

A Parish Council Meeting took place in the village hall on Wednesday 11th March 2015. Present with Cllr A Taylor in the chair were Cllrs Mrs A Duffield, Mrs L Parsons, Mrs R Hancock, Miss H Gibbs, Mr M Goldie and Mr J Yeomans.

16/15 **Interests** Cllr Parsons is a member of the village hall committee.

17/15 **The minutes** of the last meeting were signed as a correct record after a proposal by Cllr Duffield seconded by Cllr Parsons

18/15 **Matters Arising**

18/15/1 Highways Two potholes in Malthouse Lane & Little Hill have been marked. The water in the Epwell Road had been reported and the clerk to complain about the state of the road near Shenington Airfield.

18/15/2 NAG Cllr Gibbs reported there had been no meeting.

18/15/3 Industrial Signage No further progress

18/15/4 Parking It was reported the parking at the junction of The Green & West Street was again causing problems.

18/15/5 Telephone box. A concrete pad had been laid at The Jame Corner. Cllr Gibbs mentions a possible use could be for a defibrillator. To go to the next meeting, but needs electricity for temperature control.

18/15/6 Speed checks. The PCSO in charge has moved on and we are waiting to be contacted by her replacement. Major concern has again been expressed by residents about speeding cars both in Ivy Lane/ Lower End and at the entrance to the village from the Epwell Road. The Clerk to contact OCC to see if the 30 MPH sign could be moved further out.

18/15/7 War memorial This will be cleaned when the weather improves.

18/15/8 Dog litter bin. Following complaints about the siting in Church Lane and Mr Cadbury's willingness to have it in his field the clerk will contact CDC to see if they will collect from 15 yards in the field.

19/15 **The Village Hall**

19/15/1 Following the resignation of Cllr Duffield from the hall committee Cllr Goldie proposed & Cllr Taylor seconded that her replacement be Cllr Gibbs. This was agreed.

19/15/2 The Council had been made aware of a FoI request to CDC about the number of houses in all the Council tax bands and the effect rises in the Precept of £8234 and £5900 would have. The Clerk was not aware of how the figures had been arrived at.

19/15/3 Survey The PC had received from the ORCC an outline of how a survey within the village regarding the Public Works Loan, might be carried out at a cost of £500 plus VAT. It was proposed by Cllr Parsons seconded by Cllr Yeomans that the Council employ ORCC to conduct an independent survey of the village. The final wording of the survey to be agreed by a working group of Cllrs in consultation with the ORCC.

20/15 **The Dairyground**

20/15/1 There was a branch that needed cutting back. Cllr Taylor agreed to do this and also measure the distance between the leg fittings for the new bench.

20/15/2 Cllr Yeomans' asset report showed no concerns and he commented on the neatness of road side hedges.

21/15 **Finance**

21/15/1 The following cheques were signed at the meeting No 100759 £50.96 to Mrs B E Reynolds for expenses(f), No 100760 £72.50 to Broughton Estate for rent(a), No 100762 £87.17 to CDC for dog litter

bin emptying(b) No 100763 £210 to The Village Hall for hire (£60)(j) & a donation(£150)(i) &(No 100761 £133.07 to OALC for subs (f).)*

21/15/2 The following cheques were signed between meetings No 100759 £768.40 to D Tonks for Clerk's salary £700 & PAYE fee £68.40(f)

21/15/3 After April 1st agendas will be able to be sent out electronically. Cllrs Taylor, Goldie, Gibbs and Parsons were happy to receive them this way.

21/15/4 A paper authorising the clerk to transfer money between accounts was also signed

21/15/5 An offer of a grant of £1500 from the owners of the Solar Park at Epwell Grounds has been accepted and the PC awaits the money. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Bart Della Mura for the offer when the grant is received

22/15 **Planning**

22/15/1 Apps No 14/0732/F a glass room for Mr Goodwin at Shutford grounds and No14/02168/F a new village hall have been passed with no objections except for one Cllr against the Hall.

22/15/2 Apps No 15/00223/F a greenhouse for Mr Goodwin at Lower Barn. Shutford Grounds and No 15/00218/F a terrace of 5 houses for Hawkins Estate at The Cottage, Ivy Lane are out for consideration.

23/15 **Mining update** The prohibition notice has been confirmed by the Sec of State so the threat of mining near the village has been lifted. The Chairman expressed thanks to all the villagers who had helped in the campaign.

24/15 **Village Plan** No further progress

25/15 Correspondence This had been circulated. It was agreed a litter pick would take place on Saturday April 11th at 9.30am.

The meeting ended at 8.40 pm

The next meeting will be the AGM on May 6th at 7.00pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm

**This will be confirmed when the minutes are signed*