



Great Shefford Parish Council

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	<p>The minutes of the Great Shefford Parish Council on Thursday 1 October 2015.</p>	<p>Present Cllr J Carter (Chairman) Cllr S Ackrill (Vice Chairman) Cllr G Knass Cllr G Parsons Cllr J Winfield Cllr M Carter Parish Clerk K Lloyd</p>	
	<p>2 members of the public present.</p>		
<p>1)</p>	<p>Apologies Cllr R Howe</p>		
<p>2)</p>	<p>Declarations of Interest on Agenda items –None</p>		
<p>3)</p>	<p>Open Forum – un minuted.</p>		
<p>4)</p>	<p>Planning – 15/02256/HOUSE – Ford House, Wantage Rd, RG17 7DA. Single storey extension, first floor extension above existing garage and associate works. Re-application with minor amendment following approval 14/00110/HOUSE. After full discussion no concerns or comments were raised.</p> <p>The clerk had received additional drawings for Daisy Cottage 15/01608/HOUSE for the Orangery redesigned to a pitched roof to match the dwelling. This item was not on the agenda so could not be commented on as the clerk had only received the amendment. The PC did agree they could not see a concern with the re-design of the roof, but no comments will be submitted to WBC.</p> <p>Case Reports from WBDC 15/01410/FUL Field adjacent to The Long Yard North of Ermin Street. Shefford Woodlands. WBC GRANTS the erection of machinery shed. 15/00544/REM. Wickfield Farm, Ermin Street. Shefford Woodlands. WBC GRANTS for the approval of reserved matters following outline permission 12/01627/XOUT – Renewal of planning permission 07/00980/OUT – Redevelopment of existing barn to provide new B1/B8 unit. 15/01895/HOUSE – 3 Wickfeld Farm Cottages, Ermin Street, Shefford Woodlands. WBC GRANTS planning for two Storey side extension with catslide roof, open porch and dormer window to front of house.</p>		

5)	Minutes – the minutes of the meeting of the 3 September 2015 were proposed for adoption by Cllr G. Knass and seconded by Cllr S Ackrill.	
6a) b)	Finance Current Account £14,356.07 Recreation Ground £9,211.59 Finance- Cheques to approve and sign. 100223 K Lloyd Parish Clerk £465.04 100224 J Winfield (Photo Frame for Villager of the year) £80.00 100225 Colin Underhay (Bus Shelter works) £3,500.00 Direct Debit - Southern Electric on 11 October £75.74 The clerk reported the second half payment of the precept of £8,000.00 has been paid into the current account. The VAT of £520.78 has also been paid into the current account.	
7)	Defibrillator Sue Benn was in the meeting and reported that signatures and positive feedback from the villagers had been received. Sue approached people in local events and through Facebook following the discussion in the last PC meeting. Sue Benn had reported villagers appeared to be keen to have a defibrillator installed and had found 10 residents that were already CPR trained. After full discussion it was agreed a key person/s is required to take on this project to move it forward. Cllr J Carter said he would speak with villagers whom he thought may be interested in joining Sue Benn to help the parish council with the project. The parish council thanked Sue Benn for all her on-going hard work. If you would like to get involved in this project, either by fundraising or if you are CPR trained and can offer your help on training. Please do come along to the next parish council meeting or contact the clerk.	Cllr J Carter
8)	B4000 Speed Review. Cllr J Winfield reported she had a meeting with Speed Review at West Berkshire Council accompanied with the Highways Officer, Police, and Traffic Officers to discuss a number of items, one being the Speed limit being reduced to 50MPH or less on the B4000. After a full discussion of their findings and review, no enforcement is available. It was also reported that nil accidents had been reported in the last 10 years. It was than agreed that Highways will look into opening the road up in the future by cutting the hedges more thoroughly to increase road sight. The road markings will be refreshed next year and more appropriate signage will be reviewed on the bends. These works will be looked into next year. Following this the next speed review for B4000 will be reviewed again in 3 years.	

9)	<p>Playground Equipment Repair</p> <p>Following the last meeting the clerk had received a quote from Playground Services for £308.00 over the agreed amount set in the last PC meeting. The clerk had contacted the councillors via email and Cllr S Ackrill said he would obtain further quotes. Cllr S Ackrill had received a quote for £100 excluding the bearings. Cllr S Ackrill would find out how much the bearings were, but all councillors agreed that overall the quotation would be cheaper than playground services and agreed to accept the quote.</p>	Cllr S Ackrill
10)	<p>SEEPD Grant Application</p> <p>Cllr S Ackrill has been looking into applying for this grant that is offering up to £20,000 in emergency equipment. Cllr S Ackrill highlighted the problem of storage for the equipment. There is another round of applications for this grant in April and September 2016. Cllr S Ackrill suggested applying next April once some thought has been given on where to store equipment. The grant may offer funding towards an item to store the equipment but this would need to be researched further.</p> <p>If anyone in the village can help with storage for emergency equipment, please contact Cllr Steve Ackrill for further details on steve@ackrills.co.uk</p>	Cllr S Ackrill
11)	<p>Benches and Bus Shelter safety check update / Bus shelter Grant update</p> <p>Cllr J Carter reported he had inspected the benches and all was found satisfactory. Cllr J Carter said he had also checked the salt bins and they are full.</p> <p>Bus Shelter</p> <p>Cllr G Parsons had reported the works had now been completed on the bus shelter and he and all councillors were very pleased with the outcome. The clerk will pay the invoice in full and also submit the invoice to West Berkshire Council for the members bid grant to obtain half of the invoice cost.</p>	Clerk
12)	<p>Community Garden & Bench (Discussion on how to spend £1404 which has to be used towards improvement to public open space in the village)</p> <p>Two members of the public reported they are waiting on 4 quotations with specifications of the community garden proposal, once received they will report back in the next meeting.</p> <p>If you are a local landscaper/gardener or this is something you could help with for your community. Please contact the clerk who can put you in touch with the two people that are working on the project.</p>	
13)	<p>Councillor questions and reports</p> <p>Cllr S Ackrill and Cllr G Knass reported they went to the Lambourn Valley Flood Forum meeting accompanied by the environmental agency. It was reported all groundwater levels were average at the moment. They are monitoring the situation on groundwater levels and a report will follow in due course. Next meeting in February at East Garston.</p> <p>The Jacobs report had been received by the clerk and shown to all councillors. It was agreed the report did not show any further information than already sought.</p>	

14)	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Noticeboard</p> <p>The clerk mentioned that she receives a lot of posters etc. that cannot be displayed in the village as there is not enough space on the current noticeboard outside the shop. All agreed that quotations will be obtained to look into a new noticeboard, possibly situated outside the village hall.</p> <p>The village hall committee would have to be contacted. To be discussed once quotes obtained.</p> <p>Dog fouling sign</p> <p>The clerk had now obtained a No dog fouling sign for the footpath that goes up the hill opposite Blakeney Fields. The PC had received complaints of lots of dog fouling in this area. The clerk was asked to contact Nigel Goldstraw to install sign.</p>	Clerk
15)	<p>Matters for future consideration</p> <p>Defibrillator</p> <p>Community Garden</p> <p>SEEPD Grant Application</p> <p>Noticeboard</p>	
16)	<p style="text-align: center;">Date of the Next Meeting – Thursday 12th November 2015 at 7.40pm ALL ARE WELCOME.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Close at 9.00pm</p>	