

A Parish Council Meeting took place on Wednesday 15th January 2014. Present with Cllr Mr M Goldie in the chair were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs A Duffield, Mrs L Parsons, Mr J Yeomans & Mr A Taylor. Apologies from Cllr Mrs R Page.

1/14 The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Taylor

2/14 Interests No Interests were declared

3/14 Urgent items. The clerk announced that Mrs Page had resigned because of pressure of work. It was decided not to co-opt due to the closeness of the May Election.

4/14Matters Arising

4/14/1 Highways The clerk said potholes were being mended, she had reported a leak in Church Lane, the posts outside the village hall were not rotten enough and there had been no response from OCC regarding foliage covering signs in Plot Road. The Clerk to report more potholes by the 5 turns and in Malthouse Lane. Also to contact CDC about the state of the Malthouse Lane sign.

4/14/2 There was no NAG report

4/14/3 The telephone box. It has been painted with primer and glass ordered...

4/14/4 Industrial signage To be left on the agenda but no action at present.

4/14/5 The Snee plot. It has been tidied up and is on the market. Certain ecology conditions need to be acted on before any demolition takes place.

4/14/6 Field footpath This has been cleared by volunteers and a thank you letter sent.

5/14 The Dairyground No reports

5/14/1 there had been no response from RoSPA regarding the PC's question of the failure to note the rot in a swing post.

5/14/2 The post & safety surface have been replaced & the swings will be attached at the weekend.

5/14/3 Trees A quote for further work will be forthcoming at the end of the month.

6/14 Allotments Plot 8b Thistle Hill has been let to Mrs King. No rent payable until Sept 2014.

7/14 Finance

7/14/1 The Clerks fidelity insurance was now £100,000.

7/14/2 The Council was content with the Internal Audit Proposed by Cllr Taylor sec by Cllr Hancock

7/14/3 It was agreed the clerk remains as RFO. Pro. Cllr Goldie seconded by Cllr Duffield

7/14/4 Cllr Goldie proposed Cllr Hancock seconded that the Clerk's salary stays £700 for 2014/15

7/14/5 It was agreed to continue to subscribe to the OALC, ORCC and the OPFA.

7/14/6 The following donations were also agreed, Shutford News £75, The Village Hall £150 & the British Legion £30.

7/14/7 The risk register was read and approved.

7/14/8 Insurance The grit bin will be added to the insured list

7/14/9 Assets The grit bin will be added to the register.

7/14/10 No expenditure was expected but it was agreed that £1000 be put into a reserve for use on the Dairyground.

7/14/11 It was agreed no allowances be paid to Councillors although travelling could be claimed if agreed by the Chairman.

7/14/12 Having considered expenditure and the budget figures, it was proposed by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Goldie that the Precept remain at £6000 to continue to raise the reserves.

7/14/13 3 cheques were signed at the meeting No 100730 £75 to Shutford News a donation(i), No 100728 £50 to ORCC subscription(j) & No 100729 £40 to OPFA subscription.(j)

7/14/14 3 cheques were signed between meetings No 100725 £100 to Mr Holliday, No 100726 £75 to MR Taylor & No 100727 £25 to Mr Benford. All from the Village plan grant.(i)

8/14 Planning

8/14/1 App 13/01600/F Solar Park at Epwell Grounds & No 13/01346/F extensions at 34 The Dairyground have been passed. There were no PC objections

8/14/2 App 13/01196/F .Solar Farm on Longhill, Epwell road (as amended) has been refused. There were PC objections.

9/14 Ironstone ROMP OCC have issued a prohibition notice on the mining area. If the applicants appeal then there will be a Public Enquiry.

10/14 The Village Plan. The committee has drawn together the responses from residents. Local groups are now being asked to comment on the response to their areas. Cllr Parsons to circulate a response to Councillors and then reply on the Council's behalf. Residents who were drawn to win response prizes have had their payments (see min 7/14/14)

11/14 Home to school transport. The council had replied to the consultation by OCC objecting strongly to the proposal to remove the free bus service to the Warriner School.

12/14 Correspondence A letter from from K Jeffs regarding the footpaths from the road to the church steps was read out. Cllr Reynolds (OCC) said it was on the OCC list to do. 3 e-mails from the Shutford News had been circulated regarding a)selling vegetables from the allotments for charity (*No Objections*), b)putting a new bench at the Jame Corner (*No objections but it's position to be agreed by the PC*) and c) the making of an outdoor map of the village (*No objections but much more information was needed*)

The next meeting will be on the Wednesday 12th March 2014 at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 8.25 pm