



Great Shefford Parish Council

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Minutes from Thursday 5 April 2018

Present: Cllr S Ackrill (Chairman), Cllr G Knass, Cllr S McCarthy, Cllr B Williams, Cllr P Storey, Clerk K Lloyd and 2 members of the public

- 1) **Apologies** Cllr E Bell
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** – None
- 3) **Open Forum** (time limit at Chairman’s discretion)
- 4) **Planning** – None
- 5) **Minutes** 8 March 2018- to be agreed and signed. Cllr B Williams proposed and Cllr P Storey seconded the minutes to be a true representation of the meeting, Cllr Ackrill signed the minutes.

6) Finance

a) Bank Accounts on 12 March 2018

Great Shefford Parish Council	£16,628.34
Recreation Ground Account	£10,221.59

b) Cheques to be approved in this meeting.

S/O	K.Lloyd Parish Clerk Standing Order –payment on 25.04.2018	£570.82 £555.00 Standing Order (£15.82 Cq 100367 below)
100361	Box of Blue (website domain)	£108.00
100362	West Berkshire Council (Dog waste bins)	£89.80
100363	Carter Jonas (Allotment Rent)	£300.00
100364	J Cantlay & Son (Salt for grit bins)	£80.16
100365	Autela Group Limited	£46.08
100366	FCC Recycling Ltd	£36.60
100367	Mrs K Lloyd *note below	£15.82

*Waiting for telephone banking registration form from Barclays before Barclays will authorise standing order amendment. Clerk will be paid salary increase of £15.82 per month by cheque until standing order of £555.00 can be amended.

7) GSAS - New Lease Agreement

Following email correspondence already circulated from the Clerk to PC and GSAS . Carter Jonas on behalf of Benash Farm would be happy to grant a new lease and would suggest a new 10 year lease with a break option on the 5th anniversary. A Rent reviews on the 5th anniversary at market review or CPI whichever is the greater. The break option would be a

mutual break for either party to terminate the lease at 5 years, if not it would run for another 5 years.

GSAS Chairman (present in meeting) agreed to the new lease terms in principle but asked to see a copy of the new lease before signing. The Clerk will contact Cater Jonas and will forward the new lease when received to GSAS for review.

Clerk

8) Wantage Bus Contribution

The Clerk was asked to obtain accounts. On reviewing account statement it was agreed and proposed by Cllr S Ackrill and seconded by Cllr P Storey that the same contribution as last year would be given of £100.00. The Clerk will raise cheque in next meeting.

Clerk

9) Annual Parish Meeting update – Thursday 12th April. 7.30-9.30 (7pm to set up)

The Clerk reported all was in place for the Annual Parish Meeting and reminded PC to arrive along with everyone who has a stand at 7pm to help set up.

The under 5's Pre-School and the Church would like their tables next to the power point on the right hand side to enable a power point presentation.

8 tables in total will be required. (9 if 4-legs radio requires one for leaflets)

The Clerk asked if a advertisement post could be added to the Great Shefford Village Face Book page, after full discussion it was agreed for the Clerk to ask the GS FB administrator to add a post to social media.

The Clerk asked who to contact to locate table top notice boards as one had been requested.

The Clerk was asked to contact the youth club organiser. Cllr Ackrill said he could obtain some if not successful.

Clerk/All

10) Playground Activity Trail update

Three quotes had been received; unfortunately the last quote only received the afternoon of the meeting therefore PC had not had adequate time to review.

Following discussion it was agreed the cost of replacing the Activity Trail was proving to be more costly than originally thought and more review and discussion is needed before reaching a decision.

Quote 1 – CJM Services - £8'475.58

Quote 2 – Playdale -£11433.45 (original manufacturer)

Quote 3 – Playground Services - £10,223.00 or in Radiata Timber (as CJM quoted) £8,992.00

Playdale had advised according to the latest regulations the swinging bars now require a safety surface underneath, but no other supplier had said this. The Clerk said she would ask the suppliers and the playground inspection company the question on the surface.

Cllr S Ackrill also asked the Clerk to ask if CJM is VAT registered.

After discussion the Clerk will ask Playground Services to provide a 'for supply only' quote as the other quotes have a breakdown.

Cllr Ackrill said he had seen a grant application of up to £4,000 from Tesco and would investigate further to find out if a grant can be obtained to help with the cost.

Clerk/Cllr S Ackrill

11) Flood Alleviation Scheme

Cllr S Ackrill reported £9,000 now was in the bank. The SSE Grant worked on by Cllr S Ackrill and Cllr G Knass was ready to be submitted.

Cllr S Ackrill had been in communications with Gordon Lundie about submitting a Greenham Common grant application which if granted would be match funding.

On the **20th April there is a Quiz night in the Swan Pub.**

On the **18th May there is 'A Royal Stag and Hen do'.**

The next **Community Fundraising Meeting** will be held on **Thursday 19 April** in the School from 8pm. If you would like to get involved or have any ideas on how to raise money, please pop along.

12) RBL – Sponsoring a Silent Soldier

The Clerk had previously sent information on sponsoring a silent soldier; the cost would be £250. He would be 4ft tall and made out of Dibond. Cllr S Ackrill asked if there was a special event day when the soldier would be erected, the Clerk said she believed PC would just order the soldier and install when possible, no event had been advertised. The Church was mentioned as a place the soldier could be installed. After discussion it was agreed to mention the soldier in the Annual Parish Meeting to hear the views of the community and where they think the soldier could be placed. A discussion of the soldier being vandalised was also a concern made by PC.

Cllr S Ackrill to raise the item in the Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr S Ackrill/Clerk

13) Cllr Questions and reports

Cllr S Ackrill proposed that Cllr B Williams continues the works on strimming the pathway by the Swan public house as previously agreed last year in the amount of £100 per annual -being £25 for each cut. All agreed to continue.

14) Clerk Correspondence

Further correspondence was received concerning the 'For Sale' boards placed on Blakeney Fields grass area. The Clerk was asked by a resident if PC could contact Jones Robinson. After discussion the Clerk was asked to contact the estate agents

Clerk

The Clerk asked if 2 Millers Field fence had been fixed, it was reported it was still leaning, The Clerk will chase the letting agent again.

Clerk

Parish Council had received another email from the same resident about the village footpaths. Parish Council was in agreement that they had already discussed this matter and made a decision. The Clerk was asked to refer the resident to section 11 in the Standing Orders which states once a decision is made it shall not be reversed within 6 months, except if two Councillors apply in writing to get the matter placed back on the agenda for discussion.

Clerk

15) Matters for future consideration

The Clerk asked if thoughts had been made for any further salt bins required in the village. After discussion the Clerk was asked to place this as an item on the June agenda for further discussion.

Close of meeting – 8.45pm
Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 3rd May
