

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**NOVEMBER 2020**

**Present:** Alan Keating, Danielle Parker, Carolyn Keating (Chair), Tricia Wastvedt, Joy Schneiderman, Fiona Crockett, Ian Cannock (Vice-Chair), Glen Harrington and Jean Fossaceco (Clerk)

**Also Present:** Chris and Mary Upton

1. **Apologies:** None
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None
3. **10 minutes allocated for Public Participation:**

A short presentation on the formation of a Community Interest Company to purchase the Hamilton Terrace car park off St Julian’s Road was given by Mr and Mrs Upton. Mrs Upton outlined their progress on the purchase to date and their plans for the area should they be successful in buying the site. The intention being to provide car parking for residents to ease congestion and to enable school parents to use this area as a drop off/pick up area before and after school thereby improving the general environment. The CiC is asking the Council if they would consider offering some financial support for this initiative. Councillors asked for clarification on several points:

**Refurbishment** – it was confirmed a final decision had not been reached on specific spaces but vegetation would be cut back to neaten the area and create more space together with storm drainage rectification.

**Future sale of the land** – the council was reassured that, *should* the land be sold at some later date, the land is covered by a covenant and it would have to be sold to another Community Interest Company thereby protecting its use.

**Use of the parking areas-** it was confirmed the area would be for the use by any Hamilton Terrace resident and for school drop off and pick up times.

**The Council will formally add this to the agenda for consideration and resolution at the meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> January.**

4. **Minutes of the last Meetings – 10<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October and 22<sup>nd</sup> October:**  
 These were found to be correct.

5. Clerk’s Report	ACTION	TIMELINE
As distributed.		
6. Financial Matters		
The following payments were approved for payment: <b>Clerk’s Quarterly Salary - £532.00</b> <b>Clerk’s Quarterly expenses - £59.33</b> <b>HMRC £133.00</b> <b>David Cradock - £100.00 for tree removal and disposal</b>  It was noted the Triodos change of signatory and the receipt of the October precept - <b>£5261.10</b>  The council considered the increase in charges for the B&NES quarterly inspections to £337.04 plus VAT. It was agreed the council accept this – all were in favour. Weekly inspections will continue by members of the council and the clerk. The clerk will inform B&NES of the council’s decision.	JF	ASAP

<b>7. Planning</b>		
<p><b>The Council noted updates regarding both Lower Shoscombe Farm - Application 20/03094/FUL and AnDer Ecke - 20/03620/FUL</b></p> <p>A consultation request was received regarding an application for St Julian's Farm - <b>20/04116/ADCOU</b> – Mr Alan Weeks. Councillors voted by 7 to 1 to submit a response of 'Support' to B&amp;NES. The clerk will submit this.</p> <p>It was noted an application submitted to Mendip District Council to adapt Foxcote Barn to a café and Farm Shop was approved. While Shoscombe was not consulted with regard to this application as it is not in our Parish, the council are assured that neighbours support this, down lighting has been approved and are on timers. Our only concern is the possible impact on traffic making its way to the café and shop.</p>	JF	By 3/12/20
<b>8. Sustainability and Climate Crisis Working Group</b>		
<p>Report distributed. It was noted that, while the council cannot meet with the Community in person at the moment, they can make themselves known to the village and get a sense of support, perhaps setting up a network, by putting a piece in the Newsletter to assess interest. This will be inserted into the December publication and on notice boards. <b>***Agenda Item</b></p>	TW	Submit piece by 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov
<b>9. Parish Council Vacancies/Co-option</b>		
<p>No further interest has been expressed in joining the council. The clerk will continue to mention vacancies in the newsletter.</p>	JF	Next Newsletter
<b>10. Allocation of Councillor Responsibilities</b>		
<p>Draft Table distributed. This has now been updated with Danielle Parker liaising with the Village Hall and Alan Keating taking over Footpaths and Public Rights of Way.</p>		
<b>11. Community Matters</b>		
<p><b>Sites within the Housing Development Boundary of Shoscombe for which we may register a Right to Bid or considering registering as an Asset of Community Value</b> – there are areas in the Village that may fulfil this criteria – part of Montague Road, the Green at Applecroft and possibly the parking area at the end of Single Hill. Three members of the council will look into this possible initiative and keep the council informed. <b>***Agenda Item</b></p> <p><b>Hamilton Terrace car park</b> – see item 3 for details of the presentation and clarifications. This will be an agenda item the January meeting when consideration to offer financial support will be discussed and resolved. <b>***Agenda Item</b></p> <p><b>Dog Mess</b> – there is an increasing issue with this in the village in particular with regard to people throwing their 'poo bags' into hedges and fields. This can be dangerous to cattle. There are signs available and the council can research into obtaining these and displaying them more prominently in various locations. Advice will also be sought from Sheila Petheridge, our footpaths officer, who is always very helpful. A notice will be put in the newsletter informing residents of the dangers to livestock should they consume poo bags and their contents.</p> <p><b>Community Pot</b> - It was suggested a community pot of money be set aside to support community groups. CK/DP agreed to put a proposal to the meeting in January which would include policy criteria. <b>**Agenda Item</b></p>	TW/CK/DP	Ongoing
	GH	By next meeting
	CK/DP	By next meeting

<b>12. Village Hall/Recreation Ground and Play Area Considerations</b>		
<p>A) Play Area Weekly Checks/Closure – these continue with any issues recorded and logged. Latest lockdown rules mean the play area can remain open fortunately.</p> <p>B) Gate Locking – this is reducing the amount of anti-social behaviour and will continue for the time being.</p> <p>C) Report distributed from the Village Hall Management Committee with regard to flooring issue – this has been read and noted. DP with her role with the Village Hall will keep us informed. <b>***Agenda Item</b></p>	DP	By next meeting
<b>13. Councillor Reports</b>		
<p>All distributed and noted.</p> <p><b>HELAA/Local Plan</b> - IC is monitoring progress with HELAA and the Local Plan and the council as a whole will be contacted when formal consultation is requested.</p> <p><b>School</b> - FC, although unable to visit the school in person, is liaising with them and it has been suggested a competition could be organised for pupils to suggest ideas for improvements to the play area, DP offered to be involved with this as well. Potential costs will need to be borne in mind. Following suggestions from parents of younger children, consideration will be given to items for under 3s.</p> <p><b>Highways</b> – GH has had success with reports being sent to B&amp;NES via Fix My Street and the re-painting of the white lines should begin soon.</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>FC/DP</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>By next meeting</p>
<b>14. Clerk's Appraisal</b>		
<p>This will be undertaken remotely with a date and time to be advised. FC has agreed to join the panel along with TW and IC.</p>	FC/IC/TW	When convenient
<b>15. Parish Council meetings during Covid</b>		
<p>These will continue remotely for the time being. Investigations will continue with regards to finding an alternative platform.</p>	DP/CK	Ongoing
<b>16. Dates of the next meetings</b>		
<p><b>14<sup>th</sup> January 2021</b></p> <p><b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b></p> <p><b>13<sup>th</sup> May – includes Annual Meeting</b></p>		