

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE HELD ON THURSDAY 21st APRIL 2016

Present: Brenda Whitchurch, Jackie Withers (Chair), Andrew Wilding, Amy Craddock, Grant Thomas, Lee Crowther-Russell, Mary Upton

Ian Cannock arrived at 8.05 p.m.

Apologies: None

Declaration of Interests: None

Minutes of the last meeting: These were found to be correct.

	Action	Timeline
Repairs to Wellow lane – these are still scheduled to commence on 16 th May for a week with much of the work being undertaken at night and a 20 mph limit in place during the daytime.		
Builders' waste – Mr Wilding has been in touch with the Environment Agency and Mrs Withers has been talking to residents, some of whom have offered to help clear the site. Much of the waste has been burnt so the EA will not deal with this. The landowner (who lives in PSJ) will be contacted. It is hoped and anticipated that, once the land is clear, it will revert to a green area.	AW	
Signs for waste bins – These have now been displayed and are being used. The bin by the play area, near the village hall is quite full so Mrs Fossaceco will contact B&NEs and request it to be emptied.	JF	ASAP
Clerk's Job Description/Contract and Appraisal – these have all been discussed and the contract signed with an appraisal scheduled to take place in September. All councillors were happy with these arrangements.	All councillors	
Footpaths – many villagers and some of the PC took part in a footpath appraisal last weekend and noted details to be stored and used for repair/maintenance/improvement purposes. It is hoped to significantly improve the cinder path with mud clearance and edging. Sheila Petheridge has been very helpful and will try and allocate some funding for this, which could cost £3,000, she will raise this with the panel. Ideally, the path would be re-tarmaced between the school and the The Old Rectory but this would cost approximately £10,000. Mrs Fossaceco will investigate if we have enough points to qualify for a share of the landfill tax currently imposed on the Phillips landfill site towards Wellow. This could help with costs, as could an approach to the school PTA, FoSSA. Mrs Whitchurch will contact Dave Jones to ask about the cutting back of some trees towards the Applecroft end of the path.	JF BW	
Warning Signs at Junctions – Mrs Fossaceco has been in touch with Stefan Chiffers about this matter. He has promised to come out and have a look and get back to us. She also offered to meet with him to show the locations we are most concerned about. Should this be possible, Amy Craddock would like to be involved as well. The Parish Council are also concerned about the speed at which some drivers drive through our village, particularly by the school and past the walking bus on the 3 mornings this is in operation. Mrs Fossaceco will look into making the 20 mph ' advisory signs ' into enforceable ones and how this could be enforced.	JF/AC	

<p>School and Young People – Mrs Craddock attends FoSSA meetings and is liaising with the school regarding the safety of children walking to school*** Agenda Item</p>	AC	
Parish Plan		
<p>The committee have now met and produced a draft timetable and budget (as distributed). The council thought these costings to be very fair and the timetable realistic. It is hoped to deliver and collect the questionnaires by the end of September, the results being collated and analysed with the help of Survey Monkey during November and December. The Committee would then present this to the Parish Council with a view to the final draft being produced and printed in the Spring of 2017 and launched in the summer. Mrs Fossaceco will bank two donation cheques towards these costs – both for £100 each.</p>	MU plus Plan Committee	
Burial Board		
<p>A meeting took place this week and a decision was taken to keep the precept the same for this current financial year. Accounts details in file.</p>		
Village Hall		
<p>Mr Thomas reported back from the meeting, which, among other things, discussed the hiring of marquees for events, the licence and the timings for the music. It was suggested these events would be limited to 3 or 4 a year and to Shoscombe residents only. There would also be ample notice given to the residents via the Newsletter and possibly a mail drop. All events will be scrutinised more closely in the future and this will be discussed further at the next meeting. The Committee are looking into more lighting at the Village Hall and two more litter bins.</p>	GT	
Village Celebration		
<p>Arrangements are well under way and the Council were asked if they would fund the purchase of rosettes, it was thought our outlay would not exceed £70.00. This was agreed.</p>		
Boules Court		
<p>A new Boules Court has been created at the Village Hall. Many thanks to Tony Whitchurch and Derek Withers for this. It is hoped to put together a team. There will be an open day on 2nd May at 2.00 p.m. it is hoped many people will get involved with this community event.</p>		
Website		

<p>Diana Aiken has been working hard at re-designing this and is well on the way to completion. There has been much discussion on the website email addresses but it was decided Mr Wilding will set up the 'email forwarding' process and Mrs Aiken will host the website for the moment. It will be called 'Everything Shoscombe.org', there will be links between the Village Hall/Parish Council and the Village and this will cost £60.00 for hosting and £7.00 each for the two domains. With regard to advertising, it was decided that anyone renting the hall could advertise free of charge on the website and anyone who pays the £10.00 a year to advertise in the village newsletter can also advertise on the website for nothing. If anyone has any suggestions or comments on the website still under construction, Mrs Aiken would welcome these.</p>	<p>All Councillors</p>	
<p>Fracking</p>		
<p>Nothing further to report at the moment.</p>		
<p>Notice Boards</p>		
<p>The council has received a donation of 4 notice boards for the village. These will be placed at the Apple tree, Shoscombe Vale, Single Hill and the school. The existing one at Shoscombe Vale will go to Stoney Littleton.</p>		
<p>Broadband</p>		
<p>Mr Thomas reported back on the voucher scheme we looked into but unfortunately we are not eligible. He is, however, encouraging people to sign up their interest in the Truespeed connection as this delivers excellent speeds. The company delivered a presentation at the last village day but not enough people responded – they need a minimum of 40%. This will be advertised in the newsletter. We also briefly touched on the options of satellite and a booster box.</p>	<p>GT</p>	
<p>Devolution</p>		
<p>Mrs Fossaceco summarised some relevant points following on from the ALCA meeting she and Mrs Withers attended with regard to Devolution. The Government would like to devolve more powers/ responsibilities to local councils over the next few years. ALCA are concerned this could be 'passing the buck'. The document, which is available should anyone wish to read, still refers to PCs as councillors 'willing to give up their time' or volunteers' so it is a worry that this could be a cost saving exercise. They are also reluctant to detail where money would come from to take on the additional responsibilities; it was suggested the precept could be increased but it was felt this would entail a large change in a council as small as ours.</p>		
<p>Financial Matters</p>		

<p>The following cheques were issued: Clerk's salary/HMRC/Expenses - £564.00/£141.00/£84.91 respectively Cheques to Tricia Wastvedt/Martin Phillips for £41.48 and £21.67 respectively for Village Plan expenses including Survey Monkey. Cheques to ALCA - £74.31 and £200.00 for our annual subscription and training expenses respectively. A cheque to David Cradock - £942.00 for grass cutting expenses A cheque to Dunkley's - £120.00 for payroll expenses A cheque to HMRC - £120.28 for outstanding HMRC costs We also received two cheques for £100 each as donations towards the Village Plan costs, £139.00 refund from NATWEST for statement charges and £730.00 from ALCA towards extra costs to fulfil our Transparency Code obligations.</p>		
<p>DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</p>		
<p>25th April – Bathavon Forum - date change 11th May – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham) 24th May – Parish Council AGM – date change 26th May - JSP 22nd June – Bathavon Forum 23rd June – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend - At the school 14th July – Parish Council No meeting in August 14th September – ALCA (normally Saltford) 22nd September – Parish Council 5th October – Bathavon Forum 12th October – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham) 20th October – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend 28th November – Bathavon Forum 24th November – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend 15th December – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend 18th January 2017 – ALCA (normally Saltford) 15th February – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham)</p>		