

# Shobrooke Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 10 May 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Parish Councillors, PCSO Lisa Crocker, PC Dave MacFadden, 1 member of public and the Clerk

### 1. Apologies

Cllr P Hare-Scott, MDDC and Cllr M Squires, DCC

### 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 12 May 2015

Agreed and signed as a true record

### 3. Chairman's Report

I'm pleased to report that this year has been without any major events or problems and seems to have run reasonably smoothly. I would like to give particular thanks for this to our Clerk, Jane, for her excellent administration and support. My gratitude must also go to the members of the Parish Council one and all for their invaluable input and help. I would like to thank Darren Fox as Playing Fields representative and Fred Harper for his efforts as Footpath Warden. It seems Shobrooke is regarded as a model parish for its footpaths, with virtually all stiles having been replaced with gates, making access available to all members of the community.

I am pleased to confirm that the War Memorial has now been awarded Grade II listed status which will help protect it for the long term future.

We are in the process of replacing the playing field fencing hopefully with the aid of S106 money.

Parishioners concerns regarding traffic speeding through the village are on-going and proving difficult to resolve. We will continue to work on this issue with the help of the Local Community Police Officer.

After a great deal of effort by the Village Hall Committee, the work to the hall has now been completed and its re-opening was celebrated in the Autumn. The hall is much improved and able to be enjoyed by the whole community.

Finally, my thanks go to Cllr Peter Hare-Scott, MDDC and Cllr Margret Squires, DCC for their support and input over the last year.

### 4. Parish Council Financial Statement for year ending 31 March 2016

These were presented to the meeting and noted.

### 5. Update from Police

Lisa Crocker, PCSO and PC Dave MacFadden provided an update. PC Keith Bradshaw had moved to Exeter and the appointment of a new Neighbourhood Beat Manager should be confirmed shortly. Over the past year there had been 29 calls to the police and 17 crimes reported for the Shobrooke area. These are listed below for information. Year on year, crime is going down and Shobrooke, together with the whole of Mid Devon, remains a safe place to live. Only 20% of police time is spent on crimes, with 80% being spent on safeguarding issues. Budget challenges mean that approx. £20million is still to be saved and this might be more depending on the outcome of the Police Funding Formula review due in November/December. Funding for PCSO is guaranteed until 2017. Devon and Cornwall Police is being strategically aligned with the Dorset Force and this is allowing some sharing of resources. However, the local police team is under staffed and does not have the five 24/7 response officers that it should. The proposal to knock down Crediton police station and replace it with four houses, one of which would be a police house, is currently on

hold due to lack of funds. Following a question about how to progress a Community Speed Watch initiative, PCSO Lisa Crocker stated that two monitoring exercises had been carried out in Shobrooke. However, the results did not show a significant problem. PC Dave MacFadden advised that parishioners should report speeding incidents so that an overall picture of the frequency could be obtained and if sufficient reports were received the matter could then be referred to the relevant safety committee for further action. Without this evidence there is no further police action that can be taken at this time.

Cllr R Ayre thanked Lisa and Dave for attending.

## **6. Public Participation/Questions**

There were no further questions

Shobrooke

Calls to police over the last 12 months

4 x ASB related

1 x Animal Welfare

5 x Concern for welfare

4 Suspicious Males/vehicles in area

6 x Dangerous Driving/parking/vehicle related

1 x Alarm

2 x Events/Information

3 x Domestic related

1 x Flood

2 x Drug related

Crimes reported to police over the last 12 months

3 x Domestic related

1 x Blackmail

2 x Dog related

1 x Assault

1 x Criminal Damage

3 x Theft

2 x Burglary

1 x Poaching

1 x Drink driver

1 x Drug related

1 x Firearm related

Figures supplied by PCSO Lisa Crocker

The meeting closed at 7.25pm