

A Parish Council Meeting took place in the village hall on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015. Present with Cllr A Taylor in the chair were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs A Duffield, Ms H Gibbs, Mrs L Parsons, Mr M Goldie & Mr J Yeomans. Also present were 11 electors and CClr G Reynolds

57/15 **The minutes** of the last meeting were agreed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Hancock.

58/15 **No interests** were declared.

#### 59/15 **Matters Arising**

59/15/1 Highways. The Clerk to report further potholes & overgrown hedges. Also chase up the request to plant bulbs.

59/15/2 Parking This was better. Cllr Parsons had spoken with Mr Baud and he had agreed to ask his workers to park sensibly around The Green. His offer of a planter was reluctantly refused as it would be illegal to put it on the highway,

59/15/3 NAG. No meeting had taken place. TVP are arranging a meeting next March instead of visiting Parish Councils.

59/15/4 Telephone box. No further progress

59/15/5 Speed watch. TVP had been requested to provide dates.

59/15/6 Verges OCC had provided a very old map and said they would grant the Council £311 if it decided to mow the verges. Clerk to contact Mr Prickett to get an approximate cost of 1 cut.

#### 60/15 **The Dairyground**

60/15/1 The RoSPA report has not shown anything needing attention but the bases of the uprights need checking for rot.

60/15/2 No action was needed on the asset report from Cllr Yeomans. He again praised the youngsters who used The Dairyground for its litter free appearance.

61/15 **Allotments** The rents are due on the 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. There is now a waiting list of 2

61/15/1 As there was a waiting list it was agreed a letter be sent to all those who had not worked their plots to see if they wished to surrender them.

61/15/2 Tubs. There is a need for a resident to take over a tub at the Jame Corner. A request to made in the Shutford News. A broken tub by the Tyte to be removed.

#### 62/15 **Finance**

62/15/1 Audit. There was nothing to report from the external audit

62/15/2 The following cheques were signed between meetings No 100773 £420 to Mr Lovesey for 2 cuts (g) and 100774 £78.00 to Playsafety for the inspection (g)

62/15/3 Cheques No 100777 £288.29 to CDC for dog bin emptying(g), No 100775 £72.50 to Broughton Estate for rent(a) and No 100776 £210 to Mr Lovesey for a cut(g) were signed at the meeting

62/15/4 No grant had been received from the Solar Park. The Clerk to contact Mr Della Mura.

62/15/5 No payroll provider has been appointed but the Clerk to speak with Mrs Wright.

#### 63/15 **Planning**

63/15/1 The CDC Local plan has passed all its stages and is now the main planning document for Shutford.

63/15/2 App 5/1479/F change of use from personal to business use at The Stables, Sibford Rd has been passed

63/15/3 App15/01010/Q56 Conversion of Jesters Barn to residential has been refused.

63/15/4 Cllr Goldie will contact the builder of The Cottage site, Ivy Lane is ensure that any asbestos removal is done correctly.

64/15 **Village Hall** Following the resolution at the last meeting (Min 56/15) the clerk had circulated a report outlining the process the Council & the Village Hall committee had taken to present to the village the full facts & figures concerning the possible use of a Public Works Loan to part fund the rebuilding of the Hall. The Chairman went through all the pertinent points and fully explained the responses of the hall committee to a series of questions regarding the funding and future running costs of a new hall. The Chairman then proposed the Council vote on the Proposal that the Council apply for Permission to Borrow £150,000 to be paid back over 25 years by an addition to the precept.

This proposal was lost by Five votes to Two.

Having listened to the detailed presentation by the Chairman and having taken into consideration the village survey, the letters and articles in the Shutford News, reports from village meetings plus the work done by the village hall committee to explain to the village and to the Council the need for a new hall also the recently received financial updates it was felt that the Council was unable to commit the village Council Tax payers to repaying the loan over 25 years due to the large increase in Council Tax as well as possible pressures that may occur in the future.

65/15 **Correspondence.** This had been circulated. Cllr Parsons agreed to go to a meeting with the OCC leader at Oxford if she was able to. Cllr Gibbs is to attend a training session at Bloxham next week. Nobody wished to attend the Parish Liaison meeting on Nov 11<sup>th</sup> at Bodicote house.

66/15 AOB The Clerk to contact OCC about dangerous roots in the path between 9 & 11 The Dairyground.

The meeting ended at 9.15pm

The next meeting will be on November 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 at 7.30pm