



## Great Shefford Parish Council

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	<p><b>The minutes of the Great Shefford Parish Council          On Thursday 2 July 2015.</b></p>	<p><b>Present</b>  <b>Cllr J Carter (Chairman)</b>  <b>Cllr S Ackrill (Vice Chairman)</b>  <b>Cllr G Knass</b>  <b>Cllr R Howe</b>  <b>Cllr M Carter</b>  <b>Cllr J Winfield</b>  <b>Parish Clerk K Lloyd</b></p>	
	<p>2 members of the public present</p>		
<p><b>1)</b></p>	<p><b>Apologies</b> Cllr G Parsons</p>		
<p><b>2)</b></p>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest on Agenda items</b> –Cllr S Ackrill declared an interest in the revised planning application for 15/00980/HOUSE Bakery Cottage</p>		
<p><b>3)</b></p>	<p><b>Open Forum – un minuted.</b></p>		
<p><b>4)</b></p>	<p><b>Planning – 15/01410/FUL – Field Adjacent to The Long yard, North of Ermin Street.</b>          Erection of machinery shed. After full discussion the parish council have no further comment.  <b>15/01501/HOUSE – Little Croft, Wantage Road.</b> Single Storey rear extension. After full discussion the parish council support this application.  <b>15/01674/HOUSE – 3 The Old Railway Station, Station Road.</b> Proposed first floor extension. After full discussion the parish council support this application.  <b>15/00980/HOUSE – Bakery House. Proposed garage, small first floor extension and extension of front boundary wall with automatic gates. New additional drawings/ amended plans have been received. The main changes are – Garage reduced to single storey and first floor extension reduced in length.</b>          After full discussion the parish council asked if a restriction can be placed on the application to prevent future extension upwards and also prevention of ever installing 1<sup>st</sup> floor windows. This would address some of the concerns the parish council have with this application. Clerk to submit restriction request to WB planning.   <u>Case Reports from WBC</u>  <b>APP/W0340/W/15/3007937 Appeal Decision Valley View, Newbury Road.</b> The appeal was dismissed by WB planning on the finding that it would not be in a suitable location for a dwelling, having regard to the principles of sustainable development.</p>		
<p><b>5)</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes</b> – the minutes of the meeting of the 11 June 2015 were proposed for adoption by Cllr S Ackrill and seconded by Cllr G Knass.</p>		
<p><b>6)</b></p>	<p>Current Account          Recreation Ground</p>	<p>£18,321.58          £9,221.59</p>	

	<p><b>Finance- Cheques to approve and sign.</b></p> <table> <tr> <td>100212</td> <td>Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)</td> <td>£465.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100213</td> <td>S &amp; S Management Services Ltd</td> <td>£390.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100214</td> <td>FCC Recycling Ltd</td> <td>£23.02</td> </tr> <tr> <td>100215</td> <td>Playground Services Ltd</td> <td>£776.40</td> </tr> </table>	100212	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)	£465.04	100213	S & S Management Services Ltd	£390.00	100214	FCC Recycling Ltd	£23.02	100215	Playground Services Ltd	£776.40	
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7)	<p><b>Defibrillator</b></p> <p>The clerk had obtained further details concerning 'defibs'. The British Heart foundation are offering a battery powered model and asking for a donation of £400. They also would provide a CPR DVD and a kit for training. The 'defib' has a 5 year battery life, with new pads (depending on how much used) and a new battery would cost to maintain around £200 every 5 years. The 'defib' does not come with a cabinet so this would have to be sourced. It is also advised that this model will require a daily check, the responsible person would need to be contacted if any light was found flashing on the 'defib' as this would mean it is faulty.</p> <p>The parish council asked the clerk to find out more and apply to register. Not every parish is always successful. The parish council would also have to discuss further the matter of daily checks as felt this could be a lot to ask of someone. Perhaps a rota system could be put in place. More details to be sourced and more discussion required.</p>	Clerk												
8)	<p><b>Superfast Broadband</b></p> <p>54% of the village have benefited from the superfast broadband. The original plan suggested a favourable success would be at best 54% (240 premises). The average cost of an upgrade (basic or superfast) is worth/will cost £214 calculated across all Berkshire premises. In actuality the costs in many of the rural communities of West Berkshire will be much higher but we won't know actual expenditure until the end of the project. We have been informed that our parish will receive a benefit of £59,064 (total number of upgrades x £214). We believe this compares favourably with the contribution of £4,786. As a parish precept this equated to £3.81 per year for 3 years on a band D property. The PC is pleased that such a small contribution has been so successful and benefitted many in the village. Many projects that are undertaken (such as the Bus Shelter) are expensive in comparison, with minimal benefit to the majority of the community.</p>													
9)	<p><b>Youth Club Storage</b></p> <p>The clerk reported that West Berkshire Planning had contacted to ask for comments concerning this application. After a full discussion the parish council decided to support this application. The parish council was informed the village could lose their youth club if this application was rejected. However the PC are concerned about its appearance and ask for the container to be made to look as unoffending as possible and in keeping with the surroundings, perhaps it could be cladded or maybe fencing placed around the container to allow it to look more pleasing to the eye.</p> <p>Clerk to submit to West Berkshire planning.</p>	Clerk												
10)	<p><b>Country Fayre / Villager</b></p> <p>Cllr R Howe asked if the parish council would pay for the award for the villager of the year awarded at the Country Fayre. All agreed.</p> <p>Cllr J Winfield said she would purchase the award. The councillors agreed to budget to a maximum of £80 for the award. Cllr J Winfield will forward receipt onto clerk once purchased.</p>													

11)	<p><b>Benches and Bus Shelter safety check update / Bus shelter Grant update</b></p> <p>Cllr Carter reported he had not had time to inspect on the benches, but will do over the summer holidays. Cllr G Parsons who was not present at the meeting sent in prior to meeting a second quote for the bus shelter. After reviewing the quote the councillors liked the drawings showing an oak framed shelter, rather than tiles on the roof and the front opening with arch detail in oak The quote was £3'500. A third quote will need to be obtained but it was proposed by Cllr S Ackrill that the council review the third quote via email and confirm on quote before our September meeting so the repair can get started before the winter months. Cllr J Winfield second this and all was in agreement.</p>	
12)	<p><b>Community Garden &amp; Bench (Discussion on how to spend £1404 which has to be used towards improvement to public open space in the village</b></p> <p>This agenda item will be added to September agenda as no members of public present to discuss further.</p>	
13)	<p><b>Councillor questions and reports</b></p> <p>Cllr J Winfield reported on the issue of the B4000. Cllr J Winfield reported the matter was being discussed at West Berkshire following complaints on the surface of the road, and speeding not being reduced to 50mph. The response from WBC confirmed there were no plans for any further resurfacing at the location but once the condition deteriorated and indicated that maintenance is required, they would ensure the correct product is used to restore the road condition. The request for a 50 mph speed limit was taken to the Speed Limit Task Group on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The task group consists of elected members, police and council officers. Speed limits are reviewed in accordance with the latest Department for Transport guidelines, in taking decisions on speed limits several factors are taken into consideration including accident history, current speeds and environment. Having considered these factors the task group agreed unanimously that the current unrestricted speed limit for the B4000 at this location was appropriate and the proposed 50mph limit was rejected by the task group.</p> <p>Cllr J Carter said the parish council will give ongoing support, all agreed.</p> <p>Cllr R Howe reported she had looked at the completed works following the repair to the playscape climber and reported all looked satisfactory.</p>	
14)	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>RAF Welford</b></p> <p>Clerk asked the councillors if they would like to attend the RAF Welford Open day as an invitation to the parish council was received. Cllr M Carter said he would like to attend, the clerk will forward details.</p> <p><b>Bus Service</b></p> <p>The clerk informed the council the bus service 95 (Saturday service) is ending but the bus service 90 will be improved. Passengers will be informed. The last day of operation of the 95 bus will be Saturday 29 August. This is due to low numbers travelling on this service.</p> <p><b>Police Report</b></p> <p>PC Claire Drewitt apologised via email for no one being able to attend this month's</p>	Clerk

	<p>meeting but reported on two incidents via email.  From the 9-11 June a shed was entered at a property on Ermin Street, Woodlands St Mary. A number of gardening items were stolen.  26<sup>th</sup> June overnight, a workshop at a farm was entered on Newbury Street and a leaf blower was stolen.  8<sup>th</sup> June, the police spent the morning conducting speed enforcement. They spent nearly two hours at the junction of Spring Meadows at 12.40 they ticketed a driver travelling at 37 MPH.</p> <p><b>Shefford Woodland Trees</b>  The clerk had received a response on the matter of the trees at Shefford Woodlands. The trees were thinned during the drainage works that took place on the M4. The Highways reported on looking at google maps it appears that Shefford is quite a long way back from the motorway. After discussion it was thought the Highways were referring to Shefford rather than 'Shefford Woodlands' on the map. The clerk was asked to inform them the area of concern is the 'Woodlands' opposed to Great Shefford.</p> <p><b>St Marys and St Stephens</b>  The clerk has received a request payment in respect of 2015 for the contribution of £750 split for St Marys and St Stephens. The clerk will raise a cheque in the September meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
<p><b>15)</b></p>	<p><b>Matters for future consideration</b>  S106 Agreement to be spent.</p>	
<p><b>16)</b></p>	<p><b>Date of the Next Meeting –</b>  Thursday 3rd September 2015 at 7.40pm  ALL ARE WELCOME.   Close at 9.05pm</p>	