



Great Shefford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of Great Shefford Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 6 th November 2014 at 7.40pm		Present Cllr Ackrill(Vice Chair), Cllr Carter, Cllr Winfield, Cllr Knass and Parish Clerk S Ackrill
	2 members of the Public were present	Action
1)	Apologies: Cllr Parsons, Cllr Knass an Cllr Whiting	
2)	Declarations of Interest on Agenda items - none	
3)	Election of Chairman – Cllr Ackrill proposed Cllr Carter be elected as Chairman and Cllr Winfield seconded this proposal. Cllr Carter was duly elected and signed his Chairman’s Declaration of Office. There were no applications for the Vacant position of Councillor	
3)	Open Forum No Items were raised - the Chairman and the Clerk will ensure from now on that the requirement for Members of the Public to speak only during the Open Forum unless invited to by the Chairman at any other point of the meeting will be publicised with the Agenda each month to ensure we abide by the Councils rules and that the meetings run smoothly.	Clerk
4)	Planning – 14/02618/FUL Fishers Farm Extension to Existing Building - Cllrs Carter, Ackrill and Winfield have visited the applicants property – following discussion it was agreed to support the Application. 14/02602/FULD – Land at Valley View, two bedroomed bungalow to replace existing building – Cllrs Carter, Winfield and Ackrill had also visited the proposed site – following discussion the councillors decided to support this application. 14/02698/FULD Wesley House – Demolition of existing shed installation of temporary summer house and deck base – Cllrs carter and Ackrill have visited this applicant - following discussion it was agreed to support the application.	clerk
6)	Minutes – the minutes of the meeting of the 2 nd October 2014 were proposed for adoption by Cllr Carter and seconded by Cllr Winfield	

<p>7)</p> <p>a)</p> <p>c)</p> <p>d)</p>	<p>Finance -</p> <p>Cheques signed since last meeting</p> <p>100173 S & S Ackrill 325.00</p> <p>100174 St Marys Church £750.00 Church Maintenance</p> <p>100175 J Mason £160.00 Footpath Strimming</p> <p>100176 FCC Recycling £21.50</p> <p>DD Clerk and Griffins Payroll £456.51</p> <p>VAT Claim for £2922.13 paperwork received from HMRC but figure not included in bank totals given below.</p> <p>Current Account £16315,73</p> <p>Recreation Ground £9221.59</p> <p>Safety Checks – Cllr Carter happy with Benches but slightly concerned the Bus Shelter will be in need of repair soon - Clerk will seek advice on the repairs but Councillors need to consider who could do this – Clerk will email Nigel Goldstraw for advice too.</p> <p>Budget Items – clerk asked all present if items to be considered at budget meeting in December required quotes - no quotes were requested, although Cllr Ackrill did suggest we put a sum in the cut the hedges in the Recreation Ground as they were not done this year. All agreed Cllr Ackrill will try and get a figure.</p> <p>Grass cutting fees for next year will remain the same.</p>	
<p>8)</p>	<p>Payroll – Clerk has been paid for all months now from July to October</p>	
<p>9)</p>	<p>Website - Nothing new to report</p>	
<p>10)</p>	<p>Flooding Forum / EMT</p> <p>Cllr Carter proposed Cllr Ackrill takeover the Chairman’s position on the EMT committee and Cllr Winfield seconded this. Cllr Ackrill will arrange a team Leader meeting in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Email from Richard Benyon passing on the following information from the EA with results from their meeting with WBC</p> <p><i>During meeting at the end of July, between the Environment Agency and West Berks Council, WBC informed us they would look into the options presented. Since then Jeanne Capey, has agreed a partnership approach with Stuart Clark(WBC) to progress a scheme. The Environment Agency has secured funding to survey the channel at Great Shefford. West Berkshire Council has indicated they would be able to use this data to build an initial model to begin an assessment of a full scheme and calculate cost/benefits. We will carry this work out this winter. This project has also been included in the flood risk management 6-year programme and we are waiting to hear whether</i></p>	<p>Cllr Ackrill</p>

	<p><i>this project will receive Flood Defence Grant in Aid (FDGiA) funding. We should know this when the chancellor announces the Autumn statement on 3 December 2014.</i></p> <p>With this in mind Cllr Ackrill informed the meeting he went into the Channel a few days ago, took some photos and has forwarded them at Stuart Clarke's request to WBC. At one point the pipe under the Auto Centre - is 1/3 full of silt. The pipeline needs clearing but WBC has said it's the EA's main river responsibility?</p> <p>Cllr Ackrill and Gill Hall represented the Village at the Lambourn Valley Flood Forum and Cllr Ackrill reported that, Thames Water are currently working on relining sewers and sealing manholes in Lambourn and should be in Great Shefford to seal manholes by the end of the year. WBC stated that no major schemes will be completed in time for this winter so with this in mind they are currently working on ways to improve the situation should more flooding occur this winter. The example given for Great Shefford was to try and keep the road open. Cllr Ackrill told the meeting that whilst not a long term solution the situation in Great Shefford could be greatly improved by having pumps that would fully utilise the EA pipeline. In February 2014 there was 3 x 6" pumps at the north of the village pumping a total of 250 litres/second whereas there are fittings for 3 x 8" pumps which would pump a total of 480 litres/Second almost doubling the pumping capacity. The next meeting of the flood forum is 3rd February 2015 to be held in Great Shefford.</p>	
11)	Remembrance Day Sunday Service – Clerk passed the wreath to Cllr Carter who will attend and represent the Council	Cllr Carter
12)	<p>Christmas -</p> <p>Tree – Cllr Whiting has offered to sponsor the Tree this year – we need to source a tree though – 12-14ft tall with thick base – all present agreed to make a call and source various prices.</p> <p>Carols around the Tree Thursday 18th December – Cllr Winfield will call the Swan to enquire if we could meet there to sing if wet and or have refreshments afterwards.</p>	ALL
13)	Salt Bins – Cllr Carter had checked the bins at Fetti Place and The Close – Fetti place was fine but the Salt in the Bin at the close was very hard - Cllr Carter will try and break up - clerk will speak to WBC and find out what they recommend.	Cllr Carter Clerk
14)	Allotments – no report this evening	
15)	Cllr Questions – Cllr Winfield thanked all those who attended the Litter Pick – 10 people	

	attended and whilst there was rubbish it wasn't as bad as previous years. Thanks also to those who litter picked separately along the A338.	
15)	Correspondence Penny post had been emailed around	
16)	Matters for Future Consideration – No matters were raised not included in the minutes	
17)	Date of the Next Meeting – 4 th December 7.40pm meeting closed 9.10pm	

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