

A Parish Council Meeting took place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00 pm. Present were Cllrs Mrs R Hancock, Mrs A Duffield, Mrs L Parsons and Miss H Gibbs. Apologies from Cllrs Mr M Goldie & Mr J Yeomans. About 25 residents attended but most left after the hall debate.

**1/15** In the absence of the Chairman & Vice-chairman Cllr Parsons was elected as Chairman for the initial item.

**2/15** Due to a Councillor missing 6 months of meetings and there being no call for an elections the Council were able to co-opt a resident to fill the vacancy. 3 residents had sent their CVs in and were allowed time to address the Council. They were Ms Debbie Pitt, Mr Ken King & Mr Ashley Taylor. Mr King withdrew from the election and Mr Taylor was elected, signed the acceptance paper and joined the Council. Cllr Parsons thanked Ms Pitt & Mr King for their willingness to stand.

**3/15** As there was no Chairman an election was held to fill the position until next May. Cllr Taylor was elected and signed the declaration and took over the Chair. Proposed by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Parsons

**4/15 Interests** Cllrs Parsons & Duffield declared that they were members of the Village Hall Management Committee and would remain in the meeting for the discussion and vote on the hall.

**5/15 The meeting then adjourned to allow the village hall steering group to explain their thoughts and ideas about rebuilding the Hall. The possible cost of £300,000 would be met by donations (£100,000), grants about £50,000 and, should the Parish Council agree, a Public Works Loan of £150,000 to be repaid through the Precept over 25 years. It had been estimated that this might cost about £45/year on a band D house whose present precept is about £27. It was emphasised that this was the only possible financial way for the money to be raised in the immediate future.**

**6.15 The meeting resumed** following a lengthy debate it was proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Gibbs that “ *in principal the Council accepted the need for a loan but it should be subject to a full and independent consultation with the whole village*”. It was also agreed a village meeting might be necessary. The motion was passed by 3 votes to 0 with 2 abstentions. The Clerk to contact OALC about possible ways of consultation.

**7/15 The minutes** of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Hancock

### **8/15 Matters arising**

8/15/1 Highways The Clerk reported more potholes had been marked recently, the parking was better at the top of Malthouse Lane, there would be no renewal of white lines until the new financial year & better weather and that OCC will only mow the verges in the village twice with sightlines three times. The Clerk will report to highways the broken grit bin and complain about the state of the Epwell road verge.

8/15/2 NAG Cllr Gibbs reported the meetings keep being cancelled.

8/15/3 Telephone box It is now complete except for the glass which will be fitted when it is in place. It was agreed it could go on the Jame Corner site adjacent to the bus shelter, Its use to be discussed at another meeting (It was agreed that any information available to be circulated)

8/15/4 Industrial signage No further progress

8/15/5 Speed Check. The Clerk to notify TVP of the names of the volunteers.

8/15/6 War Memorial Cllr Taylor had agreed to accept the lowest quote from Richard Noviss from Hook Norton subject to grant being available from CDC. It has now been confirmed that there would be a grant of £500. It was proposed by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Hancock that Mr Noviss be asked to clean & tidy the memorial, QUOTES Hayward Ltd £2600. Trevor Dean £800 & Richard Noviss £593.

8/15/7 Cllr Parsons had written a summary of the Parish Council’s work for the Shutford News. This had been well received and she was thanked by the Council.

8/15/8 Boundary Commission has suggested that Shutford be included in a new enlarged CDC Ward that will be represented by 3 Councillors consisting of the old Cropredy, Wroxton and Sibford wards.

8/15/9 The dog bins will be erected this month. It was agreed that 3 more posts in Church Lane need replacing.

### **9/15 The Dairyground**

9/15/1 It was noted that moss needs to be cleared from some of the safety surfaces and an eye needs to be kept on one of the swing supports.

9/15/2 It was proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Duffield that the bench be replaced as the back has broken off.

**10/15 Allotments** No report

### **11/15 Finance**

11/15/1 The Clerks fidelity insurance was now £100,000.

11/15/2 The Council was content with the Internal Audit.

11/15/3 It was agreed the clerk remains as RFO. Pro. Cllr Hancock seconded by Cllr Duffield

11/15/4 Cllr Taylor proposed Cllr Gibbs seconded that the Clerk's salary rises to £800 for 2015/16

11/15/5 It was agreed to continue to subscribe to the OALC, ORCC and the OPFA.

11/15/6 The following donations were also agreed, Shutford News £75, The Village Hall £150 & the British Legion £30.

11/15/7 The risk register was read and approved.

11/15/8 Insurance The dog litter bins will be added and it was agreed to insure the telephone box for £3000 when it is in place at the Jame Corner

11/15/9 Assets Dog bins will be added and the Telephone box added to the insured list. For audit purposes the PC has to use the purchase price for ever. However for insurance purposes the prices are replacement value

11/15/10 It was agreed another £1000 be put into a reserve for use on the Dairyground and money set aside for a new bench & noticeboard in next year's budget

11/15/11 It was agreed no allowances be paid to Councillors although travelling could be claimed if agreed by the Chairman.

**11/15/12 Having considered expenditure and the budget figures, it was proposed by Cllr Taylor seconded by Cllr Hancock that the Precept remain at £6000 to continue to raise the reserves.**

11/15/13 4 cheques were signed at the meeting No 100757 £75 to Shutford News a donation(i), No 100755 £50 to ORCC subscription(j), No 100754 £40 to OPFA subscription(j) and No 100756 £300 to Richard Noviss as first instalment for cleaning the War Memorial.

11/15/14 4 cheques were signed between meetings No 100750 £174.34 to CDC for dog bin emptying(j), 100752 £30 to The British Legion for a wreath and Nos 100751 & 100753 £420 & £210 to Mr Lovesey for 2 cuts & 1 cut.

### **12/15 Planning**

12/15/1 App 14/01732/F First floor extension at Shutford Grounds & 14/01732/F A new summer house at Bayliffe's Cottage have been passed. There were no PC objections

12/15/2 App 14/02068/F Variation of Condition 4 of 05/1479/F (Change of stable use from private to business along the Sibford Road for Mr & Mrs Rowley No PC comments

12/15/3 App 13/01196/F .Solar Farm on Longhill, Epwell road has been to appeal which has been dismissed.

**13.15 Ironstone ROMP** It has been reported that the applicants have withdrawn their appeal against the prohibition notice.

**14/15 The Village Plan.** No further progress

**15/15 Correspondence** has been circulated

The next meeting will be on the Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm The meeting ended at 9.15 pm