



Great Shefford Parish Council

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Minutes from Thursday 1 November 2018

Present: Cllr Ackrill (Chair), Cllr P Storey, Cllr S McCarthy, Cllr B Williams, and Clerk K Lloyd

- 1) **Apologies** - Cllr G Knass, Cllr E Bell
- 2) **Declarations of Interest** – on agenda items
Cllr Ackrill declared an interest on the grass mowing expenditure budget item.
- 3) **Open Forum** (time limit at Chairman's discretion)
- 4) **Planning- None**
- 5) **Minutes** 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 12 October 2018

Great Shefford Parish Council	£20,831.59
Recreation Ground Account	£10,221.59

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

S/O	K.Lloyd –Clerk	£570.82
100404	S & S Management Services Ltd	£246.00
100405	PKF Littlejohn LLP (audit)	£240.00
100406	Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreaths Donation)	£50.00
100407	St Marys Great Shefford Parochial Church'(donation)	£750.00

7 **Speeding in the village (SIDS update)**

Cllr Ackrill and Cllr B Williams carried out the SIDS in the village from 11th to 24 October at The Mead junction North/Southbound and Spring Meadows North/Southband. The Senior Road Safety Officer will look at the Data and decide the next steps.

Please see below for speeds recorded from the SID machine.

Site Number	00001413	Site Refer	00001413																
Wantage Road, Great Shefford																			
Speed Summary (Speed Limit 30 Mph)					From 11/10/2018 To 24/10/2018											Channel: SID			
	Total Volume	85th Percentile	Mean Average	Standard Deviation	<5Mph	5-<10	10-<15	15-<20	20-<25	25-<30	30-<35	35-<40	40-<45	45-<50	50-<55	55-<60	=>60		
Monday	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tuesday	1398	34	28	6	0	63	24	10	124	646	414	101	14	0	1	0	0	0	0
Wednesday	1683	35	29	8	0	124	18	9	82	725	513	157	43	8	1	1	2	0	0
Thursday	1280	36	30	6	0	14	12	38	134	464	394	168	45	10	0	0	0	0	0
Friday	817	39	34	6	0	2	2	2	24	164	344	186	68	19	4	0	1	0	0
Saturday	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sunday	0				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Day Ave.	1036	35	30	7	0	41	11	12	73	400	333	122	34	8	1	0	1	0	0
7 Day Ave.	740	35	30	7	0	29	8	8	52	286	238	87	24	5	1	0	0	0	0
CA Traffic																			VDA-net R2 30/10/2018

Cllr Ackrill said from memory they said last time they needed to see 5% of vehicles exceeding the limit by 15 mph before they take action and we had 1.2% , if my maths is correct I make it just under 1% this time.

I was also told by a Police officer on Radio Berkshire that our around 47% of vehicles exceeding the limit was “about the national average”, this % is virtually the same this time.

Cllr Bell (sent apologies and not in meeting) had emailed to ask if GSPC should invite Cllr Jones to hear the views of the villagers and see the strength of feeling. Cllr Ackrill said without sounding negative if Cllr Jones was invited, I would be concerned that no one would probably attend. One member of the public tried to gain support from villagers to attend a PC meeting recently to support their views but no one came to the PC meeting, there seemed to be only support through social media. I.e. Facebook.

8 Playground Activity Trail groundwork update

A big thank you was given to Patch who cleared 3-4 barrows of stones from the ground surface around the activity trail. Cllr Ackrill said the area did not look so bad now and did not think there was a need to fence the area off due to the time of year it would not be used as much. It was decided after discussion the area needed to be raked over and seeded without fencing. The Clerk was asked to contact Nigel Goldstraw.

Cllr Ackrill was pleased to announce GSPC had been awarded £1,000 for 3rd place in the Tesco grant token scheme. Cllr Ackrill said he was completing the grant application validation.

Clerk/Cllr Ackrill

9 Maintenance of village property

Cllr Ackrill proposed that all the benches could do with a treatment, all agreed. Cllr Storey proposed the Bus Shelter roof could also do with a treatment to preserve the wood as it had been a while since it was first installed, all agreed.

The Clerk was asked to contact Nigel Goldstraw.

Cllr Ackrill reported the hedge in the recreation ground needed a hard cut; Cllr Ackrill proposed to speak to John Liddiard to find out if he is interested himself in cutting the hedge (or one of his staff) and if yes to obtain a quote, all agreed.

The re-roofing of the pavilion roof in the recreation ground was also discussed and this was agreed to be done in 2019.

Cllr Ackrill/Clerk

10 Flood Alleviation Scheme update

Cllr Ackrill reported all was quiet on the fundraising and needed to get things moving again. A total of £42,687 is raised so far. We are still waiting for confirmation on the members bid to be paid through the good exchange to double the amount of £8,400.

Cllr Ackrill said they were waiting to hear back from Environmental Agency concerning the business case which should have been done in October.

The Christmas Fayre event had been organised towards the Flood Alleviation Scheme which is being held on Saturday 1st December from 7-11pm in the village hall for only £30.00 per person, this includes a buffet.

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 The Budget.

- **Review of current account year expenditure**
- **Review Budget for 2019/20 and to make amendments if required**
- **To discuss and approve the Precept for 2019 (deadline Jan 30th)**
- **To set the 2020/21 Budget (20/21 Budget can be completed in Jan/Feb meeting if time does not permit)**

The review of the current year was satisfactory the only item being over budget was for the activity trail.

19/20 Budget -£250 for 'Training' was added to allow for expenditure for Clerk/Councillor training.

20/21 budget was set at £20,790.

£1,500 for the 'Recreation Ground Maintenance'-an extra £500 was added towards the pavilion roof.

Cllr Ackrill left the meeting – Recreation Ground Mowing budget was discussed and it was agreed to keep the budget the same for 20/21 as 19/20. Cllr Ackrill returned to the meeting.

The Clerk left the meeting – The Clerks salary was discussed all agreed to increase the Clerks salary to the next spinal point on NJC salary scale. The clerk returned to the meeting.

It was proposed to raise the hourly rate for Nigel Goldstraw, Nigel saves the parish a lot of money from his good work and the efforts Nigel goes to on recycling materials, which again

saves costs on buying new materials. After discussion it was agreed to rise from £8.50ph to £10.00 per hour with immediate effect. The Clerk will let Nigel know of the increase.

The precept was agreed at £16,000 the same as last year.

12 Cllr Questions and reports

Cllr McCarthy reported the fence next to the bus shelter is damaged and hanging in the ditch, also along the other end the rail was down. The Clerk was asked to contact Nigel Goldstraw.

Cllr Storey reported the alleyway from station road leading to the bridge was full of tree roots and becoming very bumpy. The Clerk was asked to contact WBC.

Cllr Ackrill proposed the **Christmas Carols around the Tree** be on the **20th December at 6.30pm**, the Clerk was asked to contact Miri Keen. **Clerk**

13 Clerk Correspondence

One of the resident's in The Close had contacted the Clerk to ask for the street lights to be cleaned in the close. The Clerk was advised by WBC that the lights were cleaned in May this year as per an earlier request made from the Clerk at that time. WBC did mention they are not as bright as LED bulbs but had no budget to refurbish the lights to LED bulbs. They also said the LED bulbs may also be too bright and shine too bright in the windows of some of the homes. The Clerk had replied to the resident.

14 Matters for future consideration

Close - **December Parish Council Meeting – Date to be confirmed.**