

Shotteswell Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30 pm on Tuesday 25th July 2023 at the Village Hall, Shotteswell.

Present were: Cllrs Faulkner (Chair), J Burgess, V Ingram (Clerk), B Zammett, Cllr Mills (WCC), Cllr Gist (SDC)

Apologies: Cllr Pearson

Members of the Public: 2

Declaration of Interest: None

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Gist as our new District Councillor.

Minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Cllr Burgess and Seconded by Cllr Zammett

Matters Arising

Highways and Trees:

The remaining outstanding property (from the works undertaken by the electricity company) in Snuff Lane had been made good, works to recover the outstanding pole on Mollington Road were in progress, the electricity had been switched to the new supply and the pole was expected to be recovered shortly.

Voenus were currently busy with installing the fibre cabling throughout the village resulting in a number of road closures. The parish council had contacted residents ahead of these works to allow for some advance notice and for bin collections. There were to be numerous road closures over the month of August, including the drainage works for Church Lane, which would cause some disruption. The reinstatement by Voneus by the Green had been raised with Highways and was in the process of being reinstated.

The wonky pole on the triangle by the Green and the footpath along Back Hill had been registered with highways but was considered low priority and would be actioned when possible. Snuff Lane had been resurfaced, thanks were extended to WCC Highways Dept.

The pole recovery on Back Hill was scheduled for mid-August but had been delayed due to some of the telephone wires not being switched over. All but two telephone lines had been reconnected after the June 15th cut-off by BT which affected a large proportion of landlines this was due to cable theft and was the reason why it had taken so long to remedy. However, four Openreach vans had been seen in the village on the day of the meeting.

The leak on the B4100 had been followed up and resolved. Trees still needed to be found to replace the dead ones by Middle Lane. It was decided that the replacements needed better stakes to avoid them growing out towards the road. A quote was to be sought for replacements and stakes.

Sadly a flower tub by the kiosk had been vandalised and the tub by Snuff Lane had been hit by a contractor but this is to be reinstated.

The Parish Council had undertaken a site visit to the area in Back Hill regarding further matting and after inspection decided that there was adequate matting outside of the property in question, but would continue to monitor.

The Parish Council liaised with Orbit and the residents regarding the potential of cladding properties in New Road, it had been decided after long discussions that the decision was not to proceed. The Clerk had chased Orbit regarding signing over the land this was with the solicitors now so hopefully would be resolved soon.

Bus Shelter: Nothing further to report, Ivy still needed pulling off.

Flytipping This appeared to have eased up in part this maybe due to the tip not charging fees anymore for rubbish. However, there had been some incidents in the actual village.

Dog Fouling appeared to still be a problem in various parts of the village, residents were encouraged to report any incidences.

Bus Timetable was due to change from August 5th

Playing Field After a site meeting the decision was taken to leave the tree house for the summer, unfortunately, over the weekend a section of the balustrade was torn off. Therefore, on Saturday prior to the meeting all the climbing elements and glass were removed from the tree house and it was taped off. The Chairman thanked Mr Ingram for removing the glass and his help to remove the climbing apparatus. The tree house would be taken down when more help was available. Wicksteed had sent a playing equipment booklet and funding to try and purchase the new equipment would be investigated. The rotten bench had been removed from the field. The rocking horse requires a replacement part that had been sent to Wicksteed for a price. Another successful fete had been held in the children's playing field. The swings required the pigeon deterrents to be replaced this is to be done on the same day as the removal of the tree house.

Finance

Paid since the last meeting proposed by Cllr Faulkner, Seconded by Cllr Zammett

Brasenose £400	Insurance £476.88
Printing £193.50	

Correspondence: The request for funding from Hanwell was voted down. As yet no formal application had been received.

A request from Gaydon to continue the fight for the health surgery was agreed

Three members of the council were reported to the Monitoring Officer and these complaints were subsequently rejected without foundation

23/0163 5/LBC	20/06/ 2023	Pending Consideratio n	Fairview Chapel Lane Shotteswell Warwickshire OX17 1JB	Provide two tie bars and plates to the boundary wall facing the lane.
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The meeting closed at 8.12 pm following the District & County Councillor Reports

The next Meeting provisionally arranged for 17th October

