

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

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

**The council has accepted Mrs Brenda Whitchurch's resignation and thanks her very much for all she has done for and with the council.**

**Also Present:** Chris Upton, Neil Butters and Derek Withers

- 1. Apologies:** None
- 2. Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None
- 3. Public participation - none**
- 4. Minutes of the last Meeting:** These were found to be correct.

<b>5. Parish Plan Steering Group</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>
Report already circulated. The Steering Group were pleased to report 28 people attended the meeting on Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> February with many volunteers offering to lead different areas. Mr Cannock will start the pro-forma filling in process which will make areas clear on the way forward. The play-area is the only area not covered but this will be undertaken by the PC; there is no doubt this will be one of the more potentially expensive initiatives. The next PC meeting will focus almost entirely on the Plan (with only short PC essential business discussions taking place) where a draft will be considered. Data sheets have been distributed and it is hoped the Plan could be completed by the end of June and presented at Village Day? It is understood the launch can be flexible however. Each area will forward details to the clerk who will forward on.	SG plus PC and Area leaders	Progress by the next meeting in April
<b>6. Village Hall</b>		
Report already distributed. The issue with the trustees is still ongoing. Grass cutting quotes have been received and the decision to accept Mr David Cradock's quote was unanimous. The clerk will inform him of the council's decision.	JF	
<b>7. School and Young People and Play-Area</b>		
The play area has been cleared and cut back, many thanks to Chris Upton and Helena and Ray Dickson for all their hard work. Following the play area inspection and a quote for repairs to the soft surface underneath the toddler swing, it was decided that Mr Wilding would look into purchasing new mats which link together and are very hard wearing. These could be installed by a voluntary group from the PC and the village. Provisional date set is 30 <sup>th</sup> April between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m. Jet washing of the boards could also take place as well repair to the one section of the fence that needs attention.	AW plus GT and PC	

<b>8. Broadband Update</b>		
Report already circulated. At Mr Butters suggestion, Mrs Fossaceco will contact Wellow PC to see if they have any further information with regard to the legal and/or the proposed workshops.	JF	
<b>9. Fracking</b>		
A report has already been distributed.		
<b>10. Upgrading of the Cinder Path</b>		
Funding is still being sought but in the meantime the community are maintaining it. Fencing and a lowering of the hedge would help. Mr Crowther-Russell will be undertaking another footpath 'walkabout'. This will be completed by the end of May.	LCR	
<b>11. History Society Display Boards</b>		
The costs for the planning application for the display boards will be met by arrangement with Mr Neil Butters through B&NES. Mrs Fossaceco will check with NATWEST if this payment has reached the bank account. The PC will then reimburse Mr Derek Withers.	JF	
<b>12. Highways Issue with lorries ignoring Weight Limit Signs</b>		
A report has been distributed. A further incident has taken place recently so this is high priority. Following a survey, Mr Wilding has been liaising with Dale Mynett who has indicated the funds will be available in this coming financial year to update/upgrade the signage. These will be needed at various locations to warn drivers well in advance of the unsuitability of our roads. These will be passed to B&NES.		
<b>13. Village Signage</b>		
Report already distributed. We will be putting the request for enforceable 20 mph signs on hold for the moment as there are negotiations going on between the school Head Teacher, Jane Gascoigne and Mike Bowden at B&NES regarding the parking issue at and around the school.		
<b>14. Burial Board Precept 2017/2018</b>		
It is acknowledged that this expenditure is significant and has been discussed at BB meetings. Wellow PC have decided to continue but we would like to make this more 'self-funding'? Our discussions will be reported back to BB and the precept will be reviewed in October for the following year.		
<b>15. Parking Survey</b>		
Report already circulated. There are discussions taking place with the school.		
<b>16. Parish Council Social Event - 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
This will now not take place with the full business PC meeting replacing this.		

<b>17. Changes to Refuse Collections</b>		
Report already distributed. New collections will commence in the Autumn. Details will be sent via letter to all residents with their new Council Tax letters. Recycling will still be collected weekly but general waste fortnightly. 140l recycling bins or large bags will be given to households. If larger ones are needed this can be negotiated with B&NES.		
<b>18. Planning</b>		
Report distributed. No response from us as a PC was required to the Weeks' family re-submission.		
<b>19. JSP and Local Plan Meeting</b>		
Report already distributed by Mr Cannock. Requests are being made for 'land availability'. PCs will be informed if any fall in or near their parish. We are fortunate enough to be classed as RA2 and washed over by the green belt which affords us protection. This could, in the future, be re-visited. There will be further workshops as this is a 20 year plan.		
<b>20. Litter Picking Feedback</b>		
Many thanks to all who helped including all the children at school.		
<b>21. Social Media/Blog</b>		
There will be a door to door visit to encourage people to join the 100 club with interest in a village blog being sought as well.		
<b>22. Wellow Lane Re-surfacing</b>		
This is planned for 24 <sup>th</sup> April and will involve the road between Double Hill and the Cemetery.		
<b>23. Financial Matters</b>		
Spreadsheet of expenditure and forecast of carry forward figure all distributed in a report. A cheque was issued to Cradock and Sons for grass cutting for the year 2016/17 - <b>£1962.00</b> (the village hall will reimburse us <b>£450.00</b> for their proportion) A cheque was issued to the Burial Board for the annual precept - <b>£952.00</b> .		
The meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.		
<b>DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</b>		
<b>6<sup>th</sup> April – Parish Council/Parish Plan meeting</b>		
<b>27<sup>th</sup> April – Parish Council meeting</b>		
<b>9<sup>th</sup> May – Bathavon Forum</b>		
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May – Parish Council Annual Meeting</b>		
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May – ALCA</b>		
<b>8<sup>th</sup> June – Parish Council</b>		
<b>28<sup>th</sup> June – Parish Liaisons</b>		
<b>13<sup>th</sup> July – Parish Council</b>		
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