

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE HELD ON
THURSDAY 23RD JUNE 2016**

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

Also present – two members of the Parish, Rosemary Nash (ALCA) and Neil Butters (who arrived at 8.15 p.m.

The Parish Council would like to express our condolences following the death of Sian Taylor the booking secretary for the Village Hall

Apologies: Ian Cannock

Declaration of Interests: None

Minutes of the last meeting: All in order with the correction of the sentence in the Village Hall section which read that marquee bookings would be restricted to 3 to 4 a year; this was deleted.

Parish Plan	Action	Timeline
Mrs Upton reported that the forwarded questionnaire has been read by the council and some corrections/amendments have been suggested; these will be incorporated into the final draft. Following proof reading, it is hoped this will be available by the next meeting on 14 th July to be re-presented to the council for them to formally accept. It can then be forwarded to the printers, printed off, with distribution and collection planned for September. The next two meetings of the Parish Plan Committee are scheduled for 21 st July and 8 th September. Following collection, the results will be collated and analysed during October/November. Many thanks to Nick Glass and Mary Upton and other members of the committee for all their hard work.	MU	By the next meeting
School and Young People		
Mrs Craddock is pleased with how the Toddler Group is going.		
Warning Signs and enforceable 20 mph limits		
Mrs Fossaceco has sent emails and left voice mails to Stefan Chiffers at B&NES about these issues and has had little response. We would like to make drivers aware of blind corners/single track roads/cycle track users/walking families etc in the village as well as being able to enforce the advisory 20 mph limit currently in place along the road to the school with this being extended to other parts of the village. Mr Butters agreed to help us with this. **** Agenda Item	JF/NB	By the next meeting
Village Hall		

<p>Mr Thomas reported back that the Village Hall has agreed to pay their proportion of the grass cutting - £392.00. Mrs Fossaceco will invoice them. There was a suggestion at the last Village Hall meeting that a disabled toilet could be installed at the Hall but this would be of considerable expense. No-one knew of grants available to help with this but Mrs Whitchurch offered to look into it for us. It was also thought that, as there is no legal requirement to install one due to the age of the building, perhaps money could be better used to enhance the outside of the building. One suggestion from Mr Wilding was cladding with a material called Plastisol. This would initially be more expensive than painting it but would last longer. It is hoped the aesthetic improvement of the outside would bring in more bookings and revenue. It was noted that the Hall also needs a new roof.</p> <p>Mr Thomas had also reported to the clerk that the grass at Applecroft was heavily overgrown. Mrs Fossaceco contacted Curo, who maintain this area, and they have already cut this. The council is grateful for their prompt response.</p>	<p>BW</p>	
<p>Village Celebration Feedback</p>		
<p>The whole weekend was great fun and very successful from the Bake Off at the school, the music at the Apple Tree, the scarecrow competition, the jazz on the Sunday and the tug of war amongst many other events. There was something for everyone. The only suggestion was a BBQ next time. There were donations to the Parish Plan which Mrs Withers will be banking. - the final amount will be reported at the next meeting. Many thanks to Mr Thomas and Mrs Aiken and all others who made this such a resounding success.</p>	<p>JW</p>	
<p>Fracking</p>		
<p>Mr Upton remarked that, while there are no further applications at the moment in this area, it was reported in the Wells Journal that the decision in North Yorkshire brings us one step nearer.</p>		
<p>Broadband</p>		
<p>Mr Thomas reported that he had met with Kevin Roper from Truespeed at Priston which has recently signed up for their broadband service. There is no doubt the speeds are high, (100 megabits) and the price is £120.00 for installation and router with an 18-month residential contract for a monthly cost of £47.50. They can provide a landline which would save line rental making this cost very competitive. Business monthly costs would be £67.50 per month. There would, however, need to be a minimum of 150 houses expressing an interest. We need to publicise this – maybe a mail drop? Mr Thomas will provide the council will copies of the brochure with details of the service.</p>	<p>GT</p>	
<p>Website</p>		

<p>This is up and running and is going well with impressive visitor stats. Mrs Craddock wondered if it could include recipes/maybe a barter page for both goods and services? Possibly a page with questions and answers? Mr Wilding asked if Mrs Aiken could look at one of the 'minute' links which doesn't appear to be in PDF format and to make the hyperlinks more 'user friendly'. Many thanks to Mrs Aiken for all she has done.</p>		
Debris/Trade waste at Single Hill		
<p>Mrs Withers reported that the waste has been largely removed following contact between the landowner and the Environment Agency. The site has now been fenced off so no further fly tipping can take place. The footpath is still accessible.</p>		
Notice Boards		
<p>There are now three new lockable notice boards. The locations are - outside the School, Single Hill, Shoscombe Vale and shortly one at The Apple Tree Inn. The one at the Village Hall will remain and the one from Shoscombe Vale will be relocated in Stoney Littleton. Ann Hunter will be in overall charge of these and will be the person who can put notices in the Single Hill one with Nick Worsfold putting them in at Shoscombe Vale and Brenda Whitchurch at the School. Notices should be of appropriate size and content and should perhaps be dated so older notices do not remain there. We need some more magnetic discs. Mrs Withers will organise this and the PC will reimburse.</p>	JW	
Volunteers car drivers for the elderly		
<p>Mrs Withers now has eight volunteers for taking people to Peasedown for the doctors/dentists/post office etc. Times and dates will be co-ordinated by Mrs Withers, she will also investigate whether DBS checks for the volunteers are necessary. Mr Crowther-Russell suggested that in the winter elderly villagers may be able to ask for some basic provisions to be picked up for them (milk etc) or a prescription in bad weather. This was felt to be a good idea. A form will be filled in by villagers to list their specific needs and/or mobility issues.</p>	JW	
Transparency IT Grant		
<p>Following receipt of the £730.00 Transparency Grant and the purchase of a laptop, printer, accompanying software etc, this has now been set up and some further training will be undertaken by the clerk. We will ask Mr Matt Curtis to look at storage on a cloud based area.</p>	JF	
Upgrading of the Cinder Path		
<p>Mrs Craddock and Mr Lee-Crowther Russell met and walked along the path noting areas that need attention. Mrs Withers would like to commission a formal survey to assess the situation. She has also looked into a Community Landfill Grant. This would necessitate a group of people with proper governance in place applying (not the PC)</p>	JW	
Planning		

<p>Both Mr Wilding and Mrs Fossaceco have tried to contact the planning officer with regard to the White Hill Garages application but with no success It is understood a decision has not yet been reached. Mr Wilding will forward his submitted objections to Mr Butters.</p>	<p>AW</p>	
Financial Matters		
<p>Cheques were issued: The Insurance annual premium - £514.86, this is based on a 3 year commitment; many thanks to Mr Wilding for negotiating such a good price for us and the Village Hall. Clerk's expenses - £63.17 Website Expenses - £101.59 to Diana Aiken (half to be reimbursed by the Village Hall.) Laptop set up and training - £48.00 to Mr Matt Curtis The clerk also distributed some financial projections and forecasts (see attached) Village Newsletter - £500.00 towards their expenses (this includes £100 from the Church)</p>		
Devolution		
<p>Mr Neil Butters spoke about this issue. It was pointed out there will be a vote by B&NES on Wednesday 29th June regarding their way forward. If the vote to proceed with devolution goes ahead then there will be a period of consultation and it will have to be accepted that there will be a mayor who will have a lot of powers and control of a devolved budget. There is a suspicion that Bristol could obtain the lion's share of the money and that Parish Councils may need to increase their precepts significantly in the future.</p>		
Dates of the next meetings		
<p>14th July – Parish Council 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)</p>		