



Great Shefford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Great Shefford Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 05 th June 2014 at 7.40pm		Present Cllr Benn(Chair), Cllr Ackrill, Cllr Parsons, Cllr Cater, Cllr Knass, Cllr Whiting Cllr Winfield and Parish Clerk S Ackrill
	0 members of the Public were present	Action
1)	Apologies: None	
2)	Declarations of Interest on Agenda items - none	
3)	Open Forum - nothing was raised	
4)	Planning – 14/00811/fuld - Shefford Valley Stud – residential dwelling - following a long discussion – it was agreed to object as the councillors felt the applicant should abide by the original conditions of the original applications – that the dwelling be connected with the running of the racehorse establishment. Case Officer Reports – 14/00269/house 2 ivy House – two bay garage with storage over – Granted 14/00786/HOUSE Elm Cottage – Single storey rear extension granted	
5)	Minutes – the minutes of the meeting of the AGM on the 1 st May 2014 were proposed for adoption by Cllr Ackrill and seconded by Cllr Knass	
6)	Finance - Cheques approved at the meeting a) 100145 FCC Recycling £21.50 100146 S & S Ackrill Grass Cutting £325.00 Douglas Tonks / Clerks Fee – DD £430.31 Bank Accounts b) Current Account £24370.09 Recreation Ground £14509.59 Income in the month £2000.00 Members Bid grant for playground £200 Allotment rent £8669.49 Precept from WBC To approve the 2013/14 annual accounting statement - this had been circulated and was proposed for adoption by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Winfield c) To approve the Annual Governance Statement – Cllr Knass proposed its adoption and it was seconded by Cllr Carter. d) Clerk will send the annual return off to the External Auditors before the end of June.	Clerk
7)	Website - There is a meeting on Tuesday 10 th June to discuss the next steps	

8)	<p>Flooding Forum – Cllr Benn has yet to complete the terms of reference, our initial grant application for funding for flood relief measures completed by WBC has been rejected – as the EA state it's their river - Cllrs Ackrill and Knass with the clerk have an appointment to talk to our MP Richard Benyon to request help. Cllr Benn has been to Thames Water offices to discuss improving their customer services - 17 managers attended the meeting – Cllr Benn used our incident log to explain experiences from those who tried to contact them during the flooding. The Environment agency – are holding a river clearance Demo in Station Road on Saturday – 6 members of our Village Emergency Group are going to attend. The department of Communities for Local Government spent an hour here looking at the effects of the flooding on residents.</p>	
9)	<p>Country Fayre – there was a meeting this week –all going well – 14th June is the Football fun day - Cllr Whiting is providing the first aid cover</p>	
10)	<p>Allotments – Cllr Knass will do the annual check as required according to the terms of Reference. School Gardening Club is running. There is one person on the waiting list.</p>	Cllr Knass
11)	<p>Cllr Questions – Cllr Knass would like to set up a steering group for the Parish Plan – Cllrs Parsons, Ackrill and Sandi Ackrill volunteered to join the group – we have one volunteer. Cllr Whiting – the post that the dog bin is attached to has been bent. Clerk will ask Nigel to have a look at it</p>	Clerk
12)	<p>Correspondence -Wings 2014 invitation Windsor International Guide and Scout event 5th August -WBC letter requesting views on Permits schemes -Speed Indicator Device Training – letter from WBC to see if anyone would like training 16th July. -BBQ in the Park – request from Rachel Seymour – requesting to hold a BBQ in the recreation ground - charging for the food with profits going to Great Shefford Under Fives – Clerk had checked with our insurance company – we are covered for the equipment and ground and the Under Fives need insurance for the BBQ aspect. Clerk should have a copy of this insurance. WBC – Gypsy Traveller Needs Assessment - clerk will complete this Richard Benyon letter – regarding working with Thames Water following the recent flooding.</p>	Clerk
13)	<p>Matters for Future Consideration – Need to set up a parish plan meeting</p>	
14)	<p>Date of the Next Meeting – July 3rd 7.40pm meeting closed 9.05pm</p>	