



Great Shefford Parish Council

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Minutes from Thursday 15 June 2017

Present: Cllr S Ackrill (Chairman) Cllr G Knass, Cllr B Williams, Cllr S McCarthy (Cllr McCarthy present from 8pm) and Clerk K. Lloyd

- 1) **Apologies** - Cllr P Storey
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** – on agenda items
- 3) **Open Forum** (time limit at Chairman’s discretion)
- 4) **Planning** – **The Old Post House 17/01025/House** Addition of utility to rear of kitchen.
Patridge Cottage 17/01147/House – Proposed two storey brick ad timber framed extension
After full discussion PC agreed to support both planning applications.
- 5) **Minutes** 25 May 2017- to be agreed and signed – Cllr G Knass proposed and Cllr B Williams seconded, Cllr S Ackrill signed the minutes.

6) Finance

a) Bank Accounts on 12 May 2017

Great Shefford Parish Council	£29,343.45
Recreation Ground Account	£10,221.59

b) Cheques to Approve

100317	K.Lloyd Parish Clerk	£554.98
100318	Henry Wilson (123 Reg domain renewal for 2 years)	£28.78
100319	FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd	£24.40
100320	Rebecca Withers (internal auditor)	£75.00
100321	BALC – Subscription 2017-18	£252.26

- 7) **Audit** - The Clerk reported the end of year accounts up to 31 March 2017 had been audited by the internal auditor and found to be satisfactory.

a) To approve section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2016/17

The statement was signed and dated by the Chairman Cllr S Ackrill and the Clerk signed the statement, adding the minute reference.

b) To approve Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2016/17

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- 8) **Picnic table/ bench** – The Clerk had previously emailed PC options for picnic benches. It was discussed in the meeting of the option of purchasing a recycled plastic picnic bench to prevent wood rot. After discussion it was felt for the extra cost of a recycled one a wooden picnic bench would be more cost effective. The ‘Springfield Picnic Bench’ was chosen from the supplier Broxap at a cost of £249.00. The Clerk was asked to contact Broxap to find out how much delivery was and lead time. **Clerk**

The Clerk had contacted Denise Harrington concerning the community garden project Denise had asked PC last autumn to use the S106 funds for this project. Denise informed the Clerk the project was on hold for now but was something for the future and to go ahead and use the funds for the picnic bench as Denise said she would look at ways to fundraise for the community garden in the future. . It was agreed to use the S106 funds for the picnic bench. The Clerk was asked to contact WBC concerning the S106 funds; the payment will be paid out of the recreation ground account and refunded once the S106 payment had been received. **Clerk**

The Clerk reported Nigel Goldstraw had repaired the loose plank on the village green bench. Nigel informed the Clerk the bench required a rub down and a coat of finishing oil which Nigel said he could purchase, he already had sandpaper and brushes for the job. A pot of oil would cost around £5.00. All agreed and the Clerk was asked to contact Nigel to go ahead with the works. **Clerk**

9) **Cllr Questions and reports**

Cllr S Ackrill reported the next Environmental Agency, WBC and CH2M consultants will be on Friday 23rd June and Cllr S Ackrill will give a full report in the PC July meeting.

Following on from a complaint of the litter being blown from the bin in the filling station, Cllr S Ackrill spoke to the owner, he thought the matter had been resolved by moving the litter bin to the back of the garage.

Cllr S Ackrill had a request from a parishioner asking to consider if dogs could be allowed into the recreation field, the parishioner mentioned the amount of money from the parishes precept spent in the recreation field on refurbishing /replacing the equipment and the grass cutting etc., when this area was only used for families with children. After discussion the Clerk was asked to add the item to the July agenda for further discussion. **Clerk**

Cllr S McCarthy informed PC the ‘give way’ sign in Church Street had been damaged the Clerk was asked to contact highways to repair. **Clerk**

10) **Clerk Correspondence**

Chris Capel from 4legs Radio (4 legs-Lambourn, Eastbury, Garston and Shefford) contacted the Clerk, Chris is setting up a Lambourn Valley community-based internet radio service for people located within the Lambourn Valley. He has asked if he could attend the July PC meeting to explain more about the radio station.

11) **Matters for future consideration –**

Allowing Dogs in the Recreation Field

Chris Capel from 4Legs Radio attending the July PC meeting

EA Report following June meeting

Close of meeting- 8.30pm

Next meeting Thursday 6 July 2017

NO MEETING IN AUGUST
