

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY 2015

Present: Angela Smith Chair), Pat Bunton, Lisa Coles, Carolyn Keating, Mary Foskitt, Andrew Wilding, Ian Cannock (Vice-Chair), Jean Fossaceco (Clerk), Joy Schneidermann, Benice Hampton and Fillipa Ross

Apologies: Matt Kettle

Minutes of the last meeting: These were found to be in order

Matters Arising	Action	Timeline
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CCTV – This is still ongoing. Mr Wilding apologises about the delay. 	AW	ASAP
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drainage at the school and near the cul de sac in St Julian's Road – Mrs Fossaceco has received an update from Hookway; the surveyors dealing with the building of the new classroom at the primary school. They say they have been assured nothing untoward was undertaken with the surface water outlet being attached to the 'foul' pipe. Mr Wilding understands Wessex Water will be pursuing the abatement order as there is a storm drain across the road and the water should be being directed towards there. This is now out of our hands. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website - Lisa Price, who lives in Single Hill, has agreed to take this on and will liaise with Nick Gates. 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visibility Curve at Braysdown Road/Green St junction – Following concerns, Mrs Fossaceco has contacted Steve Simmons and he has inspected the area, confirmed that there have been significant cut backs and feels this is now sufficient. We will, however, keep an eye on this and should we feel further action needs to be taken, we will contact Highways again. 	JF	Ongoing
Village Hall		
The Village Hall constitution is being looked at with a view to updating/re-writing it. Ms Smith feels some revisions to the original may be appropriate but there is no need to re-write it. It was generally felt we would not want to relinquish being trustees to the hall and would want any revisions to be 'within the spirit of the original' with a slight update to the language.		
Mr Bunton updated the council on the noise issue over the Christmas period. The noise limiter was, at first, not working but even after repairs, it could be disabled. The village hall committee have decided they will be much more rigorous when accepting bookings and would like to limit the bookings to local residents if financially feasible. There also needs to be a larger deposit taken which is then non-refundable should there be damage caused as was the case before Christmas. This would then act as a deterrent. Safe guarding must be considered and there should be a check in and check out procedure in place which should form part of the Terms of Reference. Mr Cannock wanted to acknowledge the work the village hall committee do as it can be a 'thankless task' and did not want the council to appear to be too critical.		
Village/Community Plan		

<p>Carolyn Keating and Tricia Wastvedt are now joint Chairs. New Terms of Reference are being drafted and, as Ms Smith pointed out, should be clear about the remit of the committee and written in plain English. The questionnaires have been collated and merged into one document. Focus groups are to be set up and the meetings themselves will aim to be less formal and more welcoming. Alistair Colston, who helped compile Wellow's Plan, has offered his services to answer questions and will be attending the next meeting. Peter Dupper Miller has also offered his expertise. A time line will be published in the February Newsletter together with an invite to parishioners to come along and offer suggestions. It was felt this should be a 'living document' but we should be wary of any 'unintended consequences'. Mrs Keating had been asked to request a 'float' from the council to cover expenses such as refreshments. Unfortunately, our audit restrictions mean we can only reimburse rather than give money up front. As a gesture of good will, Mr Bunton gave Mrs Keating £50 towards tea and coffee and the steering group will present receipts for any other expenses to the council.</p>	AS in liaison with CK and TW	Ongoing
Planning		
<p>An application for a single storey extension has been submitted for Greenlands. The council had no objections.</p>		
Financial Matters		
<p>A cheque was issued to the Burial Board for our pro-rata contribution towards the upkeep of the Wellow and Shoscombe cemetery - £952.00. We need to set the precept for the next financial year. In order to fulfil existing plans such as the CCTV, also have some in hand for the possible purchase of an office laptop/desk and have some funds available for two new notice boards, it was decided we would increase the precept by 5% - this represents £7,222.52 less our grant of £410.00 from B&NES. We would therefore be submitting a request for £6812.52. Mrs Fossaceco then left the hall to allow the council to discuss her salary. This will be discussed more fully via email between councillors and Mrs Fossaceco informed of the council's decision.</p>		
Any Other Business		
<p>Re-routing of footpath - Mrs Keating and Mrs Schneidermann accompanied Mr Butters along the footpath – BA23/28 by Dairy Cottage which is being considered for re-routing. The new route is already quite widely used and will be an advantage to the village. There is some concern over costings such as gates etc and there is also a significant issue with mud both of which will be raised by Mrs Fossaceco when she submits the council's comments to B&NES.</p>	JF	By date requested
<p>Housing Boundary Review/Green Space Protection – The council has been asked if we wish to review our housing boundary. We have the protection of being 'washed over by green belt' so, to a large extent, are protected against development. If, however, we have an outstanding proposal outside the HDB or if we wish to incorporate 'in-fill' we could request a re-drawing of the boundary, but there is no requirement for us to do so. There has been some concern over the opening of the field entrance near Shoscombe Vale and Rose Cottage but as yet no planning applications have been received.</p>	JF	

Pot-Holes - there is an issue with pot-holes both within Shoscombe Parish and adjoining parishes. Mrs Hampton has spoken to Neil Butters about this. Particularly about the puddle and holes leading up to the Mercedes garage roundabout. Mrs Fossaceco will raise this Steve Simmons and copy in Neil Butters.

JF

ASAP

Mr Cannock gave his apologies for the March meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.20p.m.

Dates of the next meetings

Parish Council - 12th March and 14th May

Parish Liaison Meetings – 25th February, 17th June and 14th October

ALCA – 29th January, 7th May, 23rd September

There will be a meeting of the newly formed Connecting Communities in the new year, dates to be advised.