

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11th
JANUARY 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 |
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| As distributed. DC has agreed to be added as a Village Hall Management Committee trustee. The clerk will forward details 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. | JF | ASAP |
| 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 | | |
| <p>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</p> <p>Resumption of Burial Board Precept – following discussions and a report from FC regarding Wellow PC's decision not to pay a precept this year, she will contact the clerk at Wellow and clarify their position regarding the resumption of this and report back but the Council believe we are duty bound to support this.</p> <p>Play Area quote for 2024/25 - £378.00 plus VAT (equates to 4.7% in increase) – this was agreed unanimously. The clerk will inform B&NES.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Precept 2024/25 – Discussions took place and a decision to increase the precept for the next financial year by 5% was agreed unanimously – Proposed FCh and seconded – FCr. This will be the first increase since 2020. The clerk will send in the paperwork to B&NES.</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">FCr</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JF</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JF</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">ASAP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ASAP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">By 6th February 2024</p> |

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| 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 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 Mr Davey the Community Grant application details for the Group to complete and this will then be considered at the March meeting. ****Agenda Item | MB JF JF | By newsletter deadline ASAP 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. | | |
| <p align="center">DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</p> <p align="center">28th February 2024 – Parish Liaison</p> <p align="center">7th March 2024 – Parish Council</p> <p align="center">9th May 2024</p> <p align="center">19th June 2024 – Parish Liaison</p> <p align="center">18th September 2024 – Parish Liaison</p> | | |