



Great Shefford Parish Council

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Minutes from Thursday 19 October 2017

Present: Cllr G Knass, Cllr B Williams, Cllr S McCarthy, Cllr P Storey, Clerk K. Lloyd and 1 member of the public.

- 1) **Apologies** - Cllr S Ackrill – (Cllr Knass agreed to Chair this meeting)
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** – on agenda items
- 3) **Open Forum** (time limit at Chairman’s discretion)
- 4) **Planning** – 17/02427/LBC2– Great Shefford House – Removal of existing roof coverings, repair of localised structural elements and recovering the roof with new slates.
Following cancellation of the last PC meeting the Clerk asked WBC planning if this application deadline could be extended to the date of this meeting, but the planning department could only extend to the 5 October for comments from PC.
- 5) **Minutes** 7 September 2017- to be agreed and signed – Cllr Storey proposed and Cllr Williams seconded the minutes to be a correct representation of the meeting, Cllr Knass signed the minutes.

6) Finance

a) Bank Accounts on 12 October 2017

Great Shefford Parish Council	£28,948.33
Recreation Ground Account	£10,221.59

b) Cheques to Approve

100336	K.Lloyd Parish Clerk	£554.98
100337	Autela Payroll Services – July/Aug/Sept	£38.40
100338	P Taylor – Strimming River Bank & Lane	£50.00
100339	S & S Management Services Ltd	£414.00
100340	Mazars (Audit Fee)	£120.00
DD	SSSE	£75.74
100341	FCC Recycling Ltd	£36.40
100342	PCC (donation)	£750.00

7) Discussion on contributing to PCC for works carried out to Lime Avenue

The Clerk read out an email from Cllr Ackrill that was received from PCC asking for a contribution from PC towards the tree work carried out in Lime Avenue, St Marys. The Clerk read out an invoice from JPH Forestry Ltd. The total cost was £3,360. Cllr Knass asked the Councillors what their thoughts were of contributing; the Clerk also mentioned the S106 fund could be used towards a contribution. The Councillors discussed using some of the S106 and the Clerk was asked to contact WBC to confirm the money could be spent on tree work. Cllr Knass asked the

Clerk to add the item to the next agenda for further discussion; also a cheque for PCC for a donation of £750.00 was being signed in this meeting which is already in the budget

Clerk

8) Flood Alleviation Scheme update / CIL payment

Cllr Knass reported he had attended the LV Flood Forum on Tuesday 17th October and everything was progressing. Measurements on ground water levels were being investigated, and will probably stay in the ground until next July, data will be sent following the findings.

The first Flood Alleviation fundraising open meeting has already taken place with a good turnout. **The next open meeting is on 9th November in the village hall at 6-8pm.** Cllr Knass said hopefully there will be more details on the scheme.

Also reported was Cllr Ackrill had been shortlisted for the 2017 Flood RE Local Heroes award. Nominations have been put forward for local heroes to be recognised and celebrated. The winner will be rewarded with £10,000 to benefit their local community. Cllr Ackrill will be attending the National Awards Ceremony in London on the 28th November.

9) Cllr Questions and reports

Station Road Railings- Cllr Storey asked what the outcome was concerning the damaged railings in Station Road. The Clerk reported WBC said they would put a temporary measure in place and further works would be carried out in the next financial year due to WBC cut backs. Cllr Knass asked if the S106 money could be used towards fixing the railings. The Clerk said she would investigate further to find out exactly when WBC will be carrying out the repair and make enquires of S106 money.

Clerk

Trees in the Mead -Cllr Storey reported he had received an email from WBC confirming they would 'most likely' plant the trees in The Mead as requested. The Clerk had previously received an email from WBC asking for the exact location of where the trees were to be planted, which Cllr Storey confirmed to WBC.

10) Clerk Correspondence

- The Clerk asked if the picnic bench was fixed after reports received of the bench being vandalised. It had only been placed in the recreation ground before the summer holidays and it was a shame the parish had to spend more money on fixing the bench. Cllr Williams confirmed it had been fixed.
- The Clerk was asked by PC to respond to a resident saying they are welcome to attend a PC meeting following several emails sent to PC concerning a small housing scheme on the land behind the petrol station including a flood relief scheme. **Clerk**
- The Clerk asked PC if a date proposed by Cllr Ackrill for '**Carols around the Tree**' on **21st December** was a suitable date, everyone agreed on the 21st December.
- The Clerk reminded PC of the District Parish Conference being held on 7th November. The Clerk said they like at least one representative to attend from Parish Council
- Cllr Ackrill had reported to the Clerk the waste bin had been vandalised in the recreation ground, the Clerk had asked Nigel Goldstraw to repair the bin.
- The Clerk reminded PC of the RAF Welford Remembrance Service on Monday 13 November at 10.30am. Cllr Williams said he would attend. The Clerk asked Cllr Williams to let RAF Welford know his car registration etc. The Clerk will forward email on to Cllr Williams. **Clerk**

11) Matters for future consideration

Following the open forum, the Clerk was asked to contact the newsletter editor and GS website administrator to update the Councillor contact details. **Clerk**

Close of meeting – 8.15pm- Next meeting Thursday 2 November 2017
