

SHELLINGFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Parish Meeting on 21 November 2016 at The Community Hall

1. Welcome and Attendance

Barry Moody, Chairman, welcomed thirteen residents to the meeting and requested that they sign the Attendance Record. Apologies for absence had been received from Tricia Complin, Izzy Stammers and Jennifer Thompson. The Chairman noted that this was the first meeting since Colin Broadly had passed away and requested that thanks for his contributions over many years be noted in the minutes.

2 & 3. Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 25 April 2016 were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record without amendment. The Chairman signed these minutes.

4. Matters Arising

None arose.

5. County Council Report

Councillor Melinda Tilley was unable to attend and had submitted a written report which was issued to the meeting. This was reviewed and it was noted that Oxford had proposed that 2,200 new houses be built in the Vale of White Horse area as part of its unmet needs requirement.

6. District Council Report

Councillor Robert Sharp submitted an oral report.

The Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 1 should be adopted in the near future. It is planned that Part 2 will be prepared in early 2017, but it may be affected by the recent Government statement concerning development of Dalton Barracks.

Robert is no longer specifically involved in planning matters because he is now on the Executive Committee with special responsibility for the five councils working together in order to reduce costs.

Robert also reported that the slip roads at Cherwell were now open; Stanford tip might remain open but with reduced operating hours; and there will be free car parking on designated days in December for Faringdon, Wantage and Abingdon.

7. Planning Applications

Roy Samways, Clerk, explained that there had been two further applications at Little Newbury Farm concerning the conversion of a building and a septic tank.

Main Modifications to The Vale of White Horse Local Plan Part 1 had been issued.

All these documents were available at the meeting for review.

8. Financial Report

Sue Terry, Treasurer, explained that the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2016 had been externally audited. There would be a requirement to place the speed gun in fixed assets without any annual depreciation.

Sue was thanked by the meeting for her work.

9. *Precept for 2017/2018*

The Chairman suggested that the Precept for the year to 31 March 2018 should remain at the previous year's amount of £1,500. Peter Mattingley proposed and Christopher Price seconded a motion to approve this. The meeting voted in favour of this motion.

10. *Annual Charity Donations*

Donations of £150 to First Responders, £50 to Wantage Advice Centre and £50 to Air Ambulance were approved after votes proposed by Sue Terry and seconded by Jenny Chesterton.

11. *Speed Watch Report*

Christopher Price submitted an oral report.

Approximately 20 drivers had been observed speeding in the village at a recent speed watch day. Consideration will be given to holding a speed watch in Church Street. The next event will be in December. Any volunteers to assist would be welcome.

Christopher also reported that the local Neighbourhood Watch contact is Julia Williams who is based in Faringdon.

Christopher was thanked by the meeting for his work.

12. *Community Hall Report*

Sue Terry explained that work continued on plans to improve the Hall facilities. The current problem is where to extend in order to provide additional storage area. The school does not wish to restrict the playground area. Peter Mattingley suggested that copies of the Community Hall constitution be issued to all members of the committee.

13. *Parochial Church Council Report*

Sue Terry submitted an oral report.

Repairs to the cottages had recently been completed. Repointing of the south wall of the church is being undertaken.

The Christmas Fair is on 3 December and the Faringdon Singers will be performing in the church on 10 December.

14. *School Headteacher's Report*

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

15. *Clerk Honorarium*

The suggested amount of £100 was waived by the Clerk.

16. *Any Other Business*

Fiona Wright explained her role as a First Responder. All calls for assistance must be initially via 999 and approved by a controller.

Phil Chesterton reported that the Stanford Community Bus had ended in September. A meeting to discuss the future has been organised for 10 January 2017.

A discussion about the dangerous speeding and use of mobile telephones in cars in Church Street led to suggestions that warnings be placed in school and nursery communications to parents. The Clerk agreed to contact both the school and the nursery about this.

17. *Date of Next Meeting*

Planned for Monday 24 April 2017 at 19.30 in the Community Hall.