



## Great Shefford Parish Council

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### Minutes from Thursday 5 July 2018

**Present:** Cllr S Ackrill (Chairman), Cllr G Knass, Cllr S McCarthy, Cllr E Bell, Cllr B Williams and Clerk K Lloyd

- 1) **Apologies** no apologies reported from Cllr Storey.
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** – on agenda items.
- 3) **Open Forum** (time limit at Chairman’s discretion)
- 4) **Planning** – None
- 5) **Minutes** 7 June 2018- to be agreed and signed - Cllr Bell proposed and Cllr Williams seconded the minutes to be a true representation of the meeting, Cllr Ackrill signed the minutes.
- 6) **Finance**
  - a) Bank Accounts on 12 June 2018

Great Shefford Parish Council	£22,678.09
Recreation Ground Account	£10,221.59

**b) Cheques to be approved in this meeting.**

S/O	K.Lloyd -Clerk	£555.00
100382	S & S Management Services Ltd	£438.00
100383	Mr Nigel Goldstraw	£118.12
100384	Autela Group Ltd (payroll) Apr-June	£46.80
100385	K.Lloyd top up salary on Standing Order*	£15.82
100386	FCC Recycling	£25.40
100387	SSE – Street Light repair to The Mead	£155.62
DD	SSE – Street Light electricity**	£124.04

\*Cheque 100385 –The Clerk reported the letter sent to Barclays with authorised signatory asking for this standing order to be increased to £570.82 following the Clerks pay raise in April was still not actioned. The Clerk will contact Barclays again. Clerk

\*\*DD SSE, the Clerk said this Direct Debit was higher than normal and will contact SSE to request Electricity Rate Charges. The Clerk will obtain quotations from other suppliers. Clerk

The Clerk asked for two signatories for the direct debit Information Commissioners Office mandate to register GSPC on the Data Protection register which is a legal requirement from May. The cost is £35.00 per year by direct debit, a saving of £5.00 if not paid by cheque. This annual expenditure is added to the budget.

Clerk

**7 The Silent Soldier – Silhouette update/discussion**

An email was received and circulated to PC from PCC saying if PC would like the silent soldier to remain in the churchyard or surrounding churchyard area on a permanent basis the PC would need to apply to the Diocese for a Faculty (the church's version of planning permission). The Faculty Fee is £293.80. It would take 2-3 months for the application to be processed and considered.

Cllr Bell asked if The Swan public house garden could be a good place for the silhouette. After full discussion it was agreed to not go ahead with purchasing a silent soldier as a location to position the silhouette could not be reached.

**8 Dog Fouling in the Recreation Park**

The Clerk received an email from a local resident reporting they had seen offenders in the recreation park not picking up their dog waste and asked if PC could do anything. Cllr Knass proposed bigger 'NO DOGS' Signage. Cllr Ackrill said without knowing who the offenders are it is very difficult to be able to do anything as the playground could not be policed. The Clerk was asked to write to the resident to ask if they knew who the offenders were and to report them to PC. All agreed to purchase 2 new signs which may help make people aware not to take their dogs in the park.

Clerk

**9 Salt Bins – discussion on providing more and the best location**

After full discussion, it was agreed to purchase one salt bin to be positioned in Blakeney Fields close to the Defibrillator. This would give the village three salt bins opposed to the current two. The Clerk said they are £70 each for a 170litre bin. The Clerk will order one along with the salt for the new bin.

Clerk

**10 Playground Activity Trail update**

Cllr Ackrill reported an order was placed with Playdale as already confirmed to PC through email. The agreed amount approved for the revised quotation in the last meeting was £8,000 the order was placed for £6,428.34 plus VAT.

Cllr Ackrill arranged for Playdale to contact him during September to confirm delivery. Cllr Ackrill will remove the current Activity Trail in the park the weekend before Playdale deliver. Playdale will also provide the fencing. Cllr Ackrill has ordered a skip and digger.

**If any volunteers are willing to help Cllr Ackrill remove the equipment in September, please contact him.**

**11 Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Cllr Ackrill reported a meeting took place two weeks ago in the Council Offices where the Environmental Agency attended. It was reported the monitoring will be ending late this month and a report will be produced on its findings. A pipe is still the preferred option. If funding is in place the works could start next spring.

As reported in the last meeting the Good Exchange is up and running now

Please click on link to donate.

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/12191/great-shefford-flood-alleviation-association/great-shefford-flood-alleviation-scheme>

Cllr Ackrill reported £800.00 has been donated so far which will be match funded with another £800 plus £75.00 gift aid. The Golf Day on 17<sup>th</sup> August is proving to be a popular event; please contact Ray in the shop if you would like a ticket. Cllr Ackrill is hoping some of the Golf day funds raised can be paid through the Good Exchange platform to be match funded.

Cllr Ackrill said it was a shame the good exchange could not have been set up earlier as all donations could have been paid through this platform for example the kind donation from the village hall could have been paid through the Good Exchange platform and then match funded.

**12 Cllr Questions and reports**

None

**13 Clerk Correspondence**

None

**14 Matters for future consideration**

Close 8.30pm

**Next Parish Council Meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018**