MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JANUAY 2024

Present: Ian Cannock (Chair), Fiona Crockett, Tricia Wastvedt, Mary Bon, Fred Chaytors and Jean Fossaceco (Clerk)

Also Present: Fiona Gourley (Ward Councillor), John Davey and Derek Withers.

- 1. Apologies: Lisa Coles and David Cradock
- 2. Declaration of Interests for this meeting: None declared
- 3. 10 Minutes public participation: See Item 14
- 4. Minutes of the last Meeting 16th November: All in order.

5. Clerk's Report	ACTION	TIMELINE
As distributed. DC has agreed to be added as a Village Hall		
Management Committee trustee. The clerk will forward details	JF	ASAP
to them. See Item 9 for update on the staff school car park.		
Further responses have been received regarding the Parking		
and Pedestrian Survey. See Item 13.		
6. Ward Councillor Report		
FG suggested we may wish to look at appointing a flood		
warden. The Local Plan is still in draft form; further		
consultations will take place next month. A Police and Crime		
Commissioner election will take place in May 2024.		
7. Financial Matters		
The following payments were noted and approved		
unanimously:		
Play Area Inspections 2023/24 - £433.20 (Already paid)		
Clerk's salary - £730.00 - Clerk's expenses - £59.33		
HMRC - £182.50		
Resumption of Burial Board Precept – following discussions and		
a report from FC regarding Wellow PC's decision not to pay a	FCr	ASAP
precept this year, she will contact the clerk at Wellow and		
clarify their position regarding the resumption of this and report		
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Play Area quote for 2024/25 - £378.00 plus VAT (equates to	JF	ASAP
4.7% in increase) – this was agreed unanimously. The clerk will		
inform B&NES.		
Review of Clerk's salary – following considerations and		
discussions including the years since the last increase which was		
in 2016, it was agreed the clerk's salary would increase to		
± 13.73 an hour – SCP 12 point on the NALC scale- from April		
2024 onwards. Proposed – TW and seconded IC – all in favour.		
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Precept 2024/25 – Discussions took place and a decision to		
increase the precept for the next financial year by 5% was	JF	By 6 th
agreed unanimously – Proposed FCh and seconded – FCr. This		February
will be the first increase since 2020. The clerk will send in the		2024
paperwork to B&NES.		

8. Planning		
The decision to permit the St Julian's Farm application -		
23/03439/FUL was noted.		
9. Shoscombe School staff car-parking/village parking		
A further update has recently been received. The school are in		
the process of signing a 3 year lease for the land at the end of		
the Cinder Path adjacent to the school for staff parking.		
10. Climate, Nature and Sustainability Working Group		
Report distributed.		
1.Update on the potential installation of public electric		
charging points – TW is meeting with Alex Rowbotham from		
B&NES on Friday 12 th January to discuss this. Considerations will	тw	Following
be given to – land access and responsibilities/power		the meeting
supply/footfall/nuisance/disturbance. It is hoped we can be		with B&NES
involved in the B&NES funding scheme and/or grants that are		
available although the deadlines for these are close. TW will		
report back on the meeting.		
2.Planting of the Oak Tree – plans for this are still ongoing.		
3.NoMowMay – following concerns raised, this will be	JF	***Agenda
discussed at the March meeting. ***Agenda Item		Item March
11. Councillor Reports		
A) Village Hall – there has been a request for an additional		
trustee since the resignation of AL. DC has agreed to	Council/JF	Ongoing
take his place. New policies are now required for the		00
Charity Commission. The Councill will liaise with the		
committee regarding this. The Council and the Village		
Hall Management Committee have received a request		
for additional fencing in the carpark/Recreation Field		***Agenda
area. The VHMC will discuss this at their next meeting	JF	Item March
and the PC will discuss this at the March meeting.		
****Agenda Item		
B) HELAA/JSP/Local Plan – these are in draft form with		
further consultation expected early this year.		
C) Public Rights of Way – FCr has agreed to have PROW as		
his area of responsibility. It was agreed his name would		
be included in the newsletter as well as a link to the		
B&NES maps at present on the Everything Shoscombe	JF	Include in
website so people can contact him should they		the next
encounter any issues. It was also noted some people can		newsletter
stray from footpaths onto private land/fields sometimes		
ignoring gates and fencing; this will be mentioned by the	JF	
clerk in the next newsletter.		
D) School – as reported.		
E) Highways – No further updates on Route 24 or Double	DC	By next
Hill 20 mph. DC will follow this up.		meeting
F) Burial Board – the accounts have been distributed. The		
issue with the precept will be monitored.		
12. Proposal to install a 20 mph limit on Cycle Route 24		
between Wellow and Shoscombe – Update from DC		
No further updates have been to date received regarding this.	DC	By next
DC will make enquires.		meeting

13. Update on Residents' thought on possible parking/road improvements		
A total of 4 responses have been received including parking in both Applecroft and along Hamilton Terrace. The Clerk will contact a Hamilton resident regarding the ongoing offer to purchase land and garages to the rear of the Terrace to see what the latest update is.	JF	ASAP
14. Restoration of Finger Posts		
A report from John Davey was circulated to all councillors. Quotes have been received and several areas of funding streams can be applied for. The Council was in unanimous agreement that these areas can be explored further. There will also be a piece submitted by MB to the newsletter asking residents if anyone would like to contribute to the costs; the	МВ	By newsletter deadline
clerk will send the PC's bank details to Mr Davey for him to include. The Working Group also asked if the Parish Council would consider making a contribution.; the clerk will forward to	JF	ASAP
Mr Davey the Community Grant application details for the Group to complete and this will then be considered at the March meeting. ****Agenda Item	JF	ASAP ***Agenda Item March
15. Wellow Brook Water Quality		
Numerous updates via email from the monitoring system have been received since the last meeting particularly during the two storms we experienced.		
16. Clerk's Appraisal		
This will take on Thursday 1 st February.		
DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS 28 th February 2024 – Parish Liaison 7 th March 2024 – Parish Council		
9 th May 2024		
19 th June 2024 – Parish Liaison 18 th September 2024 – Parish Liaison		