

Shobrooke Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 13 September 2016

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Cllr R Ayre (Chairman)	Cllr J Ingham
Cllr C Boulton	Cllr A Jones
Cllr B Curle	Cllr J Lee
Cllr C Furse	Cllr L Pitts

In attendance:

Cllr P Hare-Scott, MDDC (left 8.05pm), Cllr M Squires, DCC (arrived 8pm), 1 member of public (left 7.40pm), J Hole, Parish Clerk

Business to be Transacted Public Participation

Fred Harper, Footpath Warden, gave a verbal report based on his written report which had been circulated to Councillors. He highlighted the work undertaken to date this financial year and noted that four stiles were scheduled for replacement with gates in the next few weeks. A new rail on FP14 and a repair to the gate closer on FP57 were required. The annual footpath inspection was underway and would continue into the autumn. There was a healthy sum of money in the footpath budget, which it was hoped could be carried forward to the next financial year if it was not all spent. Councillors congratulated Fred on the excellent condition of the footpaths around the parish and thanked him for his work.

Formal Business

01/09/16 Apologies

Cllr A Ripper (holiday)

02/09/16 Declaration of Interest

None

03/09/16 Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 12 July 2016

Agreed and signed as a true record

04/09/16 Mid Devon District Council

4.1

Planning Applications:

16/01310/FULL - Conversion of redundant agricultural building to dwelling at NGR 287346 99975 (Wyke Farm) Shobrooke – no comment

4.2

Planning Decisions:

16/00792 - HOUSE – erection of a first floor extension and garage at 1 Burrington Drive Shobrooke EX17 1AU – permission granted

16/00950/HOUSE and 16/00965/LBC - Erection of a single storey orangery extension to side elevation at Shute Manor Shute Shobrooke Crediton Devon EX17 1BW – application withdrawn

4.3

To consider comments on MDDC Street Cleansing Review

MDDC had sent a questionnaire and map showing the location of dog waste bins and litter bins in the parish and this had been circulated to councillors. MDDC were

considering changing from separate bins to dual bins in which both dog waste and litter could be deposited as both are disposed of at the same waste site. Councillors were generally in favour of dual bins but would request that such bins were not sited too near to properties and had lids to prevent problems with smell and flies. It was resolved to ask MDDC to supply the kit for litter pickers and then to request volunteers, via the next edition of The Brooke, to undertake litter picking – **Clerk to action**. Cllr L Pitts would be happy to organise a group litter pick on a regular basis or as required. **Clerk to complete the questionnaire** accordingly and correct the location of two dog bins on the map which are shown as in the parish but are not.

05/09/16 Road and Footpaths

- 5.1 Outstanding Road and Footpath issues
- I. Traffic speeding in the village – no update
Cllr J Lee reported green signs in Morchard Bishop stating “20 will do” placed under the 30mph signs. **Clerk to find out** more details.
 - II. Blocked drains at Exeter Hill/ Exeter Hill Cross towards Shobrooke, Raddon Top to West Raddon, road by Rew Cross, Efford, outside Setters and Church lane - reported to DCC
Drains were still blocked at Exeter Hill
 - III. Poor road surface by church – reported to DCC/no update
- 5.2 New issues identified
- Poor road surface outside Zephyr – **Clerk to report**
- Cllr B Curle reported that the gate posts on the permissive path at the allotments was rotten and needed to be replaced. Under the permissive path agreement the Parish Council were responsible for their maintenance. **Clerk to obtain a quote** for a galvanised metal post. It was noted that the padlock for the allotment gates which had been agreed as necessary in the meeting held on 31 March 2105 had not been installed. **Clerk to remind** Darren Fox to install.
- Vehicles were parking on the footpath near to the Playing Fields blocking pedestrians from using it. Cllr C Boulton declared a personal interest in this matter. A vehicle was also parking in front of the playing field gate. It was resolved to source a sign on a post stating “no parking on the footpath” and Cllr C Boulton agreed to find out details of signs available.
- It was resolved to proceed with the rail on FP14 and to repair the broken gate closer on FP57 as outlined in the Footpath report. **Clerk to confirm** with Footpath Warden

06/09/16 Finance

- 6.1 To approve signatures for this month’s cheques
Cllr C Furse and Cllr J Lee

- 6.2 Parish Council Payments Current Account:
These were agreed as follows:

Item	Payee	Purpose	Amount £
6.2.1	A Jones	Reimbursement for materials for footpath map	46.71
6.2.2	J Hole	Salary and expenses	266.44
			£313.15

- 6.3 Parish Council Payments received:
None
- 6.4 Balances:
- 6.4a Parish Council Current Account balance: £4,989.81
 - 6.4b Parish Council Footpath balance (in above current account figure): £1,882.46
 - 6.4c Parish Council Reserve Account balance: £5,785.38
- It was resolved that the £150.00 top-up given to the footpath account last year should be moved back to the Parish Council budget.
- 6.5 Financial Statement and Budget Monitor
These were noted.
- 6.6 To note the conclusion of the Annual Return for 2015/16
The external audit had been completed and an unqualified report received.

07/09/16 Matters raised by the Chair

7.1 None

08/09/16 Councillor's Reports

8.1 To consider any Councillor reports for areas of responsibility
Cllr L Pitts reported that the neighbourhood watch sign would be placed under the village sign rather than the 30mph speed sign

09/09/16 Clerk's Report

9.1 None

10/09/16 Parish Council

10.1 Playing Field

10.1a To consider latest Inspection Report

The latest report raised no new issues.

10.2b Update on repairs to the wood surrounding the soft matting around the roundabout
Cllr B Curle reported that the parishioner identified at the last meeting would not be able to carry out the work and Cllr B Curle offered to obtain quotes for the work.

10.3c Update on south fencing – contractor expects to start work mid October

Although the contractor had initially advised that he would start and finish the work in September he had now stated that he would start the work in mid October. **Clerk to advise** contractor of date of next meeting when his invoice could be paid, otherwise payment would be delayed until November.

10.4d To agree e-mail consultation with local families (as suggested by Playing Fields rep) re a wish list of new equipment for the playground. Such list to be sent to MDDC to register as expenditure against funding from new dwellings.

It was resolved that an e-mail consultation should go ahead together with a note in the next edition of The Brooke to ensure that as many parishioners as possible have the opportunity to comment. Clerk to ensure both consultations are carefully worded to ensure that unrealistic expectations are not generated about the likelihood of new play equipment being supplied.

10.2 To consider attendance at DALC AGM and Conference 11 October, Newton Abbot
If any Councillor wished to attend they should let the Clerk know.

10.3 To consider attendance at new councillor training course for Cllr A Ripper and Cllr J Ingham. Next course 21 September (Cllr A Jones attending) and 15 November
Cllr J Ingham will attend on 15 November – **Clerk to book.**

10.4 To consider supporting Thorverton PC TAP application for equipment for a handyman-
Details had been circulated and the application was agreed.

11/09/16 Miscellaneous Correspondence

An e-mail had been received from an Efford resident re lack of broadband coverage –
Connecting Devon and Somerset had replied that the area was under investigation and a decision should be made by the end of this month if the area would be in the upgrade.

12/09/16 Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda

Reports had been received of dead animals on footpaths following shooting late at night.
Cllr J Lee had checked the legislation and not much action could be taken. If it continues to be a problem, the land owner could be contacted, but it was felt that the shooting should come to an end shortly.

BT had advised that they would be removing the phone service from the phone box in School Close. There was an opportunity for the Parish Council to buy the phone box for £1.00 – **Clerk to place on agenda for next meeting.**

13/09/16 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 11 October 2016 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

End of formal business

The meeting closed at 8.30pm