# Shellingford Parish Meeting

## Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Meeting

Monday 7 February 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Community Hall

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| Present: | 26 Parishioners (who all signed the Attendance Sheet).  Apologies for absence were received from Adam Blackwell. Jane Brown, Paul Brown and Jennifer Thompson. |
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1. Introduction

Fiona Wright, Chair, thanked everyone for attending. She explained that the meeting had been called to consider the three topics on the agenda, because they could not await the next scheduled Parish Meeting on 16 May.

1. Defibrillator

The Chair explained the process so far.

The last Parish Meeting had approved expenditure of up to £2,500 on at least one defibrillator. The preferred installation site is the redundant telephone box on Fernham Road, which would be within the proximity limit accepted by the ambulance service in order to cover all of Fernham Road and most of Church Street. The defibrillator requires a power source in order to prevent any equipment from freezing. SSE have said that, as they do not own the electricity line to the telephone box, they would charge £2,000 to provide one. BT think that they own the electricity line and, if it is operational, will meet the electricity supply costs for seven years.

A defibrillator has been ordered from a charity, The Community HeartBeat Trust, at a cost of £2,358 and will be installed on 8 February. The charity had offered to supply red paint to refurbish the telephone box and defibrillator Awareness Training for all those who are interested. It will be a requirement of the NHS that the defibrillator is checked weekly and an online report submitted to confirm that.

A subcommittee needs to be established to organise the continuing maintenance, insurance, training and reporting related to the defibrillator. Julian Pollard, Janine Rowe, Jennifer Thompson and Julian Mellor volunteered for this subcommittee.

A motion to establish a Defibrillator Subcommittee and approve a maximum of £400 expenditure, if necessary, between now and the next Parish Meeting on 16 May 2022 was approved unanimously.

1. Traffic Calming and Potential 20 mph Speed Limit

Considerable concerns had been expressed at previous Parish Meetings about the excessive speeding through the village and the dangerous congestion outside the school in Church Street. Oxfordshire County Council had decided in October last year to gradually introduce more 20 mph speed limits and to encourage communities to apply for such limits.

The Chair had arranged for Mark Francis, Oxfordshire County Council Highways Department, to visit Shellingford in order to review the traffic levels. He had recommended that the whole village, rather than smaller parts, should be subject to a 20 mph limit. He further commented that upgraded road signs and “dragons teeth” road markings could be carried out when the speed limit is reduced.

After further consideration, a motion to formally ask Oxfordshire County Council to reduce the current 30 mph speed limit in Shellingford to 20 mph was passed unanimously.

Other traffic calming measures were then discussed. Mark Francis had said that it would be too dangerous to install a chicane anywhere other than next to an open area on Fernham Road. Any speed humps would require traffic lights. Speed Indicator Devices could be used at an approximate cost to the village of £2,500.

It was decided to establish a Traffic Calming Subcommittee that would prepare costed proposals for traffic calming. Christopher Price, Julian Pollard, Julian Mellor and Fiona Wright volunteered for this subcommittee.

1. Queen’s Platinum Jubilee

Many attendees said that the village should mark this celebration and several ideas of how to do so were put forward. The possibilities and practicalities of holding an event after a church service; with a hog roast; as a barn dance were discussed.

The consensus was that a Tea Party should be held on the Sunday afternoon of the Jubilee weekend (Sunday 5 June). The probable location would be the green between the school and Timberyard Cottages if the weather was favourable, but in the Community Hall if it was not. Whilst tea, coffee and a Jubilee cake could be supplied, everyone would be asked to bring their own food and drink.

The Chair and Roy Samways, Clerk, will issue a note about this to parishioners asking for an indication of attendance.