

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2017**

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

**Also Present:** Nick Glass, Diana Aiken, Chris Upton and Neil Butters

1. **Apologies:** Mrs Craddock
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None
3. **10 minutes allocated for public participation** – No requests
4. **Minutes of the last Meeting:** These were found to be correct with the following correction to Item 6 – *‘The children will be involved with the National Litter Picking Event in March which the village will also be supporting.’*

<b>5. Presentation by Broadband providers - Truespeed</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Mr Thomas will summarise the presentation and report back to the PC at the February meeting. <b>**Agenda Item</b>	GT	At February PC meeting
<b>6. Parish Plan Steering Group Presentation</b>		
Mr Glass distributed reports both on the proposed timetable/agenda for the meeting planned for February and a summary on the questionnaire results with regard to Recycling and Energy. The suggested date for the meeting is Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February which most people are able to attend. The object will be to mobilise major action plan groups making use of the many volunteers who have made themselves known. They will be contacted and notification of this meeting will be put into the newsletter. Further discussions will take place at the next PC meeting on 9 <sup>th</sup> February. <b>** Agenda Item</b>	Steering Committee	At February PC meeting
<b>7. Village Hall</b>		
A report has already been circulated. Mrs Whitchurch reiterated the requirement by the Charity Commission for all members of the PC to be trustees and this will also facilitate the move from Natwest Bank to the Co-op Bank. The council voted unanimously for this. Health and Safety and Risk Assessments are all in hand. Mr Wilding was able reassure the council that appropriate insurance is already in place. Mr Whitchurch distributed the village hall accounts which she will do on a regular basis together with the Village Hall meeting minutes.	BW	Ongoing
<b>8. School and Young People/Play Area inspections</b>		
Mr David Gillard has undertaken a formal quarterly inspection of the village hall play-area and is willing to do this on a regular basis at a cost of £85.00 an inspection to include minor repairs. The report highlights only 2 issues that need to be addressed in the next 3 months so the clerk will ask Mr Gillard to deal with these at the next quarterly inspection.	JF	

<b>9. Fracking</b>		
Mr Upton distributed a very brief report but very little has progressed recently. A close eye will be kept on any developments though.	CU	Ongoing
<b>10. Cinder Path/Improvements to footpaths</b>		
The Chair reported that a meeting with BANES Senior Public Rights of Way Officer has been arranged re the upgrading of the cinder path. A report will be given at the next Parish Council meeting. Mr Crowther-Russell noted that many issues have now been addressed since the footpath inspection last Spring but a further 'walk about' would be very helpful.	JW/LCR	Ongoing
<b>11. History Society Display Boards</b>		
Mr Withers has submitted the planning application. His costs will be reimbursed by the PC/History Society.		
<b>12. Council to discuss whether to co-opt more councillors</b>		
This was under consideration following some concern over the workload for councillors particularly in view of Parish Plan commitments. It is hoped many of the volunteers already identified can help with this and offers were also made to spread the load more. A vote was taken and the decision taken was to leave the council at its present number. This can be addressed further, should the need arise.		
<b>13. Cycle safety</b>		
A report has already been distributed. Sustrans have been contacted by Mrs Upton. Two instances of accidents have been reported but there will be a request in the newsletter for people to report any further incidents so a log may be kept.	MU	
<b>14. Planning</b>		
The Weeks' Family re-submission 16/06/58 has been received. This is the business proposal without the residential element. Mr Wilding is proposing to respond tomorrow. We are also going to look into designing a PC logo to be used for correspondence and planning responses.	AW/JF	
<b>15. Update on Placemaking Plan</b>		
Mr Cannock sent around his report. He will compile a response.	IC	
<b>16. White Hill Drain</b>		
This was jetted on 21 <sup>st</sup> December and it is hoped this will have addressed the problem with overflow.		
<b>17. Financial Matters</b>		
Excel and word reports have already been distributed by the clerk. Cheques were issued to the clerk for her quarterly salary - <b>£540.00</b> to HMRC - <b>£135.00</b> , clerk's expenses - <b>£59.33</b> and payment to David Gillard for the play area inspection - <b>£85.00</b>		

Discussions then took place regarding the setting of the precept for the forthcoming financial year. It was decided, in order to have money in hand for any initiatives we may wish to proceed with following the Plan questionnaire, and to allow for extra expenditure for services (such as the play area inspections), we would increase the precept by £1000. This means our precept for 2017/18 will be **£8935.20**.

**DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS**

**18th January 2017 – ALCA (normally Saltford)**

**9th February – Parish Council**

**25<sup>th</sup> February – Parish Plan meeting – Village Hall 10.00 a.m.**

**8th March – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham \*\*Note date change)**

**9th March – Parish Council**

**6th April – Parish Council**

**27<sup>th</sup> April – Parish Council social event (note date change)**

**23rd May – Parish Council Annual Meeting**

**25th May – ALCA**

**8th June – Parish Council**

**28th June – Parish Liaisons**

**13th July – Parish Council**

**14th September – Parish Council**

**28th September – ALCA**

**12th October – Parish Council**

**26th October – Parish Liaisons**

**9th November – Parish Council**

**14th December – Parish Council**

**25th January 2018 – ALCA**

**28th February 2018 – Parish Liaisons**

**The meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.**