

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016**

**Present:** Jackie Withers (Chair), Ian Cannock, Vice Chair, Andrew Wilding, Amy Cradock, Mary Upton, Lee Crowther-Russell, Grant Thomas and Jean Fossaceco (Clerk)

**Also Present:** 2 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** Brenda Whitchurch
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** Mr Cannock declared a personal interest in the Young's White Hill Calf Barn application. He has submitted comments. Mr Cannock also wished to query the correct response on Question one of the Declaration of Interests Form. This will be clarified.
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting:** These were found to be correct.

<b>4. PARISH PLAN</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
A meeting has taken place with volunteers who will be delivering and collecting the completed and printed questionnaires and a decision was taken to visit houses a maximum of 3 times. Following collection, the data will be analysed and uploaded onto Survey Monkey. The next meeting of the Parish Plan Committee will be 18 <sup>th</sup> October.	MU	ongoing
<b>5. TO CONSIDER THE FUTURE OF THE VILLAGE HALL</b>		
The next village hall meeting will be on 4 <sup>th</sup> October with a joint meeting between the council and the committee on the 11 <sup>th</sup> October. It was acknowledged the committee is getting smaller and smaller and new members are needed. At the moment, there is no bookings secretary or Chair. It was suggested that people initially be asked to serve for 1 year or 2 years to encourage people to join, see how it goes, without thinking they are committing themselves to a long term obligation. This will be mentioned in the newsletter with an invitation to people to forward any thought to Grant Thomas.	GT, Village Hall committee and Council	ASAP
<b>6. SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE</b>		
Mrs Cradock is still trying to increase for the toddler group and has advertised this weekly club in a number of places. The time has been changed to 1.00 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. to attract people but there are only 2 to 3 families at the moment.	RC	Ongoing
<b>7. WARNING SIGNS AND ENFORCEABLE 20 MPH</b>		
Despite a number of emails, table applications and letters to various people at B&NES, the Parish Council have been unsuccessful in their bid to gain warning signs at various junctions in the village, to widen the 20 mph limit and to make it enforceable. The Parish Council will continue to press for it. Following the recent accident of one of our residents on the cycle track involving a collision with a cyclist, Mrs Upton has been in contact with Sustrans who directed her to links. It is known that pedestrians have priority over cyclists but, in practice, this does not always appear to be the case with some cyclists behaving in an inconsiderate fashion. It was felt people need educating. The school will be asked why cycling proficiency is no longer part of the curriculum. This will be raised at the Bathavon meeting on 5 <sup>th</sup> October.	JF  JF/MU	Ongoing  Report back at next meeting

<b>8. FRACKING</b>		
Mr Upton reported that INEOS, an American company who hold licences in the area, are phasing out their interest. There seems to be more of a focus in Cheshire and Lincolnshire. South West Energy rescinded four licences in our area but retained one in Dorset. It is known Andrea Leadsom is in favour of fracking and the government has recently announced that householders rather than landowners would be recompensed.	CU	Ongoing
<b>9. BROADBAND</b>		
Mr Thomas has been investigating varying broadband speeds in the village and it transpires that, should people be prepared to pay extra to BT, they can achieve far higher broadband speeds than before, up to 10meg but still not as fast as TrueSpeed. It is acknowledged that three quarters of the village would need to express interest to TrueSpeed in order for them to move forward so further awareness needs to be achieved. They would also need to undertake a site survey. Mr Thomas will invite a representative of TrueSpeed to make a presentation to the Council. Mr Wilding asked if there was any viability in asking landowners if cabling could be put across their land?	GT	By next meeting
<b>10. UPGRADING OF CINDER PATH</b>		
Costing forecasts are still ongoing for this initiative. In the meantime, hedges have been trimmed and mud scraped back. Data is being gathered together with photographic evidence and grants are still being investigated. It is thought it is planned for stock to be put into the field next to the path which would necessitate fencing. Many thanks to Sheila Petherbridge for all her help and time with paths throughout the village. It was questioned whether the school walking bus could use this path to walk to school as it would be quicker and safer but it was thought the issue of where parents could park and the safety of assembled children would not make it viable.	JW/JF/RC	Ongoing
<b>11. PLANNING</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The application from White Wicket Farm for an equestrian centre is still under consideration. There were concerns raised over a Long Barrow and this is being investigated by B&amp;NES archaeological department. There were also issues with lighting and the agriculture ‘tie’ aspect which are being looked at.</li> <li>• White Hill Barn (Calf Barn) - Consultation is already closed. Local residents who were consulted in the village were mainly in support, with only one person expressing concern. They had commented individually with B&amp;NES as a resident and not as a representative of the PC. A decision had been taken that the PC would not formally comment.</li> <li>• White Hill Garages – This is still under consideration and Mr Wilding has spoken at length with Christine Moorfield who is sympathetic to the concerns of both the council and neighbours. It was noted that, should the Parish Council specifically object, this could go to committee. The Parish Council feel it would be more beneficial to</li> </ul>	AW/JF	Progress report by next meeting

push for the improved access (this is something Highways are also concerned about) and to restrict usage to sole residential and not commercial.		
<b>12. DEVOLUTION</b>		
Mr Cannock attended a meeting in Midsomer Norton. Initial results show feedback suggests there are 60% in favour of this. The results will be published in November. There is a possibility of a Mayor in Bath.	IC	
<b>13. New Format for Agendas and Minutes</b>		
Following the Clerk's training day with ALCA, it was suggested the format of both the agenda and the minutes be adapted. The Clerk will now use a more formal agenda design which will have all items numbered and this numbering will correspond with the minutes. It had also been recommended that reports from regular agenda item pieces be typed and forwarded to all members of the PC around a week before the meeting so there is an opportunity for members to read the reports beforehand and make comments at the meeting if need be. The Clerk will collate the reports onto one document and save. A hard copy will be printed off to accompany the minutes. This should save time at the meeting and will mean a written report is available for anyone to refer to should they need to. This will commence from the next meeting in October. It was also suggested that there be a 10-minute slot for members of the public to submit queries/comments, that are on the agenda, to the council at the beginning of the meeting. This would then mean they could leave afterwards without having to wait for the specific item to be discussed. The Clerk will mention this in the Newsletter and suggest that concerns/suggestions/queries should be raised with a member of the Council or the Clerk so said item can be included in the agenda. Should someone wish to raise an issue that is <i>not</i> on the agenda (i.e. something that has occurred since the publication of the agenda) this would be allowed at the discretion of the Chair and the Council. <b>Public Participation will be agenda item '3' on all agendas from now on.</b>	JF and all members of the PC	
<b>14. FORMATION OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE AND AGREE A DATE FOR THE CLERK'S APPRAISAL</b>		
It was agreed the committee will be made up of Mr Wilding (proposed -IC, seconded-AC) Mr Cannock (proposed-MU and seconded-JW) and Mrs Whitchurch- proposed GT and seconded-AC . The date of the appraisal will be confirmed between the 4 people concerned but should be in the next couple of months.	JF/BW/AW/IC	
<b>15. REPORT FROM ALCA</b>		
The Clerk attended the meeting in Saltford. Report distributed and attached.	JF	
<b>16. RED HERITAGE TELPEPHONE KIOSK</b>		
The Parish Council has received a request for consultation regarding the red telephone kiosk in St Julian's Road. In order to prevent its removal, the Parish Council would need to pay £1.00 and be responsible for its upkeep .BT will need to be notified by November if the telephone box is to remain in situ. It will then	JF	Discussions at next meeting

<p>be non-operational and can then be adopted. A sign will be displayed on the kiosk itself and residents will be notified of this consultation. The sign will suggest contacting the PC rather than the planning department at B&amp;NES. Julie O'Rourke has offered to consolidate responses and submit to BT. The Parish Council are in favour of adopting it but will await the results of the consultation. If it is agreed that the village would like to adopt it a decision will need to be made regarding its use in the future.</p> <p><b>*****Agenda Item</b></p>		
<b>17. FINANCIAL MATTERS</b>		
<p>Cheques were issued to:  ALCA for <b>£40</b> to pay for the training the clerk undertook.  Mr Upton for the Village Plan Questionnaire printing costs - <b>£234.35</b>  Mr Withers for Parish Plan costs - <b>£28.00</b></p> <p>The overtime request from the Clerk for extra hours worked for the website and IT Training was agreed - <b>£90</b> (this will be added to her salary cheque to be paid in October)</p> <p>The Council are being asked to pay a small amount for Cloud storage with Amazon. The Council would like the Clerk to check with ALCA if Amazon are a suitable company or if they have any alternative suggestions.</p> <p>Many thanks to Grant Thomas for his donation of £50 towards Parish Plan costs.</p>		
<b>DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</b>		
<p><b>5<sup>th</sup> October – Bathavon Forum</b>  <b>12<sup>th</sup> October – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham)</b>  <b>20<sup>th</sup> October – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend</b>  <b>24<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> November – Bathavon Forum</b>  <b>15<sup>th</sup> December – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend</b>  <b>12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – Parish Council</b>  <b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2017 – ALCA (normally Saltford)</b>  <b>9<sup>th</sup> February – Parish Council</b>  <b>15<sup>th</sup> February – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham)</b>  <b>9<sup>th</sup> March – Parish Council</b>  <b>6<sup>th</sup> April – Parish Council</b>  <b>11<sup>th</sup> May – Parish Social Evening</b>  <b>18<sup>th</sup> May – Annual Meeting</b>  <b>25<sup>th</sup> May – ALCA (usually Saltford)</b>  <b>8<sup>th</sup> June – Parish Council</b>  <b>13<sup>th</sup> July – Parish Council</b>  <b>14<sup>th</sup> September – Parish Council</b>  <b>28<sup>th</sup> September – ALCA</b>  <b>12<sup>th</sup> October – Parish Council</b>  <b>9<sup>th</sup> November – Parish Council</b>  <b>14<sup>th</sup> December – Parish Council</b>  <b>25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – ALCA (usually in Saltford)</b></p>		