

SHOBROOKE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th July 2014 in the Village Hall

Clerk: John Wilkinson, 4 Silver Way, Shobrooke, Crediton, Devon, EX17 1HP

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Present: Cllr C. Furse, Cllr N. Dyson, Cllr R. Ayre, Cllr Curle, Cllr C. Boulton, Cllr F. Harper, Cllr R. Dawkins, Cllr M. Squires, Cllr J. Lee, Cllr P. Hare-Scott.

1. Public Questions.

None.

2. Apologies.

An apology for lateness was received from Cllr J. Lee

3. Minutes.

Following the removal of a small section, the minutes of the June 2014 meeting were signed as a true and accurate record.

4. Declarations of Interest.

A personal interest was declared in section 7, Allotments, by Cllrs Furse, Boulton, Harper and Dawkins.

5. Roads and Footpaths.

5:1 Camps Bridge. Some repairs have been done though no substantial rebuilding has gone on. An assurance that fundamental reconstruction is planned for the current year. Money for this is reputed to be on hand.

5:2 Road safety suggestions. The Clerk was asked to repeat the email sent to Bob King who had been asked to attend the village to evaluate suggestions for safety improvements put forward by councillors.

5:3 A road closure notice had been circulated by the Clerk.

5:4 Cllr Boulton had attended a meeting at which the use of a radar gun could be used to monitor passing traffic and its possible use in solving the alleged traffic speeding problem in the village. The police involved in this were invited to visit the village to demonstrate the apparatus but it was pointed out that the gun could not be used for its stated purpose because it is not licensed. The members stated the intention to attend this demonstration

6. Playing Field.

The Clerk reported that there was an account to settle (see Finance)

7. Allotments.

Cllr Lee distributed the minutes and report from the meeting held by the three 'independent' councillors who had met as requested by the Parish Council with Mr D Boulton to hear his accusations regarding the running of Shobrooke Allotment Association. Cllr J Lee went on to thank Cllr Dyson for agreeing to minute the meeting held on June 25 2014 as it was felt that the Clerk had compromised his impartiality.

Because of the nature of this, an extraordinary meeting was called for Monday 14th July 2014 which will be held in the Lower Restaurant of the Red Lion. This will take the form of an

open meeting to begin which will then become a closed meeting from which all but Parish Council personnel will be excluded.

To facilitate those councillors who were allotment tenants, a dispensation was applied for from the Monitoring Officer at MDDC.

8. Finance.

8:1 The current bank statement was presented without comment. The £1143.00 remaining from the 'Invest in Devon' grant was placed in the deposit account and must be earmarked for use in the playground.

8:2 A corrected annual audit was presented to the meeting, the Clerk explaining that alterations had to be made in respect of the Council Tax Support Grant which had not been correctly inserted into the total due to a lack of instruction.

8:3 The Clerk reported that the annual insurance policy had been renewed at a cost of £270.05, a saving of £175.70.

8:4 The two accounts listed were settled

8:4:1 ROSPA inspection fee 396.00

8:4:2 J. Wilkinson Clerks £278.61

Two cheques had been made out between meetings, AON Insurance 3270.05 and Country Matters £99.77 These were proposed for ratification by Cllr Ayre, second by Cllr Dyson.

9. Planning.

14/00632/FULL Installation of a 4 KWp ground mounted photovoltaic system. West of Parish hall, Cruwys Morchard, courtesy application from adjoining parish. No objection.

14/01038/FULL Installation of doemers and increase in roof pitch, Mill View. No objection.

14/00513/FULL Change of use of agricultural land for the formation of residential vehicular access, Bridel Cottage. No objection.

10. Snow Warden and Community Watch

Nobody has yet come forward to volunteer from either of these posts. It was suggested that an advertisement be placed in the Crediton Courier, Cllr Dyson to report on costs etc.

11. Sale Of Allotment Land.

Only rumours are circulating currently, there being no hard evidence of a purchaser. Since the PC were the long-term tenants of the land it was felt to be justified to approach the Silverway Partnership and ask whether a purchaser had been identified.

12. Chairman's Reports.

The Chairman said that there was, as yet, no replacement for Cllr Finning. The Clerk had informed MDDC of the vacancy. Cllr Furse said that it would be an improvement if a candidate could be found from one of the more outlying districts of the parish.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm. Next meeting Tuesday September 9th.
