

SHELLINGFORD PARISH MEETING

Minutes of Annual General Meeting on 25 April 2016 at The Community Hall

1. Welcome and Attendance

Barry Moody, Chairman, welcomed twelve residents to the meeting and requested that they sign the Attendance Record. Apologies for absence had been received from Colin Broadly, Tricia Complin, Imogen Jonas, Richard Jonas, Christopher Price and Jennifer Thompson.

2. Previous Meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 9 November 2015 were reviewed and accepted as an accurate record without amendment. The Chairman signed these minutes.

3. Matters Arising

Workers at the Stanford Recycling Centre have recently said that they expect it to close in November 2018. Robert Sharp pointed out that the consultation period had been lengthy and he is unaware of any final decision having been taken.

4. Nominations and Elections of Officials

Barry Moody was nominated by Peter Mattingly and seconded by Phil Chesterton for the position of Chairman.

Roy Samways was nominated by Sue Terry and seconded by Phil Chesterton for the position of Clerk.

Sue Terry was nominated by Phil Chesterton and seconded by Barry Moody for the position of Treasurer.

There were no other nominations and the meeting approved the election of the officers.

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.

6. District Council Report

Councillor Robert Sharp submitted an oral report.

The Vale of White Horse Local Plan has been reviewed by the Local Inspector and he has raised several queries. A revised Plan should come out for another consultation in late summer with a possible adoption in early 2017 of Part 1. This would cover developments of greater than two hundred houses. Parts 2 and 3 will come afterwards and amongst other things will cover smaller housing developments.

Councils will be outsourcing some of their activities in order to save costs. Planning will still be based at Milton Park.

The Unitary Council proposal was discussed. The establishment of four such district councils would be appraised by consultants, PWC. Robert Sharp commented that one single Unitary Council would be very large.

Phil Chesterton asked about bus services. The number 67 might survive as it is still being examined with tenders to be submitted by 6 May.

7. Planning Applications

The Chairman explained that there had been two since the last meeting.

The first at Little Newbury Farm had concerned an internal road.

The second at the Nursery involved a retrospective application but it had no real effect on the village as the numbers of children had not increased.

8. Parochial Church Council Report

Sue Terry submitted an oral report.

A servery and toilet are being considered for the church.

A recent report on repairs will mean that some have to be carried out.

9. Financial Report

The Treasurer submitted a Summary Receipts & Payments Account for the year ended 31 March 2016.

A proposal by Alan King, seconded by Phil Chesterton, that the Financial Report be accepted was approved by the meeting.

10. Community Hall Report

Sue Terry and Reverend Jeremy Goulston outlined a proposal to significantly improve the Hall facilities. This would involve an expanded footprint for the building in order to enlarge the kitchen, create a new entrance, amend the layout of the current toilets and possibly create additional storage. This proposal is at a very early stage but it was stressed that if anyone wants to help the Hall Committee with this project then they would be very welcome. Initial sketch plan and fee proposals from the architect were circulated. The approach to the funding of the project has not yet been decided.

11. Speed Watch Report

Chris Price was unexpectedly unable to attend but had sent the Chairman a written summary of recent progress and this was presented to attendees.

The Speedwatch machine will be in use in the village on 6 & 7 May, 30 & 31 May and 20 & 21 June. Three letters have been sent to speeding motorists following previous sessions. Chris Price has organised and paid for insurance to cover those operating the machine. It was noted that the police are recommending the SmartWater system (traceable liquid products and detection) in order to deter theft.

12. School Headteacher's Report

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

13. Queen's Birthday Celebrations

All Shellingford villagers have been invited to both the School on Friday 10 June and Uffington on Sunday 12 June for parties to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday.

The Chairman explained that every parish which holds an event will receive a grant of at least £115. In addition, it was proposed by Peter Mattingly and seconded by Phil Chesterton that the parish give £50 to the School for their event. This was approved.

14. Road Condition at Withybed Copse

The Chairman reported that holes had been individually filled but they had missed two potholes. The Highways Department had said that there was little chance of full resurfacing in the near future.

15. Frequency of Parish Meetings

The Chairman explained that the current arrangement of three meetings a year appeared unnecessary. He proposed that this be reduced to two. If a crucial issue arose, e.g. a major planning application, then an extraordinary meeting could be called.

Alan King proposed and Sue Terry seconded that there should only be two meetings a year in future. This was approved.

16. Any Other Business

Phil Chesterton reported that the Stanford Community Bus had not been used by anyone in Shellingford for several months and they are considering whether to stop the service.

A proposal by Alan King seconded by Jennie Chesterton that the parish subscribe to the Campaign for Protection of Rural England at £36 per annum was approved.

17. Date of Next Meeting

Planned for Monday 21 November 2016 at 19.30 in the Community Hall.