

Minutes of Shellingford Parish Meeting

Thursday 20th June 2013

1. **Welcome** – Peter Mattingley welcomed those in attendance at the Meeting and introduced himself as Chairman, along with the Clerk, Phil Chesterton and Sue Terry, the Treasurer.
2. **Apologies and Attendance** – These had been received from Jennifer Thompson, Val Jones, Mike Wright and Imogen Jonas. There were 15 Parishioners present, together with our County Councillor, Melinda Tilley and District Councillor, Robert Sharp.
3. **Signing of Previous Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on 21st February 2013.** These had been previously circulated in March. On examination, there was one issue contained in the School Governor's Report (item 17). After discussion, Alan King proposed that the reference to the school administration should be deleted and this was seconded by Sue Terry. The vote was unanimous with one abstention. The Chair then initiated the deletion and signed the Minutes as being a correct record.
4. **Matters Arising** – There were no matters arising from the Minutes which were not on the agenda.
5. **Resignation of Chairman** – The Chairman then resigned. He was thanked by the Clerk for his work over the past years. The Clerk then asked for nominations for the positions of Chair. Colin Broadley proposed and Jennie Chesterton seconded Barry Moody. There were no other proposals and Barry agreed to become our Chairman. The Clerk declared that he was content to continue as your Parish Clerk if that was what the meeting wished. Richard Jonas and Alan King supported the continuation of the Clerk in office. The Clerk proposed Sue Terry to continue as Treasurer and this was seconded by Jennie Chesterton. Sue agreed to continue as Treasurer and the Clerk thanked her for her work in this respect.
6. **The Financial Report** – The Report for the period ending 31st March 2013 was distributed and examined. Richard asked if there were any anticipated Parish projects and the Clerk replied that there was still the need to obtain a 'build out' on the approach from Fernham at an estimated cost of £5000+ (Feb 2012 figures). Melinda had managed to provide the two Vehicle Activated Signs at no cost to the Parish Meeting. Sue updated her report in stating that the Meeting now had £1983.34 in the Bank due to the arrival of 50% of the annual precept. The annual audit had been satisfactory. Alan King proposed that the Financial Report be adopted and Richard Jonas seconded. This proposal was unanimously approved.
7. **Honorarium** – The £100 honorarium for the Clerk was proposed by Richard Jonas and seconded by Alan King and was unanimously approved.
8. **Significant Correspondence** – As usual the Clerk distributed copies of 'significant' correspondence which he had received since our last Parish Meeting. He drew attention to the extra-ordinary Parish Meeting's decision to object to the proposed Fernham Road development and distributed copies of the reasons for the decision.
9. **Telephone Kiosk.** – (a) The Chair spoke of his plans for the refurbishment of the telephone kiosk. He requested a sum of about £40 - £50 for this project. Alan King proposed that this request was granted and Colin Broadley seconded. There was no dissent.
(b) The Meeting had previously accepted a sum of £283 for a bench with any additional costs being met by Parish funds (Refer to Item 10b in 21/2/2013 Minutes). Alan King thought a hard wood bench would be more serviceable and Jennie Chesterton emphasised the importance of using sustainable resources. Barry was thanked, in anticipation, for his work on behalf of the village.

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10. **Shellingford Quarry.** – (a) There had recently been two subcommittee meetings regarding Shellingford Quarry. A report was distributed for examination. (b) The Clerk distributed copies of Shellingford Parish Meeting's response to the Vale's Local Plan Consultation Part 1 which finished on May 9th.
11. **County Councillor's Report** – Melinda Tilley gave her report on County Council matters. She reported that she had some financial funds for distribution. If the Clerk gave her details of the 'build out' (mentioned in Item 6 of the Agenda) it might well qualify for funding. There was a Local Authority sponsored vacancy as a Shellingford School Governor and she would like to hear from anyone in the Parish who was willing to undertake this important role. Melinda's details are Melinda.tilley@oxfordshire.gov.uk and she can be contacted by phone on 01865 820385. Melinda was congratulated on her re-election in the recent local elections and thanked for her attendance despite difficult personal circumstances.
12. **District Councillor's Report.** – Robert Sharp gave his report. There had been many responses to the Local Plan and they were now being considered and would form an integral component of Part 2 of the Consultation document due out later this year. Planning applications for housing development was proving to be a 'hot' topic in the Council's work.
13. **Parochial Church Committee Report.** – This was given by Sue Terry. Plans were being considered for the installation of a toilet and service point within St. Faith's Church. The water tap in Timberyard Cottages could be used when tending the graves. On 14th July, the Faringdon Singers gave a concert in the Church at 4.30pm. Thanks to all those who attended. On Saturday, October 5th, a Harvest Supper is planned and also a Musical Evening in November.
14. **School Governor's Report.** – Judith Terrell, Shellingford School's Head Teacher, had prepared an update on their activities and this was distributed. John Stammers introduced the question of receiving frequent requests for using his field opposite Shellingford House, as an overflow car park. He was minded to allow occasional use of the field for significant village/school events.
15. **Shellingford Hall Report.** – Sue Terry pointed out that the kitchen needed to expand with a possible refurbishment. Bookings for the Hall were steady.
16. **Any other Business.** - Jennie Chesterton introduced the question of Ash Tree die back disease and wondered how it might affect the Parish. Richard Jonas agreed to seek details from the Forestry Commission to gain more information.
17. **Date of Next Meeting.** – The proposed date for our next Parish Meeting of **Thursday 21st November 2013** was accepted and confirmed by Sue Terry.

Jennie and Barry were thanked for the supply of light refreshments prior to the meeting, which closed at 8.57pm

Phil Chesterton 2/7/2013

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