

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2016

Present: Jackie Withers (Chair), Brenda Whitchurch, Mary Upton, Andrew Wilding, Ian Cannock (Vice-Chair), Jean Fossaceco (Clerk), Amy Craddock and Lee Crowther-Russell

Also Present: 1 member of the public and Neil Butters

1. **Apologies:** Grant Thomas
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None declared for this meeting. Mr Cannock been in contact with the local authority regarding the Register of Interests Forms and, although he has not received a definitive answer, the council feel we should be mentioning all employment and business interests which take place within the authority rather than just the Parish. New forms will be submitted.

| 3. 10 minutes allocated for Public Participation | ACTION | TIMELINE |
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| No-one wished to speak. | | |
| 4. Minutes of the last meeting 22nd September 2016 | | |
| Mrs Upton queried the use of the word 'decision' on item 11 with regard to the council not submitting comments on the calf barn application in White Hill. It was agreed the council did not meet and make a decision as such. If applications arrive in August, councillors will now ensure they respond to the forwarding of the plans by email (they will be prompted by Mr Wilding if they do not) and a response can then be compiled. The minutes were then approved. | JF/AW and all councillors | Ongoing |
| 5. Parish Plan | | |
| <i>Report has already been distributed.</i> The questionnaires have been returned and an 86% return has been recorded which is very pleasing. 18 people have volunteered to help with any initiatives we may wish to undertake as a result of the questionnaires. Many thanks to the committee for the hard work that was put in towards this. Prize draw winners will be awarded their cheques. 3 days have been aside for the collation of the results and all will be entered on Survey Monkey. Martin Phillips will then present the findings in the form of pie charts etc. | MU | Further report by November meeting |
| 6. Village Hall | | |
| <i>Report already circulated.</i> The meeting between the village hall committee and members of the PC took place 11 th October. The vacant role of bookings secretary is the most urgent to fill. Diana Aiken is fulfilling this temporarily. It has been suggested we try and encourage people to become part of a band of volunteers who could be called upon and would help out with events etc but not necessarily become part of the committee. There will be a piece in the village newsletter about this, trying to establish if the village would like to keep the hall running and asking for feedback. | GT | Report back at next meeting |

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| 7. School and Young People | | |
| <p><i>Report already distributed.</i> FoSSA (school's PTA) is going to change in the new year and the new Chair, Louisa Du Rose would like to rein in more help. Mrs. Craddock and two other parents will be very proactive in this. It was suggested the school newsletter be more prominent on the Everything Shoscombe website so the village are made aware of what is and has happened at the school and forthcoming events. Mrs Withers also asked if villagers would be able to attend the forthcoming Open Day on Thursday 3rd November. She will contact the Head to talk to her about this.</p> | AC/JW | ASAP |
| 8. Fracking | | |
| <p><i>A report has already been circulated.</i> It was agreed there is a limit to what can be done and it hoped our proximity to Bath's Hot Springs will afford us some protection from this invasive practice. It should be noted. Frack Free Shoscombe will not now be taking part in the planned demonstration in Frome.</p> | CU | Ongoing |
| 9. Broadband | | |
| <p>Mr Thomas, who could not attend the meeting, has arranged for Truespeed to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 24th November with a presentation.</p> | GT | By next meeting |
| 10. Upgrading Cinder path | | |
| <p><i>The Chair has already distributed a comprehensive report on this.</i> The council are liaising with the landowner whose land borders the path. More clearing is required and volunteers asked for in the village newsletter.</p> <p>The good news is that Sheila Petheridge has contacted the Chair and told her some funds have become available for the repair of Footpath BA23/25. Having already gained the landowner's permission to drive onto the land adjacent to the path with a vehicle, it is hoped the work should be started very soon.</p> | JW | ASAP |
| 11. Burial Board | | |
| <p><i>Minutes already circulated.</i> Mr Crowther-Russell reported back that the appearance of the cemetery is very good and accounts are all in order. Many thanks to the clerk for this. He also told the council that our precept amount is being questioned. Mention was made as to why it costs the council almost £1000 a year which is paid annually (together with Wellow PC) to help with the upkeep and maintenance of the area. This is based on the number of residents so we pay less than Wellow PC. Should this be based on the amount of precept each council receives from B&NES? Mr Cannock will talk to the clerk of Wellow and ask about this. It was also suggested one councillor goes to the Wellow PC meetings and one of their councillors attends ours.</p> | LCR/IC | By next meeting |

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| 12. Clerk's Appraisal | | |
| <p>The date for this has been set for Tuesday 1st November at Mrs Whitchurch's house. Mr Wilding and Mr Cannock will also attend as part of the committee. The results will be reported back at the next meeting. Appraisal details and form have been forwarded to Mrs Fossaceco.</p> | BW/IC/AW | By next meeting |
| 13. Feedback from 'Better Outcome in Planning' training | | |
| <p><i>Report already circulated</i></p> <p>Mrs Upton attended the Bristol workshop 'Negotiate A Better Outcome in Planning' where Councillors gained knowledge of the planning system and were shown how negotiate with developers to gain the best outcomes for their communities. Councillors were advised to keep themselves informed of developments for best outcomes in terms of housing needs and their quality, taking into account social and environmental issues. This workshop formed part of Shoscombe Parish Council's efforts to understand how the Joint Spatial Plan and the Joint Transport Strategy might affect us in the future. At a subsequent meeting in Keynsham, preparations were discussed for the public consultation on the Joint Spatial Plan and Joint Transport Study from 7th November to 19th December 2016. Notice will be given of locations and dates for local public events and consultation. Consideration of responses to consultations will be made in the Spring of 2017 before the final draft is sent to the Secretary of State in the Spring of 2018.</p> <p>Mrs Withers and Mr Crowther- Russell attended a hearing at the Guildhall in Bath during which the government Inspector was examining the Placemaking plan for B&NES. The focus for this hearing was Housing in the Somer Valley. It was being questioned whether the policies in the Placemaking Plan would meet the housing requirement for Somer Valley of 2,470 new homes to be built at Midsomer Norton, Radstock, Westfield, Paulton and Peasedown St John.</p> <p>The tract of land identified south of the bypass PEA10 was not mentioned when specific areas within the Somer Valley identified originally in SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment) were discussed as sites for possible development to achieve the housing requirement.</p> | MU/JW | |
| 14. Clerk's Training Information Management | | |
| <p><i>Report already distributed.</i> The clerk attended training on 17th October. Although primarily aimed at larger districts councils, this was very useful. We are fulfilling our obligations regarding publication of all our minutes, agendas, financial records. There was guidance on FOI requests and advice on how to handle these should they occur. The clerk was also able to clarify the cloud storage situation for the parish council.</p> | JF | |
| 15. Planning | | |

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| <p>The erection of a new apex building for the rearing of calves at White Hill Barn has been approved.</p> <p>The White Hill Garages application has also been approved. Mr Wilding attended the committee meeting and reported back that the parish council and the nearby residents had gained as much adaptation as possible. The fence is still under discussion and the 3metre area of land near the corner and the road is no longer within permitted development rights which affords some protection. The residents are very appreciative of all the PC has done in terms of negotiating with B&NES with the planning application. The side wall need not be stone but can be rendered.</p> | AW | |
| 16. Bathavon Meeting | | |
| <p><i>Report already circulated.</i> The new Waste collection initiative was discussed. Details of a fortnightly collection from a 140L plastic wheelie bin or gull proof bag will be published in the Spring with this coming into effect next Autumn. Recycling will remain as a weekly collection. Libraries and their closures were discussed with new venues (including pubs and telephone boxes) being used to help mitigate the effect of this. Mrs Upton and the Clerk raised the issue of safety on the cycle path following a recent accident. Mrs Upton will be attending a further meeting where she could further raise this issue.</p> | J/MU | |
| 17. Parish Liaison Meeting | | |
| <p><i>Report already circulated.</i> Mrs Withers and Mrs Fossaceco attended this meeting at the Guildhall. Transport Services together with the cancellation/change of bus timetables were discussed with Timsbury PC expressing their concerns over the lack of consultation on this issue.</p> | JF/JW | |
| 18. Red Heritage Telephone Kiosk | | |
| <p><i>Report already circulated.</i> Following discussions, a unanimous decision was taken to formally adopt the box in St Julian's Rd for £1. Proposed – Andrew Wilding and seconded – Jackie Withers. Suggestions have included a book lending facility and the housing of a defibrillator. Mrs Fossaceco will formally inform BT of our intention. Fund raising initiatives for a defibrillator will be explored including asking for funds from the WCI fund which Mr Neil Butters has offered to advise on and the British Heart Foundation.</p> | JF | |
| 19. Financial Matters | | |
| <p>Cheques were issued to: The clerk for her quarterly salary - £564.00 HMRC - £141.00 ALCA Training (Planning) - £95.00 Clerk's expenses and mileage - £96.47 ALCA Training (Information Management) - £30.00 Dunkley's Payroll - £72.00 Mrs Upton for mileage - £26.55 Reimbursement to Ms Renwick-Forster for Rosettes - £86.57 Prize draw cheques - £50.00, £35.00 and £15.00</p> | | |

DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

24th November – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend
28th November – Bathavon Forum
15th December – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend
12th January – Parish Council meeting
18th January 2017 – ALCA (normally Saltford)
9th February – Parish Council
8th March – Parish Liaisons – *(Note date change)**
9th March – Parish Council
6th April – Parish Council
11th May – Parish Council Social event
18th May – Parish Council Annual Meeting
25th May – ALCA
8th June – Parish Council
28th June – Parish Liaisons
13th July – Parish Council
14th September – Parish Council
28th September – ALCA
12th October – Parish Council
26th October – Parish Liaisons
9th November – Parish Council
14th December – Parish Council
25th January 2018 – ALCA
28th February 2018 – Parish Liaisons