

A Parish Council Meeting took place in the village hall on Wednesday 23rd July 2014. Present were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs A Duffield, Miss H Gibbs & J Yeomans. Apologies from Cllrs Mrs L Parsons, Mr M Goldie & Mr A Taylor

45/14 In the absence of both the Chairman & Vice-Chairman Cllr Duffield was elected to Chair the meeting after a proposal by Cllr Hancock seconded by Cllr Gibbs.

46/14 The minutes of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Hancock seconded by Cllr Gibbs

47/14 No interests were declared

48/14 Urgent business. Recently a meeting was held to determine if Shutford should rebuild the village hall. Cllr Gibbs attended and produced a report for members. It had been decided that a new build was preferred on the old site. Cost about £300,000, £100,000 had already been promised, it was hoped £50,000 could be raised with grants etc and it was suggested that the remaining £150,000 could be achieved by a Public Work Loan. As this would have to be done by the Parish Council and repaid via the precept it was agreed to ask the OALC about the legalities of a loan but do nothing else until firmer figures were available.

49/14 Matters Arising

49/14/1 Highways. It was reported that most potholes had been filled, a new fence erected in front of the village hall, two new street signs were in place by The Green although the broken sign in Plain Road was still broken.

49/14/2 NAG. Cllr Gibbs was given the wrong date but hopes to attend the next meeting

49/14/3 Nothing further on the stray dog.

49/14/4 Police visit to the Annual Parish Meeting. Cllr Gibbs has agreed to raise parking at the next NAG meeting and volunteers were called for to man speed checks. Cllr Yeomans, Mr G Reynolds & Mrs P Whittle had volunteered. Names to be passed to TVP. Shutford news to mention the need of volunteers.

49/14/5 Industrial site signage. No progress

49/14/6 Telephone box. Still under repair

50/13 The Dairyground

43/13/1 Cllr Yeomans report cited no problems although the bench & the Lych Gate needed treating and the war memorial should be cleaned. The white lines needed painting The Clerk to contact OCC.

51/14 Allotments No report

52/14 Finance

52/14/1 Audit. The Internal audit has been completed. No major concerns

52/14/2 The following cheques were signed between meetings No 100743 £39.00 to CDC for election expenses(f) also No 100741 & No 100742 both £420 to Mr Lovesey for 2 cuts (g)

52/14/3 Cheque No 100744 £420 to Mr Lovesey for 2 cuts (g) was signed at the meeting

52/14/4 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE. Following requests from residents, the Clerk & the report on the war memorial the following capital expenditure & war memorial work was debated.

- A) It was agreed to provide a dog litter bin at the top of Church Lane (cost about £130 + VAT plus £125 per year revenue) Proposed by Cllr Gibbs seconded by Cllr Duffield
- B) It was agreed to provide a dog litter bin for Lower End (costs as above but £60 has been donated by Mrs Goldie in lieu an internal audit Fee), Proposed Cllr Gibbs seconded by Cllr Duffield.
- C) It was agreed to purchase a small lockable notice board for the Jame Corner for PC notices.(Cost about £150+VAT but no revenue costs) proposed by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Hancock
- D) It was agreed to obtain an estimate for cleaning the War Memorial. There is a 50% grant available from CDC to enable work like this to be done as it is 100 years since WW1 commenced

53/14 Planning No applications had come forward

53/14/1 The Snee Plot. The clerk contacted CDC building control regarding the possibility of asbestos on site. The response was not helpful. The clerk to contact them again.

54/14 Mining application Nothing further

55/14 Village Community Plan. Nothing further

56/14 Correspondence.

A letter from OCC notified that there was to be a British Legion initiative to remember the start of WW1 by each household turning all lights out bar one between 10.00pm & 11.00pm on August 4th. A notice to be put on the board.

An e-mail from Cllr Parsons regarding non mowing of verges on The Green. Clerk to contact OCC.

An e-mail from an Epwell resident regarding the footpath past Stone Pit Cottage, This is now being cleared. It was noted that adders have been reported on this path,

A note had been received regarding the TPO on a holly tree in Malthouse Lane. The clerk to reply that the owner will need to contact CDC and ask permission to trim the tree.

The meeting ended at 8.15 pm

The next meeting will be on September 24th 2014 at 7.30pm