

## **SHELLINGFORD PARISH MEETING**

### **Minutes of Parish Meeting on 20 November 2017 at The Community Hall**

#### *1. Welcome and Attendance*

Barry Moody, Chairman, extended a particular welcome to County Councillor Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor who was attending her first meeting since being elected. The Chairman then welcomed eighteen residents to the meeting and requested that they sign the Attendance Record. Apologies for absence had been received from Jennifer Thompson.

#### *2. Previous Meeting*

Minutes of the meeting on 27 April 2017 were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record without amendment. The Chairman signed these minutes.

#### *3. Matters Arising*

None arose.

#### *4. County Council Report*

Councillor Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor submitted an oral report.

Anda explained that she had been a County Councillor from 1997 to 2013 before having a break and being re-elected this year. She is currently sitting on the committees with responsibility for planning and for young people.

Speeding in local villages had been brought to her attention particularly as there had been three accidents recently. An attendee asked if a 20-m.p.h. speed limit could be considered especially in Church Street. Anda will investigate whether this is possible.

Comments concerning the Shellingford Quarry are reported under item 6.

#### *5. District Council Report*

Councillor Robert Sharp submitted an oral report.

The council had submitted a formal £250 million bid for government grants under the Housing Infrastructure Fund. The main reason for this is the proposed Didcot Garden Town. Consultation concerning the proposed Wessex Leisure Centre had just finished with a generally well received response.

The Vale of White Horse Local Plan 2031 Part 2 has completed its consultation phase and it is hoped that this can be submitted for appraisal in early 2018.

Robert also mentioned several local developments including Abingdon swimming pool and noted that the government had accepted the proposal to form a Dorset Unitary Council.

Similar proposals by firstly, Buckinghamshire and then, Oxfordshire will be reviewed in 2018.

#### *6. Planning Applications*

Roy Samways, Clerk, mentioned the applications and amendments that had arisen since the last Parish Meeting.

There had been continuing amendments to the Little Newbury Farm development which largely concerned the conversion of existing agricultural buildings and satisfactory completion of planning conditions. A proposed removal of an existing conservatory and replacement with an extension at Oz Cottage, Fernham Road had recently been amended following comments by the planning officer and neighbours. Applications to provide

additional facilities at the Community Hall and a new agricultural grain store at The Old Stables had recently been submitted. All documents relating to these applications were available at the meeting for review.

The request for an Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Opinion by Shellingford Quarry was discussed at length. Copies of the Clerk's letter dated 15 November to Oxfordshire County Council were distributed to all attendees.

Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor pointed out that mineral extraction was an important activity which was better controlled with local mitigation conditions rather than the alternative of transporting the relevant materials over large distances. Several attendees felt that current planning restrictions and conditions were not being complied with by the operator at the quarry. Various suggestions concerning mitigating the impact of the quarry were made e.g. bunding, trees, restricted operating hours, CCTV. Anda Fitzgerald-O'Connor agreed to try and find out what the timetable was concerning the Scoping Opinion. Whilst individuals may complain to the authorities and attempt to force adherence to current restrictions, it was considered that a subcommittee should be formed to monitor any future developments concerning the quarry.

Such a proposal was nominated by Phil Chesterton, seconded by Mike Wright and approved by the meeting. Subcommittee members would be Phil Chesterton, Barry Moody, Susie Price, Roy Samways, John Stammers and Mike Wright. The strategy of the subcommittee was discussed. On a proposal by John Stammers, seconded by Jane Samways and approved by the meeting (with Robert Sharp abstaining due to his council role) the strategy was agreed as firstly, to try and stop any quarry extension; secondly, mitigate the effect if it goes ahead and thirdly, investigate compensation to the village by the quarry operator.

#### *7. Financial Report*

Sue Terry, Treasurer, was unable to attend.

The Clerk explained that the Annual Return and Accounts had been externally audited with no matters arising. The meeting therefore approved and accepted them.

An amount of £2,300 is due to Shellingford following the closure and distribution of excess funds now that the Stanford in the Vale Community Bus Scheme has ended.

#### *8. Precept for 2018/2019*

Recent years precepts have largely been to fund future Community Hall developments. A planning application has been submitted but agreement on the cost has not yet been reached.

The Chairman suggested that the Precept for the year to 31 March 2019 should remain at the previous year's amount of £1,500. Jenny Chesterton proposed and Mike Wright seconded a motion to approve this. The meeting voted in favour of this motion with one abstention.

#### *9. Annual Charity Donations*

Requests by BeFree Young Carers and Clean Slate were considered but the meeting decided to repeat the donations made last year.

Amounts of £150 to First Responders, £50 to Wantage Advice Centre and £50 to Air Ambulance were approved after votes proposed by Chris Price and seconded by Phil Chesterton.

10. *Speed Watch Report*

Christopher Price submitted an oral report.

The next meeting of NAG is due in December when Christopher will be stepping down as overall supervisor. He will remain as Shellingford village representative.

Any volunteers to assist in the speed monitoring would be welcome.

11. *Community Hall Report*

Sue Terry was unable to attend.

The Chairman explained the urgent need for refurbishment to the kitchen facilities following an alarming report by the external Carillion Services assessor. The question of who is to pay for any work had not been answered.

12. *Parochial Church Council Report*

Sue Terry was unable to attend and the topic was not discussed.

13. *School Headteacher's Report*

Judith Terrell had submitted a written report which was issued to the meeting. This was reviewed.

14. *Any Other Business*

The Clerk reported the receipt of correspondence from the Open Spaces Society concerning the documentation of historic footpaths and rights of way.

15. *Date of Next Meeting*

Planned for Monday 16 April 2018 at 19.30 in the Community Hall.