

Minutes of the Meeting of Great Shefford Parish Council held on Thursday 4th July 2013 at 7.40pm

Present: Cllr Benn (chair), Cllr S Ackrill. Cllr G Parsons, Cllr G Knass and Clerk S Ackrill

1 member of the public was present

- 1) **Apologies** - Cllr J Carter and Cllr J Winfield
- 2) **Declarations of Interest on agenda items** – none
- 3) **Cllr Vacancy** – no applications
- 4) **Open Forum** – nothing raised
- 5) **Planning** –

Case officer Report 13/00955/certp – 21 Spring Meadows certificate of lawfulness – garage space to habitable accommodation – this application would have been lawful.

- 6) **Minutes** of the meeting from 6th June were proposed for approval by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Knass the minutes were signed by Cllr Benn.

7) Finance

a) Cheques and Bank Accounts

81	Sandi Ackrill (villager of the Year Gift)	£69.00
82	Littlethorpe (Bus Shelter)	£7230.00
83	S & S Ackrill	£325.00
84	Southern Electric	£77.84
85	CCB annual membership	£30.00
86	Steve Ackrill (Armed forces banners)	£28.74
87	FCC Recycling	£21.50
88	Tree craft	£948.00

The above cheques were discussed and Cllr Ackrill and the clerk wanted it noted they were not happy with the finish on the new bus shelter – all other councillors were happy. Cheques were approved and signed. #

Current Account - £23,255.11

Rec Ground Account £14,509.59

- 8) **Website** – Linda Bowden has emailed all the local organisations asking them if interested in putting a new article on the site. John Turton will move the parish council items across to the new site. Greatshefford.wordpress.com Hoping to Launch at the end of July. New articles welcome

9) **Swan** – Feasibility of a Community Asset – following a discussion the councillors agreed it would be a good idea to try and register as an asset – proposed by Cllr Parsons and seconded by Cllr Ackrill. Cllr Parsons has completed a registration form and will send off. Cllr Parsons

10) **Lambourn Valley Flood Action Group** – Cllr unsure if the meeting was going ahead on either the 11th or the 25th hall booked for both at the moment – clerk asked to make contact with Lambourn PC and check their understanding and to get our three representative listed on the email group. Clerk

11) **Country Fayre**- Cllr Ackrill reported all going very well – delay with the new banners so we may have to use the old ones again this year. The schedules would be delivered to all homes this weekend. If anyone would like a stall or table top please contact Steve or Viv Williams.

Help to set up the marquees on the Saturday is very much appreciated about 11am. Also clearing away afterwards on the Sunday afternoon.

12) Recreation Ground

a) It was agreed to purchase a new sign stating no parking in this area and to replace the vandalised one on the gate Proposed by Cllr Knass and seconded by Cllr Benn a maximum of £60 plus VAT was agreed and if the signs were more it would have to wait until the next meeting to be authorised. Clerk

b) The Annual Safety check report has been received – Clerk will ask Nigel to look at the smaller items over the summer, clerk will get a quote for some bark and possibly an alternative surface as the bark is not lasting very long. We will only replace the chains to thre suggested size when they need replacing. There were no items of high importance and only 1 of medium all others were low risk.

It was agreed to ask for the invoice and approve the total of £59.95 plus VAT now in order the cheque could be written over the holiday break and to re book the same company for next year to keep the same price – proposed by Cllr Benn and seconded by Cllr Knass. Clerk

13) Cllr Questions –

Cllr Parsons reported the Cycle Group had had a good outing and were going to make it a regular occurrence

Cllr Ackrill – asked about the lines in the road by the Swan – the white ones were faded but yellow markings have now been spotted – clerk will check that they are going to be repainted soon.

Cllr Knass – will look at the Community Plans over the summer

Cllr Benn asked that the clerk report the high grass growing through the hearas fencing at the M4 junction
Clerk

14) Correspondence –

Email regarding the rail around the ditch at the Swan – this will be raised – the councillors agreed it should be the same height as the front rail on the footpath if this is in line with safety legislations Clerk

15) Matters for Consideration – nothing

16) Date of next meeting – Thursday 5th September 7.40pm

Meeting closed 9.20pm