



## Great Shefford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Great Shefford Parish Council held on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.40pm		Present: Cllr Benn Chairman, Cllr Ackrill, Cllr Knass, Cllr Whiting and Parish Clerk Sandi Ackrill
	No members of the Public were present	Action
1)	<b>Apologies: Cllr Parsons and Cllr Winfield</b>	
2)	<b>Declarations of Interest on Agenda items</b> -Cllr Carter declared a Financial Interest regarding any future development on The Old Football Field Spring Meadows, Cllrs Knass and Benn declared Interest as they both live very close to the development.	
3)	<b>Open Forum</b> – Gareth Knass spoke re concerns over the possible development of the old football field in Spring Meadows	
4)	<b>Planning</b> – Case Officer report for 13/0248/FUL Springburn Childcare - Approved	
5)	<b>Minutes</b> – the minutes of the meeting from the 9 <sup>th</sup> January were approved for adoption and proposed by Cllr Knass seconded by Cllr Benn.	
6)	<p><b>Finance</b> –</p> <p>Cheques</p> <p>Parish Online 100119 £12.00</p> <p>WBC (Dog Bin) 100120 £97.66</p> <p>S &amp; S Ackrill 100121 £45.00</p> <p>Douglas Tonks £423.38 DD Clerk and Payroll Fees</p> <p>FCC Recycling 100122 £21.50</p> <p>CAB 100123 £50.00</p> <p><b>Current Account</b> £18338.29</p> <p><b>Playground Account</b> £14,509.59</p> <p>Risk Safety Checks due on Benches and Bus Shelter Cllr Carter agreed to check them</p> <p>Clerk had received a letter from WBC explaining that we may receive a grant towards out precept of £669.49 but we need to consider taking this sum off our agreed precept by the 18<sup>th</sup> February but WBC will not decide until March – therefore it was agreed as not an agenda item and we are not meeting again until March – to take this sum into consideration next year if grant is received.</p>	<b>Cllr Carter</b>

	£103 approx to claim in VAT – clerk will arrange	Clerk
7)	<b>Website</b> –launch 5 <sup>th</sup> March – Social Club	<b>Cllrs Carter/ Parsons</b>
8)	<b>SHLAA</b> – Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Cllrs Benn, Knass and Carter had attended a meeting in Hungerford which laid out the areas of land in and around the village which had been put forward by landowners for possible development in the future. Of the two sites a) Land behind the Petrol Station and b)The old Football Field in Spring Meadows only option b was to be considered at this time as possibly developable in 5-10 years. We need to consider the villages views on site b. and feed back to West Berkshire Council – will be placed on forthcoming agenda to be discussed when quorate.	
9)	<b>Parish Plan</b> – very positive meeting led by Cllr Knass held with Tessa Hall from the CCB with regard to updated the parish plan – we will hold a public event (possibly at the Parish Assembly) to gauge residents views and then set up a steering group	<b>Cllr Knass</b>
10)	<b>Allotments</b> – letters will be sent to all allotment holders to check they wish to continue with their plots. AGM is the 23 <sup>rd</sup> April. Payment due to Landlord on the 1 <sup>st</sup> April/	
11)	<b>Country Fayre</b> There will be a Fayre this year – the new committee headed by Rose Howe with Jim Carter as Vice Chairman held a very positive meeting on the 28 <sup>th</sup> January. The provisional date will be the 20 <sup>th</sup> July but this has still go to be agreed with the School. Cllrs Carter and Whiting will be the Parish council representatives to be voted on at the AGM. The walk will also take place in May further details to follow.	
12)	<b>Flood Forum / Emergency Management Team (EMT) Update</b> – EMT members have today completed another door knocking exercise warning those in the vulnerable areas of the rising springs. Numbers for Thames Water have been given out to report drainage/sewage issues. Recent EMT meeting held and several new volunteers have come forward a group of residents are on standby to help anyone who needs it – advice given recently was for those able to help themselves to do so block up air bricks and purchase sandbags move valuables to higher rooms items in garages also need to be considered– the PC have a limited supply of bags and a couple of tonnes of sand but this will not be enough to help everyone. The PC is not responsible for flood protection/defence but will try and help where they can. The list of Team Leaders and contact numbers is on the village notice board.  With regard to the Valley Forum meetings it is essential we keep progressing to alter the pump operation at the north end of the village to utilise the Environment Agency pipe running down the Wantage Road.	

13)	<b>Recreation Ground</b>	<b>Clerk</b>
a)	We have a couple of quotes – clerk will apply for one more with Tiger mulch option in order we can compare quotes	
b)	Grant update – we now have the Parish Plan for £5000 and District Councillors Graham Jones and Gordon Lundie were successful in obtaining a further £2000 from their Capital Members Bid on our behalf.	
14)	<b>Parish Assembly</b> – 10 <sup>th</sup> April having a similar event to last year along with an open forum meeting session at the beginning where parishioners put forward ideas for Parish Plan and any others issues they wish rased – it was noted this is not a PC meeting no decisions can be made just an open forum with discussion points.	Cllr Benn
13)	<b>Cllr Questions</b>	
14)	<b>Correspondence</b> Community Planning Conference – 5 <sup>th</sup> April	
15)	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
16)	Date of next meeting – Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2014 7.40pm Meeting closed 10.10pm	

Signed and date
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