

Shobrooke Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 10 November 2015

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Members Present:

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

In attendance:

Cllr P Hare-Scott, MDDC (left 8.15pm), J Hole Parish Clerk

Business to be Transacted

Public Participation

There was no public present

Formal Business

1/11/15 Apologies

Cllr M Squires (DCC) – recovering from operation.

2/11/15 Declaration of Interest

Cllr C Furse – allotments (PI)

3/11/15 Minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 13 October 2015

Agreed and signed as a true record

4/11/15 Mid Devon District Council

4.1 Planning Applications:

None

4.2 Planning Decisions:

15/01504/PNAG Agricultural Prior Notification for the erection of an agricultural storage building at Raddon Cross, Efford, Shobrooke – development acceptance.

Cllr P Hare-Scott informed the meeting that a MDDC working party were reviewing the effects of efficiency measures and wanted to consult with Parish Councils. **The Clerk would forward** the consultation questions to Councillors.

5/11/15 Road and Footpaths

5.1 Outstanding Road and Footpath issues

I. Traffic speeding in the village

An e-mail had been received from PCSO Lisa Crocker who had indicated that she may attend the meeting. It was agreed to defer this item until later in the meeting.

II. Poor road surface on the main road at the junction of Silverway and The Village – reported to DCC – noted as assessed on 19 March. **Clerk to e-mail** Cllr M Squires

III. Footpath 3: Stile through holly hedge at the top of the hill from Great Gutton, broken left-hand upright needs replacing. The Footpath Warden had met with Ros Davies (DCC) who will contact the landowner to arrange for a gate to replace the stile at no cost to the Parish Council

IV. Footpath 5: Damaged waymarker post at the southern end near Lower Coombe needs replacing – Footpath Warden to submit cost

V. Footpath 6: The two large gateposts on the northern side of the stream at the midpoint of this path are loose and the posts need to be tightened up. Footpath Warden to action

- VI. Footpath 7: Excessive vegetation on the track north of Moor Farm limits access. Letter sent to landowner and track now cleared – remove from list
- VII. Footpath 13: Two hand rails are needed at the southern end where it drops down onto Church Lane – on hold until after Footpath consultation
- VIII. Footpath 15: There are ongoing issues relating to access through this fenced footpath. – Cllr R Steer had contacted the owner who will undertake the maintenance. **Clerk to e-mail** Cllr R Steer the guidance available from DCC re responsibilities of land owners. Remove from list.
- IX. 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
- X. Footpath 57: Damaged waymarker – **Clerk to contact** land owner
- 5.2 Permissive path at allotments
 - 5.2a Update on installation of stone chippings/hardcore inbetween the two small gates
Cllr J Lee had spoken to the land owner who was aware that the Parish Council would be carrying out the work. Cllr J Lee to arrange the mini digger.
 - 5.3 To consider financial reporting requirements for the Footpath Warden
The Footpath Warden had queried the necessity to notify the cost of all repairs/maintenance the Parish Council. Cllrs resolved that the Footpath Warden should inform the Clerk of the costs of repair/maintenance and as long as the costs remain with the budget, could then go ahead.
 - 5.4 To consider any items for the Footpath Warden to raise at the annual meeting with DCC footpath team on 12 November 2015
None were identified.
 - 5.5 New issues identified
The drain at the top of Exeter Hill was blocked. Cllr J Lee to investigate further.

6/11/15 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 follows:

Item	Payee	Purpose	Amount £
6.2.1	John Hill	Annual charge for maintenance of play park	700.00
6.2.2	J Hole	Salary and expenses September	189.11
			£889.11

It was noted that John Hill was willing to continue with the maintenance of the play park for 2016 on terms to be agreed. **Clerk to contact.**

- 6.3 Parish Council receipts:

Item	Payer	Purpose	Amount £
6.3.1	HMRC	VAT Refund	493.65
			£493.65

- 6.4 Balances
 - 6.4a Parish Council Current Account balance: £2,113.42
 - 6.4b Parish Council Footpath balance (included in above current account figure):
£279.71
 - 6.4c Parish Council Reserve Account balance: £5,782.83
- 6.5 Financial Statement and Budget Monitor
These were noted.

7/11/15 Matters raised by the Chair

None

8/11/15 Councillor's Reports

- 8.1 To consider any Councillor reports for areas of responsibility
- 8.1a To receive a report from Raddon Hills meeting including update on policing budget and possible employment of a Raddon Hills lengthsman
- Cllr R Ayres gave a report of the meeting. Tony Hogg, the Police and Crime Commission had given a presentation about the proposed cuts to the policing budget. Raddon Hills also discussed the possibility of employing a Raddon Hills lengthsman. Cllrs were not sure how much Shobrooke would benefit from this, although would like to be kept up to date with the discussions. Cllr C Boulton declared an interest in this project. The Housing Bill was also discussed and the potential difficulties that the right to buy might impose on housing stock.

9/11/15 Clerk's Report

None

10/11/15 Parish Council

- 10.1 Playing Field
- 10.1a To consider latest Inspection Report
- The Clerk had received reports up to 11 October and no new issues were identified.
- 10.1b Parking in front of playing field gate
- The Clerk had not written to the van owner as, after consultation with the Chair, it was not clear that the vehicle was blocking the gate. In any case it was resolved that no action should be taken as the vehicle was no longer parking in the same position.

11/11/15 Miscellaneous Correspondence

A barn owl had been electrocuted on the power lines outside the Church. A parishioner had asked if the Parish Council could write to Wester Power asking if any action could be taken to prevent any further bird strikes on the power lines. **Clerk to action.**

The Chairman read out a report from Cllr M Squires which noted that DCC were consulting again on "Tough Choices" and various meetings were taking place at which the public could give their input. Campaigning for fairer funding for rural education authorities was taking place. Pot holes that are at least the size of a dinner plate across and a depth of 2 inches or more should be reported on line or by phone.

12/11/15 Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda

The current road closed signs at both end of the village had caused lots of complaints. **Clerk to contact** to South West Water and explain the difficulties

13/11/15 Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8 December 2015 (budget meeting) in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

Part II

- 14/11/15 To consider the quotes received with regard to the perimeter fencing at the playing fields and to agree further action
- One quote had been received with a second expected shortly. **Clerk to arrange for a third quote.** Discussion took place on possible grant applications. Cllr B Curle to speak to Steve Densham (MDDC) for advice on the possible use of S106 funding. **Clerk to investigate** other funding providers.