**SHILLINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT**

**7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2021 AT THE CHURCH CENTRE SHILLINGSTONE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors R McNamara (Chairman), I Suter (Vice Chairman) (IS), L Gasson (LG), R Harwood (RH), K Ridout (KR), R White (RW) Footpaths Officer G Rains, Clerk D Green

In addition, there were two members of the public present.

**817. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Acton & Unitary Councilor Batstone.

**818. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr McNamara re mower shed repair.

**819. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 2021 were approved.

**820. MATTERS ARISING**

The Chairman confirmed that:

* the new noticeboard for the Co-op, after a further delay, is expected to be delivered shortly
* the planning application concerning the War Memorial cleaning and re-lettering work has been submitted

**821. PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no questions raised.

**822. ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS – INFORMATION SESSION**

Chris Whitehouse (CW) provided further information in connection with Dorset Council’s Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points installation programme:

* by 2030 around 30% of all vehicles on UK roads will be electric but around 1/3 of all households do not have access to off street parking
* Dorset Council (DC) has identified that approximately 80 properties in Shillingstone may fall into this category
* DC has no legal obligation to provide charging points or spaces but the highway or local authority land can be used for this purpose and there is a 75% government grant available under the ‘On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme’. This scheme does not at present extend to land not owned by a local authority, but it is hoped this may change in the future
* ‘Fast’ chargers provide full charge in around 3 hours, ‘Rapid’ chargers in around 30 minutes and ‘Ultra-rapid’ in around 10 minutes. VAT at 20% is charged on all power supplied, which must be from renewable sources
* The cost of an installation in a public car park of a basic EV charger is around £8 - £ 10k under the grant scheme this would mean that around £2-3k would need to be provided from other sources. If a scheme is on a public highway, a Traffic Regulation Order may need to be made to prevent unauthorised use of a bay
* KR noted that there are distinct groups within the village without access to on-street parking who would be very interested in any proposal. It was suggested that the Portman Hall, the Church Centre, the Trailway Car Park, the School and Shellin Way could be considered as possible locations
* DC will compile a list of possible sites and plans to put in a collective bid for funding and CW will provide further information is due course

**823. UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

A written report had been received prior to the meeting but too late for circulation.

**824. FOOTPATHS**

Graham Rains had spoken to Dilys Gartside concerning the map modification order (MMO) application by the British Horse Society (BHS) or the redesignation of Little Lane, from an unclassified road to a bridleway; this is apparently one of several hundred recent applications made by BHS and Dilys has explained that Okeford Fitzpaine receive funding for this route which would be withdrawn if this was redesignated, hence the reason why the Parish Council opposed the proposal.

Graham has also discussed this issue with Dorset Rangers who do not see any realistic prospect of these MMO’s being approved in the next 10 years.

**825. COUNCILOR REPORTS**

* **The School** – there have been recent Covid cases and Christmas events have been cancelled as ‘lockdown’ measures have been re-introduced (IS)
* **The Church** – Carol and other services are proceeding as normal (LG)
* **Portman Hall –** written report (KR)
* a full programme of fund-raising events is planned for the New Year
* the Newcomers Party was well attended
* the film club is going well
* the porch requires major work for safety and access purposes
* Centenary Sports Festival – will be in June and KR is bringing groups together to make this a major event
* Facebook – information sharing re roads and flooding in recent bad weather has been very helpful to all

**826. ROADS ISSUES**

**i) Speed & Traffic Survey update**

The Chairman confirmed that the Augustan Avenue Traffic survey results had shown that the ADPV2 result was insufficient for a crossing to be installed. The Chairman has had a meeting with the Community Highways Officer (CHO) with a view to considering whether other measures such as dropped kerbs, improved signage, school crossing patrol and parking enforcement can be considered. The CHO will report back in due course.

**ii) Excess speed leaving the Village at White Pit**

The Chairman has also discussed with the CHO speed survey which showed that the average speed of 85% of vehicles leaving the village near White Pit was 38 mph, whilst still in the 30 zone; the CHO will consider whether additional measures can be taken; an unauthorised 30 mph sign at that end of the village has been removed.

**iii) Village Gates**

The Clerk reported that he had been advised that these should be installed in December.

**iv) Loose drain covers**

It appears that a number of these have been repaired, although no formal updates have been provided by BT or Wessex Water.

**v) Mirror proposal**

Residents of Badgers Close have now proposed a mirror type. It was agreed that this would be acceptable and would be subject to agreement concerning precisely where the mirror would be positioned. A meeting with the residents will be arranged.

**827: THE JUBILEE CUP**

Cllr Suter has arranged for the printing of nomination/voting forms which have been included in the Parish Magazine. A ballot box has been installed at the petrol station; the result will be decided on the basis of the number of nominations received and the winner will be notified prior to the Christmas Fayre on 12th December. Flyers have been posted throughout the village. The Chairman and the Council thanked Cllr Suter for his excellent work. Cllr Suter will award the Jubilee Cup as The Chairman may arrive late to the fayre.

**828. TREE PLANTING**

The Burtons Orchard Committee has not been able to meet to finalise the choice of tree and a decision concerning this will be deferred to a future meeting.

**829. PLANNING**

**i) New Applications**

There were two new applications to consider:

**1) Application No: P/FUL/2021/04865, Land at The Cobbles Blandford Road Shillingstone**

**Proposal:** **Erect two dwellings & modify existing vehicular access**

It was noted that this application is consistent with Policy 9 of the Neighbourhood Plan, which specifically provides for the development of this site into a maximum of 3 dwellings, however, the Council agreed it would like more time to consult near neighbours before final comments are made.

 **2) Application No: P/HOU/2021/04970 1 Vale Cottages, Blandford Rd, Shillingstone, DT11 0SS**

**Proposal: Demolish existing single storey extensions. Erect single storey extension (side). Erect two storey extension (rear)**

It was not felt that this proposal would adversely any of the neighbouring properties and there were no objections.

**ii) War Memorial restoration**

The Clerk wished to put on record his thanks to planning consultant James Cain for his free assistance in drafting the listed building planning application

It has been proposed that the Parish Council consider installing a handrail at the Memorial. It was agreed that this would be an important safety improvement although would probably require a further planning application. A quote has been requested.

**iii) Dorset Council notices**

It was agreed that is concerning that Dorset Council have advised that neighbour notices will no longer be routinely displayed near proposed developments, and will only be put up where legislation requires that this takes place.

The Council will consider how best to bring this to the attention of villagers.

**830. FINANCES**

**a) Retrospective payments approved:**

The list of payments had been circulated to councillors in advance. These were **APPROVED.**

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| **Date** | **Payee Name** | **Reference** |  **Total**  | **Reason** |
| 01/11/2021 | PCC Shillingstone | BACS |  £ 120.00  | Church Centre hire  |
| 01/11/2021 | Guy Gilding | BACS |  £ 75.00  | SID rotation  |
| 01/11/2021 | David Green | STD ORD |  £ 628.02  | October 2021 pay |
| 02/11/2021 | Water2business | DEBIT CARD |  £ 85.88  | Allotments water |
| 02/11/2021 | Shillingstone Cricket Club | STD ORD |  £ 333.00  | Mowing |
| 08/11/2021 | David Green | BACS |  £ 31.02  | Oct 2021 expenses |
| 08/11/2021 | Stacey Hankin | BACS |  £ 140.00  | Cleaning |
| 12/11/2021 | Dorset Council | DEBIT CARD |  £ 1,149.60  | Tree work |
| 15/11/2021 | Clifford T Shean | BACS |  £ 48.00  | PAT testing  |
| 15/11/2021 | Water2business | DEBIT CARD |  £ 175.50  | Pavilion water |
| 30/11/2021 | David Green | SO |  £ 628.02 | November 2021 pay |

**b) Payments approved:**

Clerks’ expenses: £ 37.50

The Clerk noted that a contribution had been received from Okeford Fitzpaine PC towards the speed survey cost for Shillingstone Lane. The donation from the Cricket Club for water supply had also been received.

**831. PLAY AREAS, RECREATION GROUND AND PROPERTY CHECK**

The Clerk confirmed that:

* Tree work at the Recreation Ground is now complete. Wood left behind may be removed.
* Mower Shed – a written estimate of £1500 to repair the mower shed roof has been received. It was agreed that this should be accepted, in the absence of any other written quotes. This work will commence in the New Year.

**832. CORRESPONDENCE**

* **Remembrance Sunday road closure arrangements** – a suggestion had been received that the PC considers requesting a formal road closure in the future. It was agreed the informal arrangements had worked well in November and should be continued although consideration may be given to having additional volunteers for next year.
* **Wessex Internet** (WI)– the matter of connection charges to the Portman Hall has been discussed with WI and it has been confirmed that they will be eligible for the discounted village halls rate.
* **Defibrillator at the Old Ox** – the Ox has raised £ 2,500 towards the purchase of a defibrillator to be mounted on their outside wall and a request has been made for the Parish Council to buy and maintain the device. The Chairman has held a meeting with the proposers and the defibrillator area co-ordinator, John Lewis, to discuss the proposal and it has been agreed that:
* The PC will need to buy the defibrillator and take ownership for VAT recovery purposes
* It is likely to be a semi-automatic device with an unlocked cabinet
* Local training courses should be arranged
* A list of trained villagers should be published
* The possibility of an additional defib at the Co-op or the Railway Project could be considered
* Additional signage may be considered

The Chairman has asked the organisers to clarify is some of the funds raised can be provided for maintenance and insurance arrangements need to be clarified.

• **Tree felling – Railway project/Trailway diversion** the Council has been copied into a complaint concerning the removal of trees in connection with the Station project. The Council cannot intervene in this issue with is a matter for the residents, the Station project and planning enforcement if necessary

**833. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

* Precept confirmation
* Jubilee Cup award – future arrangements
* Defibrillator proposals
* Allotments rent increase
* Councillors’ expenses
* Time of meeting consideration
* Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend
* Communication to residents re planning applications

**834. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on Thursday 6th January 2022 at 7:30 pm, at the Church Centre. This will be subject to confirmation in the event of any change to national Covid-19 policies. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:20 p.m.