

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER 2023**

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

**Also Present:** A sizeable number of members from the community attended including Tania Rorison, Head Teacher of the local school, Alun Williams, the CEO of the Midsomer Norton School Partnership and Fiona Gourley, our Ward Councillor.

Mary Bon signed the Declaration of Acceptance and joined the Council.

1. **Apologies:** Tricia Wastvedt
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None declared
3. **10 Minutes public participation:** Following the news that the school was losing their staff parking area and a detailed letter sent out by the Head Teacher, questions were put to both the Head and the CEO of the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership who addressed these and confirmed that certain measures would be in place to trial between the end of November and the end of the school year including expanding a 'drop and go' system in the morning and a walking bus along the Cinder Path for the older children at the end of the day. A B&NES Health and Safety representative will also be visiting the school to offer advice and guidance. Some staff will lift share, some residents in St Julian's Road have offered staff places to park and the Village Hall Management Committee have given their permission for a certain number of cars to park in the area by the play equipment. This is an ongoing situation and will be monitored by the VHMC, Parish Council and the school in terms of effectiveness.
4. **Minutes of the last Meeting:** All in order

<b>5. Clerk's Report</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
As distributed. It was confirmed the clerk's holiday was granted for 2024 and the date for the May Annual Meeting was booked for Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2024.	JF	
<b>6. Ward Councillor Report</b>		
Fiona Gourley, our Ward Councillor, attended the last Souper Tuesday lunch and was pleased to meet and chat with residents.		
<b>7. Financial Matters</b>		
<b>The following costs and expenditures were passed for payment and noted:</b> Final costs for Queen Elizabeth commemorative tree ceremony: Amelanchier Tree - £163.58-Second hand books with QE11 photos - £11.80- Commemorative Plaque - £139.14 (All paid) Community Fund application from the school for recycling bins - £250.00. Proposed – DC and seconded – FC – All in favour Community Fund application from Dial a Ride- £100 for 2024/25 – Proposed IC and seconded – MB. All in favour. The clerk will make payments for these. Clerk's Expenses - £59.33 - Clerk's Salary – £730.00 HMRC - £182.50 - Dunkley's Payroll - £76.80 (already paid)	JF	ASAP
<b>8. Planning</b>		
<b>Application - 23/03974/FUL - Land to the West of St Julian's Farm.</b> Discussions took place and it was decided, despite planning Class Q having been passed, the Council would submit objections on the basis that this land is on the Green Belt and not within the Housing Development Boundary. The clerk will submit the Council's response.	JF	By 23 <sup>rd</sup> November

<p align="center"><b>9. School Staff Car Parking/Village Parking</b></p>		
<p>As above under Public Participation. The Council were grateful for the input from the residents, the Head and the CEO of the Trust.</p>		
<p align="center"><b>10. Tribute for Queen Elizabeth II – JF/TW</b></p>		
<p>It was acknowledged all went well on the day of the planting, Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Many thanks to all concerned and to the Friends of Foxcote Church who provided tea and cakes.</p>		
<p align="center"><b>11. Climate, Nature and Sustainability Working Group</b></p>		
<p>Research into EV Chargers being installed continues and the planting of the Oak tree will take place this month.</p>		
<p align="center"><b>12. Councillor Reports</b></p>		
<p>A) <b>Village Hall</b> – the minutes from the last meeting have been distributed.  B) <b>HELAA/JSP/Local Plan</b> – the consultation process is still ongoing.  C) <b>Public Rights of Way</b> – the Council has received a notification that two footpaths in the Double Hill area – BA23/8&amp;9 are to be re-routed. See link took at map :  <a href="https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Streets-and-Highway-Maintenance/FootpathsandPublicrightsofway/ba23-8_9_site_notice.pdf">https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/sitedocuments/Streets-and-Highway-Maintenance/FootpathsandPublicrightsofway/ba23-8_9_site_notice.pdf</a>  Comments can be submitted until 13<sup>th</sup> December by contacting <a href="mailto:tim_haynes@bathnes.gov.uk">tim_haynes@bathnes.gov.uk</a>. Or ringing 01225 477649. The clerk will publish this in the newsletter and put a copy of the letter and map on notice boards. Fred Chaytors has agreed to be our PROW Lead.  D) <b>School</b> – report distributed.  E) <b>Highways</b> – DC has been liaising with B&amp;NES Highways over several issues including flooding in areas in the village – water run off down Rag Hill (reported a number of times to Fix My Street) and drainage issues at the bottom of the Cinder Path resulting in water flooding the cul de sac garages and running down to Shoscombe Vale; B&amp;NES are looking into these. Our Ward Councillor Matt McCabe is also looking into speed restrictions between the Mercedes Garage turn off at the roundabout and Wellow.  F) <b>Burial Board</b> – minutes and finances distributed. The Council will discuss the resumption of payment of the annual precept - £400 at the January meeting. ****<b>Agenda Item</b></p>	<p>JF</p> <p>JF</p>	<p>By newsletter deadline</p> <p>***January Agenda Item</p>
<p align="center"><b>13. Proposal to install a 20 mph limit on Cycle Route 24 between Wellow and Shoscombe</b></p>		
<p>Further proposed speed restrictions between Gullen and Wellow via Stoney Littleton are being investigated with concerns raised over the speed of both vehicles and bikes since the road re-surfacing. Signage would highlight the need for restrained speeds from all making this route safer for pedestrians. It was acknowledged, further ‘pull in’ areas would also be required. Sustrans may be in touch further regarding this.</p>		
<p align="center"><b>14. Newsletter piece to garner residents’ thoughts on possible parking/road improvements - TW</b></p>		
<p>A piece will be displayed in the next newsletter asking residents their opinions of parking/traffic issues in the village. The clerk will also put a copy into each notice board. Results will be discussed at the January meeting. ****<b>Agenda Item</b></p>	<p>JF/TW</p> <p>JF</p>	<p>By newsletter deadline  ***January Agenda Item</p>

<p align="center"><b>15. Issue with dog poo on private land - JF</b></p>		
<p>Following concerns raised by a resident about dog mess on their open front garden, it was felt all that could be done had been done in highlighting this issue in the newsletter.</p>		
<p align="center"><b>16. Restoration of Finger Posts – Working Group</b></p>		
<p>The Finger Post Working Group have completed their survey of those finger posts most in need of attention and there are 4 needing the greatest urgent attention. They asked for the Parish Council’s approval to investigate costings/grants etc which the Council unanimously agreed to. They will also be looking into how much volunteers can do towards dismantling/renovations to save on costs.</p>	<p align="center">Working Group</p>	<p align="center">Ongoing</p>
<p align="center"><b>17. Petition against WECA rural bus cuts - JF</b></p>		
<p>Following the withdrawal of the 757 weekly bus and the introduction of the Westlink service and subsequent petition which many people signed, WECA have a survey which is open for feedback - <a href="https://travelwest.info/westlink/#rider_survey">https://travelwest.info/westlink/#rider_survey</a>,: plus an email address for the report of operational issues - <a href="mailto:westlink@wedrt.com">westlink@wedrt.com</a> The clerk will publish these in the next newsletter.</p>	<p align="center">JF</p>	<p align="center">By newsletter deadline</p>
<p align="center"><b>18. Wellow Brook Water Quality-FC</b></p>		
<p>Following a meeting at Wellow Village Hall, Wessex Water agreed to send regular updates on monitored water quality to both Wellow and Shoscombe Parish Councils. This link could also be helpful and will be published in the newsletter - <a href="https://corporate.wessexwater.co.uk/our-purpose/rivers-and-coastal-waters/wild-swimming">https://corporate.wessexwater.co.uk/our-purpose/rivers-and-coastal-waters/wild-swimming</a></p>	<p align="center">JF</p>	<p align="center">By newsletter deadline</p>
<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings:</b></p> <p align="center"> <b>11<sup>th</sup> January – Parish Council</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Parish Liaison</b>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – Parish Council</b>  <b>9<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Council</b>  <b>19<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – Parish Liaison</b>  <b>18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Parish Liaison</b> </p>		