

MINUTES OF THE REMOTE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
THURSDAY 9th JULY 2020 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors Diana Aiken (Chair), Ian Cannock (Vice-Chair), Glen Harrington, James Robinson Burge, Tricia Wastvedt, Carolyn Keating, Joy Schneiderman, Ashley Brunn, Nick Glass, Fiona Crockett

In attendance: R. Campbell (minute taker), one member of the public

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** AB declared an interest in relation to land at Hamilton Terrace, as an employee of the landowner. He would not take part in discussion.

Standing Orders were suspended.

3. 10 Minutes Public Participation:

Mr Bill Owsley spoke for a group of residents who wish to see land at St Julian's Road garages retained for community use. Previously owned by B&NES but now by Curo, who wish to sell it, the land has been a community car park since 1974. It is used during the school run and is a rear access to Hamilton Terrace. It is home to endangered house sparrows on the RSPB red list.

Mr Owsley asked the Parish Council to facilitate setting up, then joining a working group with the short-term aim of enhancing the land for community use, preventing private ownership which would make the land more personal. In the longer term there could be an electric vehicle charging point and solar panels on the garage roofs, helping to make Shoscombe carbon neutral.

The school, understandably busy, had not initially shown interest, but the residents, group now wanted to involve it further. There was concern about children's safety from traffic if parking were removed, especially if Peasedown School became full and the number of students at Shoscombe increased.

There was mention of a possible purchase price and probable room for negotiation, with an end-August deadline.

The group was looking for the council's blessing and a councillor to work with it to see what local stakeholders would like.

The Chair thanked the speaker. The council would discuss the matter, but not at that meeting, and reply in writing.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

4. **Minutes meeting of 14 May** were **APPROVED** subject to a correction to Item 7 NatWest, paragraph two, authorised signatories. The minutes were signed by the Chair after the meeting.

5. Clerk's report	ACTION	TIMELINE
The Clerk's distributed report was AGREED unanimously (proposed DA, 2 nd JB).		
6. Financial Matters		
<p>(a) Accounts The accounts had been submitted to PKF Littlejohn, following amendment of the Notice of Public Inspection Rights dates to 15th June - 24th July</p> <p>(b) PAYMENTS AGREED unanimously to spend £60 on affixing the new notice board The following payments were APPROVED unanimously Clerk's Salary – £532.00</p>		

<p>Clerk's Expenses – £232.54 (£59.33 expenses. £40.00 ICO, £89.99 McAfee Security, Recorded Delivery postage £2.94, Magnets for Notice Board £20.28, Internal Audit fee £20.00) HMRC - £133.00 Notice Board - £418.80 plus fixing £60.00 Climate Action Planning Day fees for remote meeting – 3 x £10 = £30 NG joined the meeting (7.25pm).</p> <p>(c) Change of Bank The Triodos Bank account is available for use. AGREED unanimously to request transfer of funds and closure of the NatWest account once the payments noted in (b) above have cleared.</p> <p>(d) Additional funding suggestions No suggestions were made. Councillors will continue to consider areas which could benefit from additional funding, whilst retaining financially practical funds in hand.</p>	<p>JF</p> <p>Councillors</p>	<p>When July payment cleared</p> <p>September meeting</p>
7. Sustainability and Climate Crisis Working Group:		
<p>Allotments A report on procedure and potential sites had been distributed. Noted that the Sustainability and Climate Crisis Working Group had thoroughly researched the availability of new sites but at this time there did not appear to be any. The group will continue to work hard on this matter.</p>	<p>S&CC Working Group</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
8. Parish Council Initiatives		
<p>Local Development Plans The following feedback (distributed) from the Parish Council workshop held to discuss B&NES/WECA Local Development Plans and Transport Plans was noted.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. There should be no change of policies RA1, RA2 and GB1 and GB2 2. There should be no change in the present designated boundaries of the Green Belt 3. The Housing Development boundaries in the Parish should remain the same. 4. Shoscombe PC is happy to accept infill but does not want larger housing developments. 5. The PC would support a review of the local transport arrangements to include more sustainable, frequent and accessible modes of transport for rural areas. The PC is happy to work with B&NES and other local PCs to facilitate this. 6. The Recreation Ground should continue as a community facility for exercise and recreation 7. The allotments to remain and further sites be identified. 8. The PC would oppose further development on this side of the Peasedown bypass.... e.g. Hellaa sites PEA10 and 15. <p>AGREED unanimously that the above form the PC's comment on the B&NES Local Plan Partial Update and be sent in narrative form to a named officer.</p> <p>2. Parish Plan AGEED that a remote workshop to consider the benefits of a review of the Parish Plan should be held on Thursday 23 July, 7.00 - 8.00pm.</p> <p>3. Community Renewable Energy</p>	<p>JF</p>	<p>ASAP</p>

<p>A report on the progress of the Community Renewable Energy Scheme for Shoscombe had been distributed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 people had expressed an interest, though not all had joined the conversation as to what might be feasible • The group was looking for the blessing, rather than the endorsement of the PC • They were looking at small personal schemes, linked together. At the present time wind and solar community schemes look unlikely. The more people who joined together, the better the potential savings <p>4. Weekly Email communication within the parish</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though the online initiative is driven by the PC it will not be a PC method of communication and will not be called PC News • On the advice and with the help of the Wellow Parish News organiser a Mailchimp account has been set up to give flexibility • A list of local contacts will be blind copied, with a dedicated return address if the contact wishes to receive the newsletter • Some non-email users may be disenfranchised at first, but it is hoped that the eventual return of the printed newsletter will remedy this <p>AGREED unanimously that the initiative, which was nearly ready to go, should proceed</p>	<p>NG</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>
9. Date for Annual Parish Council Meeting		
<p>AGREED (proposed NG, 7 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention) to delay the Annual Parish Council Meeting until it is possible to meet physically. The longstop is May 2021, but it is hoped to meet well before then.</p>		
10. Business Procedures		
<p>Standing Orders AGREED unanimously to adopt the Standing Orders presented to the 14 May meeting</p> <p>Website Accessibility A report including accessibility statement had been distributed The Chair announced her wish to give up management of the Shoscombe community website from September, and for her successor to take on the accessibility issue. AGREED unanimously to look in the community for someone to take over the website, including dealing with accessibility.</p> <p>BHIB Risk Assessment for re-opening Village Hall and Council offices</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No date yet for Village Hall reopening • Capacity will reduce from 100 to 25 • Social distancing notices will be posted and hygiene measures put in place • Additional conditions of hire will include responsibility of hirer to clean the hall before their event <p>The Chair expressed the PC's thanks to the Village Hall Committee</p>	<p>JF, Councillors</p>	<p>At once</p>
11. Community Matters		
<p>The Parish Council considered possible sites within the Shoscombe Housing Development Boundary which it might wish to register as an Asset of Community Value with B&NES, giving it a right to bid.</p> <p>Suggestions: The paddock behind St Julian's Road (to which the Curo site provides access)</p>		

<p>The greens at Applecroft and Montague Road The Apple Tree Inn The car park at the end of Single Hill</p> <p>AGREED unanimously to consult the community about the proposed list and invite suggestions. A simple explanation of what a community asset is to be provided. To be an article in the first community email news</p>	JF, NG	First online newsletter
12. Village Hall/Recreation Ground and Play Area		
<p>(a) Insurance Claim – no update</p> <p>(b) Weekly Checks AGREED unanimously to restart weekly checks of the Recreation Ground</p> <p>(c) Village Hall car park Two local residents were thanked for locking the gate overnight, to prevent social misbehaviour. The locking will continue during Covid.</p> <p>(d) New Notice Board Now erected. Caution is advised to stop the big landscape door from slamming.</p> <p>(e) Play area repairs Fire damage to the matting has been reported to B&NES, a quotation from whom is awaited.</p> <p>Noted that there had been quite a lot of damage in the past few months. A number of possible remedies and their drawbacks were considered.</p> <p>AGREED unanimously to obtain quotations for CCTV and motion sensor lights</p>	JF distribute list	Ongoing
	AB	For September meeting
13. Planning		
<p>Applications Paglinch Farm 20/01938/CLEU The planning group was of the opinion that the applicant had provided the evidence needed to demonstrate that the breach of condition has been continuous from October 1996 to the present, and has discharged their onus of proof. AGREED unanimously to support the application for a certificate of lawfulness.</p> <p>Paglinch House 20/02143/LBA No decision could be taken at the meeting with regard to Planning Application 20/02143/LBA and therefore no comment was submitted to B&NES.</p>		
14. VE Day 75th Anniversary May Celebrations		
<p>AGREED unanimously that instead of a VE Day celebration, there should, in due course, be an open celebration for the community to mark the end of Covid restrictions.</p>		
15. Church /Burial Board		
<p>A report had been distributed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A buddleia had been planted in the cemetery in place of the stolen bench • There had been one service but no meetings in Church. <p>Thanks were expressed to those who had helped others during the current crisis.</p>		
16. HELAA/JSP/Local Plan		
<p><i>See item 8, above.</i> B&NES had not yet published a list of HEELA sites</p>		

17. Highways Update		
A detailed report had been distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White lining at junctions was still awaited • Potholes had been filled at Green Street 		
18. Public Rights of Way		
A report had been distributed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B&NES were generally keeping footpaths well • Landowners were cutting back overhanging branches • The Parish was fortunate to have kissing gates, not styles • B & NES ROW Officer be notified of a problem with the small piece of the Stony Littleton to The Knoll BOAT which was in the parish. 	JB	
19. School		
A report had been distributed There were no questions		
20. Dates of the Next Meetings 3rd September – ALCA meeting TBC 10th September – Parish Council 22nd October 2020 – Parish Liaison TBC 12th November –agreed 14th January 2021 – to be agreed 11th March – to be agreed		
The Chair thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.10pm		