following Cllr Williams assurance that these would not be removed, our thanks to Cllr Ingram's husband for installing these.

Road street nameplates, many had become unreadable, the council was contacted to see if these could be repainted, the Clerk was informed that there wasn't the budget. Cllr Ingram inquired if it were permissible for the Parish Council to paint the signs, this was agreed. 11 signs which needed repainting were removed and attended to, thanks were expressed to Cllr Ingram's husband for taking the signs down and putting them back up and to Cllr Ingram for painting them.

Playing field: Another successful fete had been held in the field which benefited the community, with the Church and Village Hall being the beneficiaries. A party had been held the week prior to the fete and had brought in some additional revenue for the village hall.

There are numerous things that need attending to including the gates which are no longer closing by Coronation lane and the other two are not catching properly, Cllr Faulkner will look at these. Some of the bird deterrents were missing again over the swings. With regards to the parasols after contacting a thatcher the cost would be considerably more to try and thatch onto the frame than purchasing the thatch tiles. The cost of replacing the parasols would be in the region of £726, it was suggested that the council explored the possibility of a different way of providing shade. A quote to be sought for this work, although Cllr Faulkner felt this would be more expensive. Cllr Burgess reported that she had cleaned out the tree house and washed the windows, but felt that the tree house needed repainting. Despite requests for people not to take their dogs in the field several residents have been noted to persist, it was decided to contact the Dog Technician (formally the Dog Warden) for guidance with the view to potentially writing to residents seeking their cooperation in not taking dogs into the children's playing field.

Dog fouling: Little by the Coronation tree. Fly tipping, one incident in the layby, but building materials dumped along the Mollington Road.

Finance paid since last meeting

Printing £183.30	J A Electrics £72
Insurance £1,040.71	Tree Works £600
Defib £241.79	Rent £349.04
Signs £82.90	WALC £104
Plants £37.13	Plants £132.14

Proposed by Cllr Burgess

Seconded by Cllr Omer

It was agreed that the defib licence should be paid otherwise the appliance would not be registered for use with the ambulance service.

Cllr Ingram had applied for the insurance claim for the broken bench and requested that consideration be given to the idea of a centenary bench for the World War One commemorations, to honour the men lost from this parish. This was supported Proposed by Cllr Burgess and Seconded by Cllr Omer.

Village Hall: No updates other than the heating application was being pursued. It was suggested that given the Village Hall Meetings were now public, that unless the help of the Parish Council was needed that the item be deleted from the agenda, this idea was not supported. A Parish Council representative is appointed to the Village Hall and some members of the council wished to continue with a report.

Footpaths: Cllr Omer reported that she had not been provided with a report. Cllr Faulkner expressed his concern that only one kissing gate had half been installed and that the others remain at Valley Farm some two years after their purchase. Stile at Laurel Farm, concern was expressed at how this had been handled and had necessitated the parish council becoming involved to bring about a resolution. The modifications that had been proposed were unacceptable as this would have endangered the livestock at Laurel Farm an alternative design suggestions was therefore proposed which was accepted by WCC, the modifications had been made and installed at the county's cost. However, the ground levels had it appeared potentially causing a slight problem for those less able, the Clerk to take this up with WCC.

Horton Hospital: Nothing to report due to the Super HOSC which had yet to meet, but it was established that the Super HOSC would be making the decision on the future of the maternity unit at the Horton.

Parish Plan: This had been submitted and adopted on July 30th by SDC. The Chairman of the group thanked the Clerk for her help in getting this through.

New Road: Concern had been expressed at the levy made for ground maintenance but was only payable by the residents with an Orbit tenancy. This was quite a heavy burden and seemed somewhat unfair. Cllr Ingram had contacted Orbit to see what could be done and put forward the suggestion that perhaps the land could be passed to the parish council. Orbit are now pursuing this suggestion and expect a response shortly, Orbit would be responsible for all the legal fees, so there would not be a cost to the council. The grass would then be mowed by the residents of New Road on a rota basis or could be added to the mowing contract. This approach was supported by the Parish Council and this suggestion had been passed on to Cllr Kettle at SDC for other parishes to potentially follow suit.

Centenary Event: Cllr Ingram suggested a fundraiser towards covering the costs of the event, this was proposed for the 22nd September. SDC are undertaking a special commemorative book and details have been supplied of our fallen men to be added to the roll of honour.

County Council : Cllr Williams report was read and it was proposed to forward get well wishes from the Parish Council, Clerk will write. Very little had happened at the County Council it appeared due to the hot weather, June's Cabinet Agenda concerned itself solely on two items with the supply of extra Secondary School places required to meet the demand as a result of the extra housing across the County. Primary School places are also showing a short-term problem as the bulge in pupil numbers moves into Secondary Education. Some schools are beginning to realise the effects of their decision to go to Academy status as County Council support decreases.

The Cabinet also discussed the interface between Social Services and Health funding of both services will prove to be the biggest area of concern. The first highway verge cuts have been completed and in some areas the contractor had to revisit where they had not performed satisfactorily.

District Council : Work is being undertaken to reduce social isolation, especially in the more senior members of society. The U bus and help with transport in rural areas is being promoted again as a way of addressing some of these issues. Ideas are being explored to monitor high cost of credit, with credit unions being set up to address this.

Wellesbourne Airfield, a compulsory purchase order is being considered to protect jobs and retain the airfield, the Chinese are keen to use the airfield for flight simulation courses, so it appears to have a sound future.

SDC are in contact with Orbit and trying to secure a better understanding with them, there are also moves to secure the future of vacant Orbit properties especially bungalows.

SDC continues to be in discussions with local MP's about cross boundary issues in particular transport and health matters.

The meeting was then closed, next meeting arranged for 16th October.