

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14TH JULY 2016

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

Also Present: 2 members of the public

Apologies: None

Declaration of Interests for this meeting: None

Ian Cannock expressed concern that the B&NES website is not displaying the council's Declaration of Interest Statements. These were sent to Electoral Services on 29th February so he will query this. Once they are in place, a link on the Shoscombe website will be available.

Minutes of the last Meeting: These were found to be correct.

PARISH PLAN	ACTION	TIMELINE
The revised questionnaire has been sent around to the council and they are happy for this to go ahead for printing. A hard copy of this will be presented to the council at their September meeting. Distribution will now take place at the end of September/beginning of October with analysis following collection. In the meantime, a meeting will take place with Survey Monkey and, at the next Parish Plan meeting, discussions will take place as to who will write which pieces/topics in the Plan itself. A progress update will be available around Christmas with the publication of the Plan still on course for Spring next year.	MU and Plan Committee	Ongoing
SCHOOL AND YOUNG PEOPLE		
It was reported that numbers at the Toddler Group have lessened so they have asked for the hall hire charge to be reduced and it will be mentioned in the blog, in a message on the Teacher to Parents system at school in the new academic year in September and a flyer will be displayed in the doctor's surgery to try and increase numbers. Fun Day at the school was a great success with everyone enjoying themselves and FoSSA, the PTA, raising funds for the school.	RC	September
Warning Signs and Proposed Enforcable 20 mph limit		

<p>The clerk has received emails from both Stefan Chiffers (Highways) and Neil Butters with costings for signs etc. The total cost for Shoscombe to undertake this ourselves would be £7,500 but it has been suggested we assess whether any neighbouring parishes would like to apply for this as well making it more cost effective for B&NES to apply to the Transport Dept. The clerk will contact Englishcombe and Combe Hay councils and Mr Butters will speak to Southstoke. We could also look at using some hand held cameras which, while not enforceable, might act as a deterrent. Mr Crowther-Russell will look into this. The Chair showed the council a letter regarding an injury to a member of the parish while she walking along the road. A cyclist, travelling at speed, hit her. An ambulance was called, she was taken to hospital and is badly bruised. This makes signage even more important. Sustrans are not responsible for the cycle track which is on the highway but they do, we believe, publish a 'Good Cycling Guide'. The clerk will also raise this issue again at the Bathavon Forum meeting.</p>	<p>JF LCR JF</p>	<p>By next meeting</p>
Village Hall		
<p>A survey of the roof has taken place, with the report being presented next week, together with discussions regarding the cladding. The role of booking secretary is being temporarily taken on and Mrs Whitchuch, a PC member, is to be the new treasurer and will ensure accounts are passed to the PC with financial issues being tidied up. Liaison between the Hall and the PC will be closer and it is planned that grant applications are investigated for improvements and the installation of a disabled toilet; one which is particularly interesting, is for capital projects for communal halls and does not require match funding. Mrs Whitchurch is looking into this.</p>	<p>BW</p>	<p>By next meeting</p>
FRACKING		
Nothing to report		
BROADBAND		
<p>There is nothing concrete to report. Mr Thomas continues to explore options.</p>		
VOLUNTEER CAR DRIVERS FOR THE ELDERLY		
<p>It was reported that the DBS applications could be expensive. In essence, a member of the community is arranging transport on an informal basis for members of the village, who would normally have difficulty getting up to the doctors, dentists, post office etc,</p>		

<p align="center">UPGRADING OF THE CINDER PATH AND CLEARANCE SCHEDULE</p>		
<p>The potential for major improvements to the Cinder path are being investigated as this is a key link within the village.</p> <p>The Chair met with a resident who is a retired civil engineer to do a survey of the cinder path. After surveying the path, a very detailed report has been produced which gives suggestions on how the path could be improved. There are grants available and there is some funding available from the Community Landfill Trust. Once work was completed there would also be the opportunity to apply for funding for the farmer to reinstate fences or hedges. We would need to discuss this with Sheila Petheridge, our footpaths officer and the landowner. It is hoped to get like-minded people involved. This will be discussed again at the next meeting in September. *****Agenda Item</p> <p>It was reported that footpath BA23/22 has had some improvements, gate latches etc. and cut backs are scheduled for 3 a year. Other footpaths' cut backs are scheduled for:</p> <p>BA23/10, BA23/5, BA23/18A, BE 23/18B - 2 cut backs a year with the Cinder Path, BA23/12, being cut 3 times a year. They do not cut BA23/8.</p>	<p>JF/LCR</p>	<p>Report at next meeting but ongoing project</p>
<p align="center">PLANNING</p>		
<p>The application for an extension at Paglynch has been approved.</p> <p>The White Hill Garages application is ongoing. Amendments regarding the workshop have been requested by Planning, we await more clarification</p>		
<p align="center">DEVOLUTION</p>		
<p>It was decided that B&NES, South Gloucestershire and Bristol move forward with public consultation on this initiative which involves devolving power and funds from Whitehall to a newly formed Authority with a mayor. It will concentrate on Transport/Strategic Planning and 19+ Skills. The consultation ends on 15th August. There are roadshows around the area and Ian Cannock will try and go to the MSN one which is scheduled for 9th August. If at the end of the year it is decided that this should ahead, there will be a mayoral election in May next year. Individuals, rather than organisations, are asked to participate in the consultation process. *****Agenda Item</p>	<p>IC</p>	<p>Report at next meeting</p>
<p align="center">LITTER BINS</p>		

<p>Following a request by the Parish Council for litter bins in two locations in the village, one in Single Hill and another along the cycle path near Paglynch, an assessment was carried out by BANES. The Cleansing Supervisor made several visits over a period of a few weeks to assess the levels of detritus that was dropped which could potentially be placed in a litter bin if one were to be placed in the two locations identified. He made particular effort to visit on the refuse/recycling domestic collection day to see if this made a difference. He also looked at the proximity to shops and schools and the ease of emptying for cleansing operatives. Also the cost of the unit, installation and maintenance was looked into.</p> <p>Taking all this into account, BANES has made the decision that on this occasion they will be declining to provide public litter bins in these areas.</p>		
FINANCIAL MATTERS		
<p>The refund of the Village Hall's proportion of the grass cutting costs will be paid shortly as will their contribution towards website expenses. Cheques were issued to ALCA - £25.00 for Good Councillor Guides, £28.00 to Mrs Withers for Notice Board expenses (magnets and keys) and £36.00 to Mr M Curtis for IT training with the Clerk.</p> <p>The Chair paid in £569.06 made up of monies and donations received during The Celebration Weekend towards the Village Plan expenses. This will be ring fenced together with earlier donations of £200. The clerk will obtain further signatory forms so other councillors can be named cheque signatories.</p> <p>Mary Upton asked if she could attend a training course entitled <u>Negotiate a better outcome in Planning</u> so she would feel better informed should a need arise for this to be put into practice. The cost is £95 plus VAT. The council unanimously agreed to fund this.</p>	MU	

DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS

No meeting in August

14th September – ALCA (normally Saltford)

22nd September – Parish Council

5th October – Bathavon Forum

12th October – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham)

20th October – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend

24th November – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend

28th November – Bathavon Forum

15th December – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend

18th January 2017 – ALCA (normally Saltford)

15th February – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham)

*****AGENDA ITEM SET PC MEETINGS FOR NEXT
CALENDAR YEAR**