

Shobrooke Parish Council

Minutes of the Shobrooke Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 10 February 2015

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Members Present:

Cllr R Dawkins (Chairman)
Cllr R Ayre
Cllr C Boulton

Cllr B Curle
Cllr J Lee

In attendance:

Cllr P Hare-Scott MDDC (left 8pm)
2 members of public (1 left at 8.05pm)

J Hole Parish Clerk
F Letch

Public Participation

A representative from the Village Hall Committee spoke in favour of the grant request, item 10.4.

Formal Business

1/02/15 Apologies

Cllr C Furse, Cllr H Evans, Cllr M Squires

2/02/15 Declaration of Interest

Cllr R Dawkins – Item 10.2 Allotments, Cllr J Lee – Item 10.4 Grant request for Village Hall.

3/02/15 Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13 January 2015

Agreed and signed as a true record.

4/02/15 Mid Devon District Council

4.1 Planning Applications:

None

4.2 Planning Decisions:

14/01807/PNCOU - Prior notification for the change of use of agricultural barn to dwelling under Class MB (a) and (b) for land and buildings at West Efford Farm – refusal of prior approval

06/10548/Full – Details pursuant discharged on application, for barn at west of Efford House, Shute

5/02/15 Road and Footpaths

5.1 Outstanding Road and Footpath issues

- I. Traffic speeding in the village – date still to be confirmed re demonstration of speeding equipment
- II. Footpath 15 (path from river crossing up to Pennycott Farm) – letter written to owners – Footpath warden advises that no work is required at present – take off list.
- III. Steps opposite Village Hall – repair needed to broken step – Footpath warden has this in hand

- IV. Steps on permissive path to allotments – informal meeting to be held with new owner – on agenda
- V. Blocked gullies along Exeter Hill and Raddon Hill – reported to DCC – noted as completed but reported by Cllr J Lee not to be – re-reported to DCC
- VI. Footpath 13 (near war memorial) – letter written to owners – work has been carried out – take off list
- VII. Blocked drains on main road – additional jetting had now taken place – take off list
- VIII. Footpath no 8 – chained gate – reported to Footpath Warden.
- 5.2 Permissive path - to agree action to be taken with regard to the future of the permissive path on the allotments
The informal meeting with the new owners had yet to take place so discussion was deferred until after this meeting had taken place.
- 5.3 New issues identified
Pot holes outside Westacott Cottages – **Clerk to report**

6/02/15 Finance

- 6.1 To approve signatures for this month's cheques
Cllr J Lee and Cllr B Curle
- 6.2 Parish Council payments Current Account:
These were agreed as:

Item	Payee	Purpose	Amount £
6.2.1	Crediton & District Community Transport	Grant	100.00
6.2.2	DALC	Training course for Clerk (50/50 split with NSC)	10.00
6.2.3	J Hole	Salary and Expenses	211.48

£321.48

- 6.3 Parish Council receipts:
None.
- 6.4 Balances
 - 6.4a Parish Council Current Account balance – £855.22
 - 6.4b Parish Council Footpath balance - £277.87
 - 6.4c Parish Council Reserve Account balance – £7,280.09
- 6.5 Financial Statement and Budget Monitor
These were noted.

7/02/15 Matters raised by the Chair

None.

8/02/15 Councillor's Reports

- 8.1 Update on Neighbourhood Watch and Snow Wardens
There was no update.

9/02/15 Clerk's Report

- 9.1 Update on arrangements for Parish Meeting
Lisa Crocker had accepted the invitation to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting but Bob King was not available. Cllrs will consider whether or not to invite a speaker on broadband after the Raddon Hills meeting.

10/02/15 Parish Council

10.1 Playing Field

10.1a To consider latest Inspection Report
No Inspection Report had been received.

10.1b Update on signs required at playing fields

The details needed updating. **Clerk to update** A4 sheet once the location of the key for the noticeboard is known.

10.1c. To consider quotes for grass cutting

Two quotes for grass cutting had been circulated. It was agreed that John Hill should continue to cut the grass. This contract would be awarded for the next four years.

10.2 Allotments

To consider latest Inspection Report from Allotment Association and to receive any updates from correspondence with new owners

There was no report.

10.3 War Memorial

10.3a Update on grant application

The grant application had been sent and the outcome should be known within six weeks of the grant panel meeting in February. The Conservation Officer had advised that the memorial should be hand cleaned and not hosed to ensure that the memorial retained its historic look.

10.3b To agree cost of £1,367.00 (excl. VAT) for amendments and cleaning to the war memorial

This was agreed unanimously. A vote of thanks was given to Cllr B Curle for all his work on this. **The Clerk was requested to contact** the parishioner who had offered to donate a bench and state that the bench should be approved by the Parish Council prior to purchase to ensure it can be suitably secured at the site. The Clerk had asked MDDC if S106 funding could be used for the work needed to the steps leading up to the memorial, the handrail and securing the bench.

10.4 To consider a request by the Village Hall for a grant

This item was deferred until the end of the meeting in order that it could be considered without the public present.

11/02/15 Miscellaneous Correspondence

The application for Sure Start had been cancelled as for various reasons, residents did not want to participate in the scheme.

12/02/15 Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda

Report from Raddon Hills

13/02/15 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 10 March 2015 in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Closed Meeting

It was resolved to grant £1,000 to the Village Hall towards the cost of refurbishment with the proviso that the grant would be available once the Parish Council was satisfied that the rest of the funding was in place. Cllr J Lee abstained from voting. **Clerk to advise** Village Hall Committee.