

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**MARCH 2023**

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

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** D. Cradock – passing for payment invoice for grass cutting and fitting of bracket for defibrillator under Item 7
- 3. 10 Minutes public participation:** None requested
- 4. Minutes of the last meeting 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023:** These were found to be in order.

<b>5. Clerk's Report</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
As distributed. No direct contact has been made to the clerk regarding standing for the Parish Council but it is understood some councillors have been approached. Nomination papers can be obtained either from B&NES or the clerk. It has been clarified that completed nomination papers, which need to be delivered to B&NES by hand between 21 <sup>st</sup> March and 4 <sup>th</sup> April, can be taken by a trusted 3 <sup>rd</sup> party. The clerk offered to take in any papers if need be.	JF	If required
<b>6. Ward Councillor Report</b>		
Nothing to report.		
<b>7. Financial Matters</b>		
Mobile telephone plus £10.00 credit - £49.99 (already purchased) Defibrillator - £2,349.00 (already purchased)  <b>Below were passed for payment:</b> Dedicated Circuit Board - £270.00 (provisional revised costing) Play area Repairs – £200 plus VAT <b>Proposed – IC and seconded – AL – All in favour</b>  <b>Below was passed for payment:</b> Grass Cutting and grounds maintenance - £1,920.00 Fitting and bracket for defibrillator - £150.00 <b>Proposed – IC – seconded – TW - All in favour with the exception of DC who had declared an interest</b>  HMRC – TBC  <b>B&amp;NES P/ Area Inspections cost quote for 2033/24- £361.00 plus VAT</b> This quote was accepted by all. Quotes will be sought for next year's grass cutting contract. <b>**Agenda Item May</b>	Noted  Clerk to pay VIA BACS  Clerk to pay VIA BACS  Clerk will notify B&NES JF	ASAP  ASAP  ASAP  <b>**Agenda Item</b>
<b>8. Planning</b>		
<b>22/04652/OUT</b> – Braysdown Stables – Notification of PERMIT  <b>23/00844/FUL</b> -The Old Post Office, St Julian's Road Shoscombe Bath Bath & North East Somerset BA2 8NB - Erection of 1st floor extension over an existing single storey extension, plus other alterations. Following discussions, it was decided to submit a response of 'No objections'.	Noted  Clerk to submit to B&NES	By deadline 27/3/2023
<b>9. Climate, Nature and Sustainability Working Group</b>		
Reports distributed. 1. Research into fast charger electrical charging points continue albeit slowly; this could take up to 2 years. The C&N Group are liaising with B&NES regarding becoming part of the charging network. The National Grid will undertake an impact assessment.	TW	Ongoing

<p>2. Oak Tree – the planting of this is deferred until the Autumn Regular C&amp;N meetings have suspended for the time being but working parties and small events are ongoing as these are becoming more productive with money still in hand for projects.</p> <p>Work is being undertaken to plan and install a Community Garden near the Village Hall (photographs and location details were distributed) with a view to planting in June. Consideration will be given to suitable plants for this and teas etc will be available for the opening event of this event. Notice will be given in the next newsletter.</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>TW</p>	<p>Next newsletter</p>
<p><b>10. Councillor Reports</b></p>		
<p>Reports distributed.</p> <p>A) <b>Village Hall</b> – a request has been received for the notice board to be moved further into the car-park area making it easier for people to view items. DC and JF plus a member of the Village Hall Committee will meet up to discuss a precise location. The clerk will liaise with DC and contact the Village Hall.</p> <p>B) <b>Local Plan/HELAA/JSP</b> – the Local Plan partial update has been adopted and B&amp;NES are now working on the new one.</p> <p>C) <b>Public Rights of Way</b> – remedial work is still to be completed on the path between Braysdown Lane and Rag Hill. There is an issue with clusters of branches washed along from recent rainfall and hedge trimming. It is thought these can be removed relatively easily. Work will begin on the partial concreting which is designed to control run-off and prevent erosion.</p> <p>D) <b>School</b> – The Head is leaving; a card was distributed for signing. 3 trees have had to be felled; one a large oak, to enable works to begin on repairing the foundations to the side of the school. One of our residents has information regarding earlier felling and remaining roots which FC will pass on to the school as this information could be relevant.</p> <p>E) <b>Highways</b> – The road between Stoney Littleton and Wellow will be closed for 2 weeks from 17/3/2023 for re-surfacing works. DC will speak to our Highways Officer at B&amp;NES to ask for larger signs for cyclists at the Gullen/Barn Hill/St Julian’s Road junction. It has been suggested the council request the possibility to B&amp;NES of a speed limit of 30 mph being introduced from the Wellow Lane/Eckweek Lane junction to Wellow. This could be a joint application. The clerk will contact Wellow PC about this. It is hoped re-surfacing down Single Hill from Barn Hill and then along Single Hill will take place in the summer. Following a complaint letter received regarding a section of private land being excavated without permission, no further progress has been made with regard to contacting him or an explanation as to who or why this was undertaken. The clerk will write to him requesting contact details.</p> <p>F) <b>Church/Burial Board</b> – FC reported that there has been a reduction of litter bags at the cemetery. The Council would like to extend many thanks to the lady from PSJ who regularly rides around on her bike and collects rubbish. She does leave this at the cemetery but this has been approved.</p>	<p>JF/DC plus V/ Hall C/member</p> <p>AL</p> <p>FC</p> <p>DC</p> <p>JF</p> <p>JF</p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Next week</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>

<p align="center"><b>11. Installation of 20mph speed limit signs and replacement sign at junction of Gullen and St Julian's Road</b></p>		
<p>These are now in place. See Highways above. Request for a larger sign for cyclists at Gullen.</p>	DC	
<p align="center"><b>12. Play-area Repairs</b></p>		
<p>These have been completed.</p>		
<p align="center"><b>13. Additional defibrillator for the Village/Guardian</b></p>		
<p>The new defibrillator has now been installed. An issue with the green light over the newly installed defibrillator has been reported as it is shining into houses opposite. This will be raised with a member of the community with the hope of rectifying this with a partial cover/shield and if not we could look at a different light. There is online training available but the Councill would like to also organise a face to face session. This will be discussed at the May meeting. ****<b>Agenda Item May</b> Two councillors have kindly offered to undertake the fortnightly check to the defibrillator. The clerk will brief them on this.</p>	<p>TW  JF  JF/TW/FC</p>	<p>ASAP  **Agenda Item</p>
<p align="center"><b>14. Tribute for Queen Elizabeth II</b></p>		
<p>Ideas so far have included a small maple tree or a cherry tree. Both in the region of £200. AL offered to also research larger ones up to a cost of £300. ***<b>Agenda Item May</b></p>	<p>AL JF</p>	<p>By May **Agenda Item</p>
<p align="center"><b>15. Piece for newsletter regarding becoming a Parish Councillor</b></p>		
<p>Many thanks to TW for her informative piece in the newsletter. The need for photo ID at the Local Elections will be highlighted in the clerk's piece and TW will also add small piece.</p>	JF/TW	By newsletter deadline
<p align="center"><b>16. Discontinuance of the weekly 757 bus</b></p>		
<p>Much information was gathered at the two meetings attended by the clerk. Shoscombe is on the route for the DRT service to be launched early April, it will drop off at some points including Tesco and will pick up at or near people's homes if they have mobility issues and have highlighted this on booking a trip. There is a telephone number to ring to book a journey as well as the app and the website. Details of the scheme will be included in a separate piece in the newsletter. It was decided details of the Dial a Ride service would also be passed on to residents to enable them to choose. The clerk will contact Dial a Ride for brochures.</p>	<p>JF  JF</p>	<p>By newsletter deadline  ASAP</p>
<p align="center"><b>DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</b>  <b>11<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Council – provisional - TBC</b>  <b>26<sup>th</sup> June – Bathavon Forum</b>  <b>13<sup>th</sup> July – Parish Council – TBC</b>  <b>Parish Liaison – 19<sup>th</sup> July</b></p>		