

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE HELD ON TUESDAY 24TH MAY 2016

Present: Grant Thomas, Lee Crowther Russell, Brenda Whitchurch, Jackie Withers (Chair), Mary Upton, Ian Cannock (Vice-Chair), Andrew Wilding, Rosie Craddock and Jean Fossaceco (Clerk) plus 3 members of the public.

Apologies: None

Declaration of Interests: None

Minutes of the last meeting: All in order with the date and time of the opening of the Boules pitch being changed from 2nd May to 19th May at 6pm.

Parish Plan	Action	Timeline
<p>The questionnaire has been slightly revised and will be presented to the council at the 23rd June meeting for approval. It is hoped this can then be distributed in September. Many thanks to the people who donated money towards the costs of producing this Plan.</p> <p>Mrs Upton also mentioned she had attended the Somer Valley Forum meeting and was told of two events in MSN – an Arts Festival from 17th – 25th June and a Fayre and Music Festival on the 9th July.</p>	MU	By next meeting
School and Young People		
Rosie Craddock continues to meet with the school and FOSSA, the PTA. She is also pleased about how well the toddler group is going.		
Footpaths, to include Cinder Path		
<p>A walk around the footpaths took place and any concerns reported to Sheila Petheridge who will prioritise any issues. It is hoped to improve the Cinder Path to make it more accessible with possibly a working party undertaking some 'scraping back' and maybe some boarding to prevent mud from encroaching onto the path again. We may need permission from highways, particularly if we make use of a small digger which may only cost £50.00 for a day's hire. Mr Crowther Russell will talk to Sheila Petheridge about ownership of the paths. Mr Jones has agreed to cut down/trim down some of the trees bordering the path. Rosie Craddock will also discuss this issue with Martin Young and the landowner.</p>	LCR RC	
Warning Signs at junctions and 20 mph enforceable signs		
<p>Mrs Fossaceco has emailed Mr Stefan Chiffers and also sent a reminder about these signs. It was planned that there would be a site visit but she will check if this has taken place by ringing next week. We are being led to believe from other councils that this could take some time.</p>	JF	ASAP
Village Hall and Grass Cutting		

<p>The council have settled Mr Cradock's account of £942.00 for grass cutting for the last financial year and Mr Thomas will request a contribution of £392.00 from the Hall Committee for their proportion of this. Mr Thomas has also pencilled in a date in his diary for next January to obtain tenders for this service for next year. He also presented and distributed a draft usage agreement for the Village Hall/Marquee facilities. With regard to marquee bookings these will be limited to three or four a year and only for Shoscombe residents. Notice will be given to residents and the agreement contains many safeguards. After suggesting a couple of minor modifications with regard to commercial purposes, the council asked Mr Thomas to take this back to the Hall Committee. It was confirmed that hirers are responsible for their own risk assessment. There is to be some extra car park lighting installed.</p>	GT	
Village Celebration		
<p>This will take place on 11th and 12th June and will be advertised widely in the village and near vicinity together with a mail drop. There is to be a scarecrow display and competition, music and a picnic amongst other events. Many thanks to all who have helped organise this.</p>		
Fracking		
<p>Mr Upton pointed out that the latest granting of a licence by North Yorkshire Council is worrying, particularly as they seem to be ill informed about the data regarding seismic activity. Frome are campaigning against and he will continue to attend meetings.</p>		
Broadband		
<p>Mr Thomas has been in touch with Truespeed, the company who approached us last year, and he will be report back at the next meeting. They can provide superfast broadband but he will check on pricing and any potential increases.</p>	GT	By next meeting
Website		
<p>Mrs Aiken has made progress with the new website and is just awaiting a few items outstanding. There will be a link from the old to the new and it is hoped to launch the new site in June. It is registered with Google. Mrs Whitchurch offered to go and talk to Mrs Aiken to look at log ins etc.</p>	BW	
Dam/Blockage along Wellow Brook		
<p>Mrs Fossaceco was asked to report this to the Environment Agency who came back to us to say they had undertaken a site visit but did not deem the blockage to be a flood risk. They then suggested the matter be referred to the landowner.</p>		
Builder's Waste/Debris		
<p>The issue of this goes back to when trees were taken out and burnt and now many items are being disposed of including some commercial waste. The Environment Agency has written to the landowner.</p>		
Planning		
<p>The White Hill Garages application is still being considered. There is a further application, an amendment to a permission for Paglinch farm. It is the addition of two extra windows to allow for dual aspect. The council do not object to this.</p>		

Financial Matters		
<p>A cheque were issued to the clerk for her quarterly salary - £564.00</p> <p>A cheque was issued for HMRC - £141.00</p> <p>A cheque was issued to Mrs Whitchurch in reimbursement for the purchase of the laptop and scanner - £629.44</p> <p>Insurance and Newsletter cheques will be discussed at the next meeting, Mr Wilding is still under negotiation with AON and a 3 year deal and Mrs Withers thinks the council may have to contribute more to the newsletter. *****Agenda Item</p> <p>Credits included £500 from the PCC for their contribution/ reimbursement to the PC towards the newsletter, £139.75 from NATWEST as a goodwill gesture due to bank charges and £200 donations towards the Village Plan.</p> <p>Costs so far for the website are: £50.80 each for the PC and the Village Hall. Mrs Aiken will confirm this finally at the next meeting where we will issue a cheque. *****Agenda Item</p> <p>Mrs Whitchurch has been advised that some itemisation of the clerk's expenses should be undertaken and she will make some calculations ready for the next meeting.*****Agenda Item</p>	BW	
<p>The History Group have located and sourced the original signs for Shoscombe and Single Hill Halt. These will be transported here and installed. All members of the PC were happy to sanction this as an asset.</p>		
<p>The meetings closed at 10.05 p.m.</p>		
<p>DATES OF THE NEXT MEETINGS</p>		
<p>22nd June – Bathavon Forum</p> <p>23rd June – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend - At the school</p> <p>14th July – Parish Council</p> <p>No meeting in August</p> <p>14th September – ALCA (normally Saltford)</p> <p>22nd September – Parish Council</p> <p>5th October – Bathavon Forum</p> <p>12th October – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham)</p> <p>20th October – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend</p> <p>28th November – Bathavon Forum</p> <p>24th November – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend</p> <p>15th December – Parish Council – Neil Butters can attend</p> <p>18th January 2017 – ALCA (normally Saltford)</p> <p>19th January 2017 – Parish Council meeting</p> <p>15th February – Parish Liaisons (Keynsham)</p> <p>16th February 2017 – Parish Council meeting</p> <p>16th March – Parish Council meeting</p> <p>Annual Parish Meeting – 18th May 2017</p>		