



Great Shefford Parish Council

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| Minutes of the Meeting of Great Shefford Parish Council on Thursday 2nd February 2017 at 7.40pm | | Present: Cllr S Ackrill (Chairman) Cllr G Knass Cllr Winfield Cllr Williams Minutes taken by Sandi Ackrill 1 Member of the public |
| | <p>Cllr Ackrill opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.</p> <p>Our Clerk Kim Lloyd was unable to attend the meeting due to unexpected family circumstances and previous Clerk Sandi Ackrill stepped in just to minute the meeting, all reports had been previously prepared by the current clerk.</p> | Action |
| 1) | Apologies: Cllr P Storey, Cllr S McCarthy | |
| 2) | Declarations of Interest on Agenda items - none | |
| 3) | Open Forum - no items were raised in the forum | |
| 4) | Planning – there were no applications to discuss this evening although it was noted there is a website where we can view applications which is sometimes easier than the website. | Cllr Knass Cllr Carter |
| 5) | Minutes of the meeting 12 th January 2017 were proposed for adoption by Cllr Knass and seconded by Cllr Williams they were duly signed by Cllr Ackrill. | clerk |
| 6) | <p>Neighbourhood Plan - Michael Billinge-Jones (Chairman of Lambourn PC) Cllr Ackrill invited Michael to talk about the Plan.</p> <p>Background</p> <p>The Plan once completed, forms a legal document between the Parishioners and the District Council. It would commence at PC level with the view to forming a Steering Group Committee to drive it forward. The proposal from Lambourn PC is that Lambourn, East Garston and Great Shefford join, have one committee and submit one plan for the Lambourn Valley.</p> <p>The Plan covers areas such as Development, Planning, Environment, Public Spaces, Sustainability, Growth, Flooding, Transport, Libraries,</p> | |

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| | <p>Schools, Parking and more.</p> <p>Timescales – looking at 24 months to put the plan together, the steering group show supporting documents that the parishioners have been consulted and listened to all the way through the process.</p> <p>The Plan is designed to last 10 Years, Lambourn have started on theirs at the end of last year. Initially East Garston decided against it but could now reconsider.</p> <p>A summary of the Process</p> <p>Consent from Parish Council to form Committee</p> <p>Work with District Councillors to define area (both our DC are keen to proceed with a plan)</p> <p>Creation of Steering Group (formed by representatives from all three parishes)</p> <p>Funding is sourced by the Committee although Grants could be available</p> <p>Consultation on all areas follows and a plan formulated depending on the outcome. The plan must follow the lead of WBC</p> <p>The Parish then vote on the final outcome and a 51% in favour majority is required to go on and submit the plan to WBC. Although there are no guarantees it's all just accepted.</p> <p>Michael Billinge-Jones offered to send some useful links for the Cllrs to review and also a copy of Mortimer's Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>Cllrs had many questions for MB-J the main concerns were different villages – different requirements, did we all have to agree to the same terms? (No sub points can be made throughout the plan). The agreement and funding how this would be split if Lambourn being the largest Parish had the majority of votes and views on the Steering group. Also, how would the funding be split? However, the largest concern was finding residents who would be prepared to sit on the Steering Committee.</p> <p>Agenda item for next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Ackrill thanked Michael Billinge-Jones for his time; Michael offered to come back at the next meeting once Cllrs had had time to review information.</p> | <p>All Cllrs</p> <p>Clerk</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 7) | <p>Finance -Cheques to approve this meeting</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="320 1711 1187 1989"> <tr> <td>100296</td> <td>K Lloyd £530.65 + back pay £113.18 (item9)</td> <td>£643.83</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100297</td> <td>Great Shefford Village Hall Rent Sept -Dec and Flood Meeting charge</td> <td>£100.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100298</td> <td>SSE light repair The Mead 0/S13</td> <td>£124.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100299</td> <td>Nigel Goldstraw fence repair Swan Footpath</td> <td>£127.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100300</td> <td>FCC</td> <td>£24.40</td> </tr> </table> | 100296 | K Lloyd £530.65 + back pay £113.18 (item9) | £643.83 | 100297 | Great Shefford Village Hall Rent Sept -Dec and Flood Meeting charge | £100.00 | 100298 | SSE light repair The Mead 0/S13 | £124.97 | 100299 | Nigel Goldstraw fence repair Swan Footpath | £127.50 | 100300 | FCC | £24.40 | |
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| | <p>Bank Accounts Current Account £16,45282 Recreation Ground £10,221.59</p> <p>Cllr Ackill and the Clerk are still progressing the damaged Swan Footpath fence with the Police who have now given us a crime log number, to try and recuperate the funds for the damaged fence. The Cllr Ackrill offered thanks to Nigel Goldstraw for a superb job with the repair.</p> | Cllr Ackrill |
| 8) | <p>Report on the Environment Agency meeting held at WBC- 26th January attended by the EA, Stuart Clarke and Cllrs Ackrill, Williams and Knass and resident Nick Voysey from the Flood Forum Committee.</p> <p>Cllr Knass reported the meeting set out three main options for Great Shefford:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new bypass channel on the east side of the A338 - A new culvert under land east of the A338 (Or a combination of the above two) - Potential to improve the existing channel <p>These options are being modelled and a broad feasibility study is being produced by EA consultants and should be completed end of March 2017. Cllrs requested another meeting April 2017. Then the next step will be to study the recommendations and formulate a timetable and action plan.</p> <p>This was also discussed at the Flood Forum Meeting on the 31st January 2017</p> | |
| 9) | <p>Clerks Salary Back pay from April 2016</p> <p>The revised National Pay Scales were released by National Association of Local Councils last year but were not received or noted at the time. Therefore, our clerk is duly owed back pay as detailed in the finance section of £113.18 which is the inflation recommended rate of increase. All councillors present were in favour of this and it was noted there should be another rise in April 2017.</p> | |
| 10) | <p>Cllr Questions and reports</p> <p>Cllr Knass – Regarding the complaint about the lack of footpath leading from the church Manor Farm Development -Cllr Knass is researching all the correspondence from the previous in depth discussions and investigations about the need for a path and the resulting outcome at the time and will compile a response to be sent as a reply on behalf of the PC once agreed.</p> | Cllr Knass |

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| | <p>Cllr Williams – The River has recently been cleared and the water is flowing freely some nice comments have been received. The large stones preventing the river running smoothly and changing the course of the water should be addressed. The alteration would need doing mechanically and permission sought from the EA.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that Cllr Ackrill will make contact and find out if this is possible.</p> | Cllr Ackrill |
| 11) | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>Patient Representation Group – Geoff Fowler is now our Parish representative on the Patient Participation Group at Lambourn Surgery. Please contact Geoff on email geoff_fowler@yahoo.com. with details of any issues you would like raised.</p> <p>Great British Spring Clean- March 3rd – 5th. Cllr Winfield will see if there is any chance of borrowing equipment for the Sunday (5th). The event should be published in advance. If no equipment still agreed to litter pick using gloves and own equipment (<u>Hi-Viz</u> must be worn for insurance reasons) all children accompanied by Parents</p> <p>District Parish Conference – 21st March no one present could attend.</p> <p>Library Service review – we have received Correspondence from Berkshire Association of local councils saying they stand by their previous advice regarding the legality of Parish Councils contributing to the West Berkshires Libraries Project at this point.</p> <p>There is a feedback meeting on the 7th February in the Memorial hall Lambourn.</p> <p>Local Government Boundary Review – Views from Parishioners are being sought in this consultation. Consisting of a review on Numbers of Councillors elected, the Number of Wards, Councillor number representing the wards, the boundaries, names of wards. The Commission is of a mind to recommend WB goes down to 42 District Councillors. Please get involved draw your own boundaries and have your say https://consultation/lgbce.org.uk/. Email your views reviews@lgbce.org.uk there will be a posted on the notice board for further information.</p> | Cllr Winfield Clerk |
| 12) | Date of the Next Meeting – Thursday 2nd March 2017 | |