

Shobrooke Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 8 March 2016

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Cllr R Ayre (Chairman) Cllr C Furse
Cllr B Curle Cllr L Pitts

In attendance:

J Hole, Parish Clerk

Business to be Transacted

Public Participation

There were no members of public present

Formal Business

1/03/16 Apologies

Cllr C Boulton (hospital), Cllr R Steer (working), Cllr A Jones (family commitment), Cllr J Lee (away) Cllr P Hare-Scott, MDDC (another meeting) and Cllr M Squire (DCC) (another meeting)

2/03/16 Declaration of Interest

Allotments - Cllr C Furse

3/03/16 Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 9 February 2016

These were agreed and signed as a true record

4/03/16 Mid Devon District Council

4.1 Planning Applications:

16/00224/FULL - Erection of a garden/storage shed with formation of adjoining hardstanding at Rivington Barn, Shobrooke – no comment

4.2 Planning Decisions: None

5/03/16 Road and Footpaths

5.1 Outstanding Road and Footpath issues

- I. Traffic speeding in the village. PCSO Lisa Crocker had advised that further police evaluation was required before it could be determined if a community speed watch in Shobrooke could be justified. This would be carried out as soon as possible depending on availability of officers
- II. Footpath 5: Damaged waymarker post at the southern end near Lower Coombe needs replacing Footpath Warden to action
- III. Footpath 6: The two large gateposts on the northern side of the stream at the midpoint of this path are loose. The posts need to be tightened up. Footpath Warden to action
- IV. Footpath 13: Two hand rails are needed at the southern end where it drops down onto Church Lane – work complete – remove from list. **Clerk to confirm** with Footpath Warden if there are two handrails either side or just one handrail in two parts.
- V. Footpath 22: The broken post in the gateway to the path opposite Shute Farm entrance needs to be fixed or replaced. Robert Ayre to action

- VI. Blocked drain at Exeter Hill/ Exeter Hill Cross towards Shobrooke, Raddon Top to West Raddon and on the road by Rew Cross and at Efford - reported to DCC. **Clerk to follow up.**
- VII. Poor road surface by church – reported to DCC
- VIII. Tractors/trailers mounting grass verge outside lane entrance to Moor Farm – MDDC had confirmed that they would be installing bollards to prevent this happening.
- 5.2 New issues identified
Slippery steps had been reported opposite the Old Post Office. The Clerk had contacted MDDC who would investigate and attend to the problem.

6/03/16 Finance

- 6.1 To approve signatures for this month's cheques

Cllr C Furse and Cllr B Curle

- 6.2 Parish Council payments Current Account:

These were agreed as:

Item	Payee	Purpose	Amount £
6.2.1	Country Matters	Hand rail FP13/weld mesh to bridge	236.59
		Stile replacement FP21 (materials plus labour)	293.15
		Stile replacement FP21 (materials plus labour)	235.51
		Stile replacement FP21 (labour only)	155.74
6.2.2	J Hole	Salary and expenses	153.52
		Computer purchase	449.98

£1,524.49

It was noted that MDDC had agreed to pay a footpath grant of £1,500. Once this had been received the Clerk would send the cheque to Country Matters for the work details above. Seven stiles had been identified for replacement with gates. DCC had agreed to provide the materials required for this work so the grant would only need to cover the cost of labour and travel.

- 6.3 Parish Council payments received:

Item	Payee	Purpose	Amount £
6.3.1	DALC	Transparency grant for computer purchase	478.33

£478.33

Clerk to find out cost of computer protection for a five-year period.

- 6.4 Balances

6.3a Parish Council Current Account balance: £274.14

6.3b Parish Council Footpath balance (in above current account figure): (- £617.54 grant of £1,500 due from DCC)

6.3c Parish Council Reserve Account balance: £5,783.94

- 6.4 Financial Statement and Budget Monitor

These were noted.

7/03/16 Matters raised by the Chair

None

8/03/16 Councillor's Reports

- 8.1 To consider any Councillor reports for areas of responsibility

8.1a To receive a report from Raddon Hills meeting

Cllrs R Ayre and C Boulton had attended the last meeting and the notes from the meeting had been circulated. Cllr R Ayres noted that Highways related matters had raised a lot of discussion. The Group had agreed to send a letter to the Chief Executive of DCC outlining the problems and issues experienced. The possibility of employing a Raddon Hills lengthsmen had also been discussed but this was agreed as too expensive and would not be pursued.

9/03/16 Clerk's Report

- 9.1 Annual Parish Meeting, Tuesday 10 May - update
The Clerk reported that Lisa Crocker, PCSO would be able to attend the meeting. **Clerk to confirm a topic with her.**

10/03/16 Parish Council

- 10.1 Playing Field
10.1a To consider latest Inspection Report and note work required to repair wooden boards at top of slide.
Repair work had been carried out to replace the two damaged boards at the top of the slide. The latest inspection report noted that the area around the roundabout was slippery. **Clerk to request** Darren Fox to jet once the grass is drier. It was noted that the wood surrounding the roundabout required replacing. **Clerk to ask** Darren Fox if he could replace.
- 10.1b To note playground inspection by RoSPA
This was booked for March and would cost £100.80
- 10.2 To note response from DCC re accessibility of bus services
DCC Transport Co-ordinating officer had confirmed that for less well used rural services, such as the 347 and 679, a minimum 16 seater vehicle is required, however there is no requirement to have low-floor accessibility. For more frequent services a low floor accessible bus is required and this includes the 870 bus to Tiverton.
- 10.3 To consider the cost of a litter bin with a lid
MDDC's preferred supplier did not supply a bin with a lid and the Clerk had been unable to find another company that did supply a bin with a lid. It had been suggested that a note be put on the current litter bin advising parishioners not to place dog waste in the bin. However, MDDC had confirmed that dog waste could be disposed of in any bin. **The Clerk was asked to find out when the MDDC survey** of dog bins would be completed and to update the parishioner who had raised concerns.

11/03/16 Miscellaneous Correspondence

MDDC Landscape Implications of Solar PV proposals – supplementary planning document available at: <https://new.middevon.gov.uk/media/191651/landscape-sensitivity-assessment.pdf>
A letter of thanks for the grant from Crediton and District Community Transport

12/03/16 Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda

The proposed new development of 300 houses at Creedy Bridge. **Clerk to find out more information.**

13/03/16 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 12 April 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Part II

13/03/16 Playing fields

- 13.1 To consider the revised quote to provide and install 23 galvanised angle iron posts for the east fence at the playing fields.
The revised quote had been circulated. It was resolved to purchase galvanised iron posts for the east fence. **Clerk to contact contractor to confirm** and request contractor to start as soon as possible
- 13.2 To consider the revised quotes received for the south fence.
Three quotes had been received. It was resolved to wait for the outstanding quotes before deciding. **Clerk to chase** for next meeting. MDDC had advised that there was £1,900 in the S106 funding pot.

End of formal business

The meeting closed at 8.30pm