

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**JANUARY 2023**

**Present:** Ian Cannock (Chair), Fiona Crockett, Tricia Wastvedt, David Cradock, Lisa Coles and Jean Fossaceco (Clerk)

**Also Present:** Neil Butters and a member of the public (arrived at 9.00 p.m.)

1. **Apologies:** Anthony Lewis
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** LC registered a family connection with regard to Item 13
3. **10 Minutes public participation:** None
4. **Minutes of the last Meeting:** These were found to all in order.

<b>5. Clerk's Report</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
As distributed. Aurora Loi Wright has confirmed the election nomination packs will be sent out both in hard copy and electronically although many parts will still need to be filled in in paper copy due to wet signatures being required. They will still have to be returned to the Guildhall but this can be undertaken by the nominee or by a trusted person. The date for March has now been confirmed as changed from 9 <sup>th</sup> March to 16 <sup>th</sup> March. Clerk to inform the Village Hall.	JF	ASAP
<b>6. Ward Councillor Report</b>		
NB updated the Council on Southstoke protests on further development and WECA public transport activity.		
<b>7. Financial Matters</b>		
<b>Precept – 2023/24</b> It was decided, in view of the cost of living increases and the Council having 6 months of funds in hand, that the precept will remain the same for the coming financial year - <b>£10,522.20</b> . Proposed – Ian Cannock and seconded – Tricia Wastvedt. The clerk will confirm this in the newsletter.	JF	Put into newsletter
<b>Funds for 2023/24 for Village newsletter</b> TW will discuss with the newsletter team the amount needed to cover increased expenses for the year 2023/24 and this will be discussed at the May meeting.	TW	By May meeting
<b>ALCA Subscription 2023/24 - £110.00 (estimate)</b> It was agreed the Council wishes to continue with this subscription and the Clerk will pay this when the final invoice is received.	JF	When invoice received
<b>Clerk's salary - £730.00</b> <b>Clerk's expenses – £59.33</b> <b>HMRC - £190.50 paid – remainder for tax year TBC</b> The above payments were approved and passed for payment. All in favour.		
<b>Dunkley's payroll - £54.00 (paid)</b> <b>B&amp;NES Play area inspections - £412.54 (paid)</b> Both noted.		
<b>Council contribution towards dedicated circuit board for defibrillator–approved &amp; passed for payment- £576.00 (see Item 13)</b>	JF	When invoiced
<b>For contact convenience for the community, the Council approved the purchase of a dedicated Parish Council mobile telephone and pay as you go sim card- up to £50.00</b>	JF	ASAP

<b>8. Planning</b>		
Braysdown Stables Ltd - Erection of permanent equestrian managers dwelling - <b>22/04652/OUT</b> – Clerk to submit comment - <b>SUPPORT</b>	JF	ASAP
Somer Valley Local Plan Workshop – 6/2/2023 – FC will attend this meeting.	FC	
<b>9. Climate, Nature and Sustainability Working Group: Report distributed covering all items</b>		
1. Survey into the potential installation of public electric car charging points – this will be published in the newsletter. More information is being gathered from both Farmborough Parish Council and B&NES. TW to attend a Sustainable Energy Workshop via Zoom. 2. Planting of an oak tree on the recreation field – no update on location as yet. ***Agenda Item March	TW  ***Agenda Item JF	
<b>10. Councillor Reports</b>		
As distributed A) <b>Village Hall</b> - Nothing specific to report. B) HELAAJSP/Local Plan – adoption of the modified Local Plan is still in progress. There are concerns over the time allocation of the consultation exercise. C) <b>Public Rights of Way</b> – A meeting took place with B&NES PROW, B&NES Drainage, AL and DC. Overflow litter will be removed, a fence will be erected, an area will be concreted and the high hedging (which has contributed to the detritus) will be cut back to a manageable height to attempt to prevent further blockages. Sheila Petheridge, our Footpaths Officer, has approved all this. D) <b>School</b> – the Executive Head Teacher is resigning from Shoscombe School and the Headship will be taken over by the present Head of School. A card will be sent to RN wishing her well – FC E) <b>Highways</b> – It is confirmed the 20 mph signs will be installed. No date set for installation. The gullies have been cleared opposite Applecroft. F) Church – nothing to report.	DC/AL to liaise with B&NES  FC	ASAP  By leaving date - April
<b>11. Installation of 20mph speed limit signs and replacement sign at junction of Gullen and St Julian's Road</b>		
Following consultation with the community, it has been formally confirmed the 20 mph speed limit signs will be installed with a date yet to be set for this but our Highways Officer has confirmed it will be by the end of March.		
<b>12. Play Area repairs - Update</b>		
DC has completed a number of repairs with the remaining issues being resolved by B&NES. There have been some delays due to adverse weather conditions but these will be completed ASAP.		

<p><b>13. Additional defibrillator for the Village/Guardian</b></p> <p>Our local electrician will be liaising with the Apple Tree Inn landlord regarding installation of this. It has been confirmed it will require a dedicated circuit board at a cost of £576 – this was approved by the Council (LC abstained). The location will be discussed together with the movement of the notice board on the proposed post. The clerk, DC and the electrician will meet on site to discuss this.</p>	<p>JF/DC/AP</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><b>14. Tribute for Queen Elizabeth II – Update – JF</b></p> <p>It was resolved a small maple tree will be planted in time for the first anniversary of the Queen’s passing. TW will undertake research into this and report back to the Council.</p>	<p>TW</p>	<p>By next meeting</p>
<p><b>15. Piece for newsletter regarding becoming a Parish Councillor</b></p> <p>With local elections taking place in early May, TW distributed a draft copy of a proposed piece for the newsletter to Councillors regarding joining the Parish Council. Some minor adjustments will be made and this will then be submitted to the newsletter team.</p>	<p>TW</p>	<p>By newsletter deadline</p>
<p><b>16. Clerk’s appraisal – synopsis of meeting</b></p> <p>It was acknowledged by all concerned that a positive meeting took place in November.</p>		
<p><b>DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 - ALCA</b></p> <p><b>27<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – Bathavon Forum</b></p> <p><b>15<sup>th</sup> March – Parish Liaison</b></p> <p><b>16th March 2023 – Parish Council (Note date change)</b></p> <p><b>11<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Council</b></p>		