



Great Shefford Parish Council

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Minutes from Thursday 6 September 2018

Present: Cllr S Ackrill (Chairman), Cllr G Knass, Cllr S McCarthy, Cllr E Bell, Cllr B Williams, Cllr Storey and Clerk K Lloyd (4 members of the public attended)

1) Apologies - None

Sue Benn

The Chairman opened the meeting expressing on how saddened Parish Council and indeed the community of Great Shefford were to hear the loss of Sue Benn. We give our condolences to Sue Benn's family. Sue was such a Pillar of our Community and did so much good work.

The Chairman spoke of when Sue was Chairman of the Parish Council, Sue's very first PC meeting had the item 'Wessex Saw Mill', the hall was packed but Sue handled it so well, staying composed and making everyone's concerns feel valued. She was a remarkable lady and Sue will be greatly missed by all!

Sue's funeral will be held on Friday 21st September at 12pm in St Mary's Church.

2) Declarations of Interest – None

3) Open Forum (time limit at Chairman's discretion)

4) Planning

- The Nook 18/01934/FUL

Change of use of existing agricultural farm track to residential access to The Nook.
After full discussion PC agreed to 'Object' on the grounds that the application is for an unnecessary access that is outside the settlement boundary.

- Great Shefford Park Farm 18/02035/AGRIC

Agricultural building - open plan grain store barn

All relevant documentation may be viewed on the Council's website at the following address:
<http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=18/02035/AGRIC>.

This is an Agricultural Notification which is to determine only whether the prior approval of the Authority will be required as to the siting, design and external appearance of the building, the siting and means of construction of the private way, the siting of the excavation or deposit or the siting and appearance of the tank, as the case may be.

The Council must notify the applicant of its determination by 10 September 2018, failing which the proposal can precede by default. As a consequence, although comments are welcomed, they can only be taken into consideration if they are received before the Council makes its determination.

Lydia Mather WBC Planning.

After full discussion PC agreed to 'Object' due to the proposed siting of the barn and urge WBC to insist upon a full planning application.

- 5) **Minutes** 5 July 2018- to be agreed and signed
Cllr Williams proposed and Cllr McCarthy seconded the minutes to be a true representation of the meeting. Cllr Ackrill signed the minutes.

6) **Finance**

a) Bank Accounts on 10 August 2018

Great Shefford Parish Council	£15,394.59
Recreation Ground Account	£10,221.59

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

S/O	K.Lloyd –Clerk 570.82 x 2 Aug/Sept	£1,141.64
100389	K.Lloyd – 15.82 x 2 top up salary for Aug/Sept	£31.64
100390	S & S Management Services Ltd	£492.00
100391	FCC Recycling (UK) Ltd	£25.40
100392	Value Products limited. (No Dog Signs)	£16.50
100393	Willis & Ainsworth (Salt bin & Salt)	£137.80
100394	Autela Payroll Group	£46.80

Change to agenda 2nd Open Forum was offered for the Speeding item by the Chairman.

7 **Speeding in the village**

Two members of the public raised the 'ongoing' concern of speeding in the village.

PC agreed as 'always' to the speeding concerns, Cllr Bell raised the question of road bumps, the question of reducing the road speed was also discussed again.

Cllr Ackrill highlighted some of the points from the last speed data recorded in Great Shefford in 2016 from the Senior Road Safety Officer Traffic & Road Safety Team sent to PC by request in April 2017.

A 338 Wantage Road Great Shefford opposite 'The Mead' SDR Site number 669

Direction Northbound

Speed Mode 30 mph

Date & Times 04.02.2016 13:33 to 09.02.2016 18:47 = 5.2 days

Time Stamp	Speed(Mph)	Length(Metres)	Lane	Summary	Stats
04/02/2016 13:33	22	4.3	2	Average Speed	29.4
04/02/2016 13:33	29	0.5	2	% > Speed Limit (30 Mph)	47.5
04/02/2016 13:33	28	4	2	% > Speed Limit Plus 15 Mph	1.3
04/02/2016 13:34	29	4.4	2	85th Percentile	37
04/02/2016 13:34	27	1	2	Volume	15659
04/02/2016 13:35	34	3.9	2		
04/02/2016 13:37	25	6.8	2		
04/02/2016 13:37	26	6.6	2		
04/02/2016 13:39	32	4	2		
04/02/2016 13:39	32	7.1	2		
04/02/2016 13:40	18	1.1	2		
04/02/2016 13:40	30	5.8	2		
04/02/2016 13:41	38	5.7	2		

TVP are not going to take any action following the data – we know for a ticket to be issued by TVP it is based on 10% =2 so although the A338 Wantage Road northbound info above shows 47.5% of vehicles over 30mph reality is that the law sets a criteria for prosecution which we might not find acceptable ourselves and here shows only 1.3% of the total volume (1.3% of 15659 over 5.2 days = 39 cars a day over the 24hr period = 1.6 per hour)

Extract ended

A member of the public in the meeting asked if the latest data from the VAS (Vehicle Activated Signs) could be sent to PC.

The Clerk will write to the Traffic and Road Safety team in WBC highlighting the recent concerns and request another CSW (Community Speed Watch) and will ask for VAS data to be forwarded.

On-going /Clerk

8 Centenary of Armistice Day

The Craft Group reported they are busy knitting and sewing to make a display of poppies on the trees in the avenue at St Mary's. The Craft groups aim then is to bring the display down to the centre of the village / the Village Green. They have an idea of producing larger poppies (approx. 40cm x 30cm) cut out of weatherproof board and painted red. Villagers would be invited to come into the craft group on Friday mornings to personalise their own poppy for a donation. These could be displayed on their own homes around the village. We may also do an evening session for people who can't make it on Fridays. Any funds raised would be split between the Royal British Legion and the Great Shefford Flood Alleviation Appeal.

The Parish Council agreed to support the idea of a bigger display of poppies and it was great to have extra funding raised towards the Flood Alleviation Appeal.

9 **Playground Activity Trail update**

Cllr Ackrill said Monday 24 September is the start date for the works to begin. On the weekend of 22 September Cllr Ackrill will remove the old activity trail. Cllr Storey volunteered to help. Cllr Ackrill has ordered a skip, digger, toilet which will cost around £300 opposed to the Playdale cost of £2,000, a saving to our Parish! PC thanked Cllr Ackrill.

Cllr Ackrill reported the fencing will be delivered before the weekend of the 22nd.

Cllr Ackrill proposed to save extra parish money it would be a good idea to also clear the river of weeds and dig/cement the hole on the village green ready for the Christmas tree following last year's fiascos of the Christmas tree being pulled over not once but twice, it was agreed to have a more permanent fixture in place this year. While we have the skip and the digger hired it would make sense to do it on the same weekend rather than hire again at a later date, adding more cost.

All agreed,

Cllr Ackrill asked for volunteers to help on the weekend of 22-23 September to

- Clear the Activity Trail from the park.
- Clean the river of weeds and debris
- Carry out the preparations for the Christmas tree erection

Cllr Storey said he was happy to help with all.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

PC need more Volunteers for the weekend of 22-23 September if anyone can lend a hand to help even if it's just for an hour, it would be appreciated.

Please contact Steve Ackrill or drop an email to the Clerk. – Thank you.

10 **Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Cllr Ackrill reported the Golf Day held in August was a roaring success! £4,000 was raised directly from the Golf day, and Ray our Postmaster did an amazing job. **Thank you Ray!** Once the match funding and gift aid along with other recent donations were all taken into account the fund had actually increased by an amazing £16,000.

A total of £42,687 is raised so far, we are still waiting for the members bid to be paid through the good exchange so the amount of £8,400 can be match funded. (Given an extra £16,800) An application for the Cumber Family Charitable Trust had just been submitted thanks to Cllr Knass help. We have not heard back from the Scottish and Southern grant application yet, but with 48% already raised it is looking very positive to reach our target.

If you would like to donate- Please click on link.

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

or go to www.thegoodexchange.com and find the project by number 12191.

11 **Cllr Questions and reports**

Cllr Ackrill received an email from a resident reporting a witness saw damage being done to the parks picnic bench. The offender was reported to be intoxicated. The Clerk was asked to contact Nigel Goldstraw to make the area safe and has since fixed the bench. **PC Thanked Nigel for his speedy response.**

Cllr Ackrill reported -The postmaster heard of the incident and kindly cleared the empty scattered bottles from the park and reported to PC the following;

The offender is banned from purchasing alcohol, in the shop!

" We are part of West Berkshires responsible retailers scheme, as part of my relationship the WBC Licensing department the offender has now had an Alcohol Ban. I am happy for you to, without naming him, inform the parishioners that the SPAR shop in the village take their responsibility seriously and without prejudice will act accordingly as and when required"

PC Thanked the postmaster for his support to the community.

After full discussion if to notify the Police -or not? - it was agreed by all for Cllr Ackrill to speak with the offender to seek some retribution in the form of assistance with a few council jobs perhaps litter picking in the park for one, and assistance with the likely forthcoming clearance of weeds in the river.

Cllr Ackrill

12 Clerk Correspondence

The Clerk reported the electricity payments which was higher than normal in the last quarter was because the invoice had produced a 5 month costing rather than 3 months due to a new IT system implemented which had a few teething problems, the Clerk was informed the payments will total the same as budgeted across the year. The SSE apologised for any inconvenience caused.

13 Matters for future consideration

Speeding

Close – 8.50pm **Next Parish Council Meeting Thursday 4th October 2018**