

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14th
SEPTEMBER 2023**

Present: Ian Cannock (Chair), Fiona Crockett, Tricia Wastvedt, Lisa Coles and Jean Fossaceco (Clerk)

Also Present: 2 members of the public and Matt McCabe – Ward Councillor

Co-option of new Councillor – Mr Fred Chaytors was co-opted to the Council. He signed the Declaration of Acceptance and then joined the meeting.

1. **Apologies:** Anthony Lewis and David Cradock
2. **Declaration of Interests for this meeting:** None declared
3. **10 Minutes public participation:** A member of the community has sent some suggestions for improvements to parking etc in the village particularly near the Apple Tree Inn and the school. There is also some concern over the safety about people walking between Shoscombe and Peasedown St John via Braysdown Lane and the bypass. Reference to these will be made in a forthcoming newsletter.
4. **Minutes of the last meeting:** All in order.

5. Clerk's Report	ACTION	TIMELINE
Report distributed. Since distributing the report there have been a few updates - following consultations, a decision has been taken by B&NES not to paint double yellow lines outside the Old Post Office in St Julian's Road. The complaints/issues with the WECA/DRT bus service will be discussed at the next Parish Liaison meeting in October, a response to the email to Wellow PC regarding hand held speed cameras has been received and they have sent details of how to set up a community speed watch group together with links to training and the application process. The details and links can be forwarded to any residents who express an interest, the one green 20mph sign near the school will be replaced with a red enforceable one and warning zig zags have been painted on the hill on the road from Wellow at the top of the Double Hill corner; a second set are to be added.	JF	On Request
6. Ward Councillor Reports		
Our Ward Councillor, Matt McCabe, updated the Council on progress with discussions regarding the plans to build a substantial amount of homes over the coming years. There will be a formal consultation process at the beginning of 2024 – January/February. His views would favour small groups of smaller developments making such homes more affordable. There is a Local Plan Workshop to be held on Tuesday 26 th September and TW is hoping to attend this on behalf of the Council.	TW	26/9/23
7. Financial Matters		
Following the training for the new defibrillator which was a great success and was delivered at no cost, the Council voted to donate £150.00 to the Great Western Air Ambulance in thanks for all they have done. Proposed – TW and seconded – IC. Four in favour and one abstention. The clerk will arrange this. The purchase of the Queen Elizabeth commemorative tree, stake pack and compost etc is to take place this weekend and should costs exceed £300 by a small amount the Council agreed to this.	JF	ASAP

<p>8. Somer Valley/WECA residents' consultation exercise</p>		
<p>The proposed re-routing of the cycle path along/near the old railway line has now been withdrawn.</p>		
<p>9. Shoscombe School Staff parking</p>		
<p>We are told positive discussions have taken place between the school/Academy and a local landowner with regard to leasing a piece of land for school staff parking.</p>		
<p>10. Planning</p>		
<p>The Weeks' planning application decision - 22/02664/approved – this was noted.</p>		
<p>11. Climate, Nature and Sustainability Working Group</p>		
<p>1. EV Charging Points – discussions regarding this are continuing.</p> <p>2. Planting of the oak tree – this will take place in November and will be in the area at the boules end of the Recreation Field.</p> <p>3. Concerns were raised regarding ticks in the parts of the Recreation Field that were left uncut for a period of time during NoMowMay and into June. FC will send all councillors the details of potential dangers. All considerations regarding this initiative will be assessed next year before the beginning of cutting season begins.</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>FC</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>ASAP</p>
<p>12. Councillor Reports</p>		
<p>A) Village Hall – a play inspection has taken place and two areas were highlighted in need of attention; both issues have been resolved. The notice board has now been re-located.</p> <p>B) Local Plan/HELAA – as discussed a councillor will attend the Local Plan Workshop In September which is covering rural areas.</p> <p>C) PROW – During the heavy rainfall in July, there was a problem with flooding along the footpath between Braysdown lane and Rag Hill and a subsequent issue with stones running onto Rag Hill. This was reported to our new footpaths officer, Eddie Procter and is being dealt with. The Council has received a proposal to re-route two footpaths in Double Hill – BA23/8 and BA23/9. The Council has no objection to this and will submit this response to the B&NES PROW team by 6th October. It is hoped to undertake some footpath scraping along the Cinder Path in early December; this will be mentioned in the November newsletter.</p> <p>D) School – report distributed. Decorating of classrooms and the installation of new decking have taken place during the holidays.</p> <p>E) Highways – the green 20 mph will be replaced with a red one, warning zigzags are being painted at the top of Double Hill at the Wellow end following a tragic accident earlier in the year. Following the incident where a lorry became wedged at the bottom of Green St, Highways have responded</p>	<p>TW</p> <p>JF</p> <p>Council Community</p>	<p>26/9/23</p> <p>ASAP</p> <p>December</p>

<p>very quickly to the PC's request to have a warning sign to HGVs to inform drivers of the road's unsuitability.</p> <p>F) Church/Burial Board – report distributed. Both the wall and the gate at the cemetery have now been repaired. A meeting will be scheduled shortly.</p>		
13. Defibrillator Training		
This was very informative and helpful to the 20 plus participants who attended. An informative piece was included in the last newsletter together with photographs.		
14. Tribute for Queen Elizabeth 11		
The planting ceremony of the Amelanchier tree at the play area end of the Recreation Ground near the picnic benches will take place on Saturday 14 th October at 2.45 pm followed by tea and cakes in the Village Hall.	Councillors Clerk	14/10/23
15. Proposal to install a 20 mph limit on Cycle Route 24 between Wellow and Shoscombe -- DC		
Following the re-surfacing of the road between Gullen and Wellow in Stoney Littleton, it has been proposed a limit of 20 mph be imposed to make this safer for cyclists and walkers. DC has pointed out that, due to the width of the road in places, further passing areas should be created to allow people and cyclists to pull in to let large vehicles pass. DC will liaise with our Highways engineer.	DC	At the next meeting with Highways
16. Restoration of Finger Posts		
Work, which includes surveying and measuring, is progressing with these.	Working Group	Ongoing
17. Request/suggestions for traffic restrictions/parking improvements – see Public Participation - IC		
A set of suggestions has been submitted to the Parish Council from a resident regarding possible improvements to parking/traffic restrictions in the village together with concerns over the safety of pedestrians walking/cycling from Shoscombe to PSJ and crossing the by-pass. In addition, a request to B&NES regarding a parking restriction in a specific area has been forwarded to the PC. It was suggested residents' general thoughts could be garnered via a newsletter. *** Agenda Item - November	TW/JF	Forthcoming newsletter ***November agenda item
18. Wellow Brook Water Quality		
Report distributed by FC. It has been accepted there is an ongoing issue with this and it will need to be monitored physically and online. Climate and Nature will assist with this. We await notes from the meeting and further updates from Wessex Water. November agenda Item ****	JF	***November agenda item
Dates of Next Meetings:		
<p>25th September – Bathavon Forum</p> <p>18th October – Parish Liaison</p> <p>16th November – Parish Council</p> <p>11th January 2024 – Parish Council</p> <p>7th March 2024 – Parish Council</p>		