

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2016

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

Also Present: Neil Butters, Chris Upton, Nick Glass, Diana Aiken and Derek Withers.

1. **Apologies:** Lee Crowther-Russell
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None – Mr Thomas and Mr Crowther-Russell have both completed updated DOI Forms together with Mrs Whitchurch and Mrs Withers
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting:** These were found to be correct with the addition in Item 11 of “That the upgrade project should be given the highest possible priority for early implementation by the Highway Authority, Bath and NE Somerset”.

4. Parish Plan	ACTION	TIMELINE
Mr Glass presented hard copies of the power point slides he had prepared and previously circulated. He summarised and expanded on some points and it was agreed that at the January meeting, areas, workshops and sub-areas, identified from the results of the Parish Plan Questionnaire, will be discussed and a date for a meeting between the Steering Group, volunteers and members of the PC will be set for a Saturday in February. A request for further volunteers will be put into the January newsletter. ****Agenda Item	CU/MU Parish Council and Steering Group	
5. Village Hall		
The Village Hall Committee has been expanded by 13 extra volunteers. All the volunteers came with genuine enthusiasm to help keep the village hall alive and well. The following roles have now been filled: Chair, Co-ordinator, Secretary, Booking Secretary, Treasurer/Finance, Building Works and Hall maintenance. More discussions will take place to plan the marketing of the village hall and the roles needed. The next meeting is 9 th January 2017. “Happy New Year”, Shoscombe from the Village Hall Committee!	GT/Hall Committee	
6. School and Young People		
Mr Wilding and Mrs Craddock will meet up soon at the play-area to discuss the regular play area checks. The clerk has spoken with Jane Robson, Parks Manager at B&NES. She was told Zurich Insurance Services had undertaken an inspection in September with the results being sent to B&NES. We can have a copy of the report for a fee of £100. The council would like this queried and Mr Wilding has offered to speak to Ms Robson again. Mrs Withers met with the Head Teacher, Mrs Gascoigne and school governor, Ms Vaughan, at the school. A report has been distributed. The meeting was very positive and equipment for litter picking up at the village hall area, which is to be undertaken periodically by KS2 children, has been ordered.	AW/AC	

7. Fracking		
A report has been distributed. There was no response from the newsletter item. Western Energy indicated in a recent BBC interview that they will be pursuing the 7 licences currently held.	CU	
8. Upgrading of the Cinder Path/Improvements to Footpaths		
A report has already been circulated.	JW	
9. History Society Boards		
The History Society has been told the boards will definitely need planning permission. Mr Withers will fill out the application and forward to the clerk for submission. The discounted cost of £192.50 will be paid by the Parish Council who will then be reimbursed by the History Society.	DW/JF	
10. Parish Council to discuss if it is necessary to co-opt more councillors		
It was generally felt the council already has all the skills needed to fulfil their roles but this will be discussed more fully at the meeting in January when all councillors are present. ***Agenda Item	All PC Members	
11. Planning		
The Weeks Family Partnership Planning application 16/05739/ADCOU was discussed. Mr Wilding met with the planning officer today. The council has some concerns about this application and will submit those concerns to B&NES.	AW	
12. BT Red Heritage Telephone Box		
Our wish to adopt this has been submitted to BT by Julie O'Rourke. We await news from BT.		
13. Financial Matters		
The precept for the coming financial year 2017/18 will be discussed and set in January and submitted to B&NES. ***Agenda Item	JF and all council	
Mrs Whitchurch, in her role as treasurer of the village hall committee, is looking into the committee leaving NATWEST and joining the Co-op Bank for all the hall's finances. The Charity Commission need signatories to fulfil certain criteria with regard to being trustees both on the hall committee and the parish council. When members have had a chance to look in more detail at this, the matter will be discussed further at the January meeting. ***Agenda Item		
Dates of the next meetings		
12th January – Parish Council meeting 18th January 2017 – ALCA (normally Saltford) 9th February – Parish Council 8th March – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham **Note date change) 9th March – Parish Council 6th April – Parish Council 4th May – Parish Council Social event – to be amended		

<p>23rd 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</p>		
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