



Great Shefford Parish Council

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GREAT SHEFFORD MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 OCTOBER 2019 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.40PM.

Present: Cllr. Ackrill (Chair), Cllr. Knass, Cllr. Williams and Cllr. McCarthy

Clerk: Mrs K Lloyd.

Attendance: 1 member of the public.

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED.

Apologies received from Cllr's. Bell and Storey and the District Cllr Hooker.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS.

No Declarations of interest.

3. OPEN FORUM- un minuted

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Members of the Parish Council agreed to make '**NO COMMENTS**' on the following 2 planning applications.

19/02337/LBC2 - Shefford Woodland House, Shefford Woodlands- Demolition of rear projection and erection of part single/part two storey extensions; associated and other internal alterations; alterations to access.

<http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=19/02337/LBC2>.

19/02336/HOUSE - Shefford Woodland House, Shefford Woodlands-Demolition of rear projection and erection of part single/part two storey extensions; associated and other internal alterations; alterations to access

<http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=19/02336/HOUSE>.

Decision Notice

19/00971/HOUSE Oakhanger Park, Baydon Road, Shefford Woodlands.

Demolition of outbuilding and construction of replacement outbuilding.

West Berkshire Council **GRANTS** Planning.

5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of Parish Council meeting held on **19 SEPTEMBER 2019**.

6. FINANCE

a) Bank Accounts

Balances on 12 September 2019

Parish Council	£14,530.18
Recreation Ground Account	£10,221.59

b) Cheques approved in this meeting

S/O	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)	£612.17
D/D	Data Protection Registration (annual payment)	£35.00

100448	S & S Management Services	£246.00
100449	FCC Recycling UK Ltd.	25.40

7. BOLLARD ON THE CORNER OF THE MEAD

In the last meeting the Clerk was asked to gain more information from a resident, asking the exact location of their suggestion of a bollard to be considered by the Parish Council. It was proposed to go on the junction of The Mead, on the Wantage road to the north side a few metres from The Mead junction. The reason for the bollard is to provide some protection in the event of vehicles inadvertently mounting the kerb and act as visual reference for the roadside for road users. The resident asking was invited to the meeting but was unable to attend.

The members of Council discussed the proposal in detail but all agreed to not pursue. It was said if one bollard was installed it could then start precedent for more bollards around the village. The area the bollard was proposed to go is not Parish Council land. The Parish Council could only suggest it to West Berkshire Council who probably would not fund it. If West Berkshire Council approved, this would be paid by the Parish Council reserves.

8. STREET LIGHT QUOTES – SOX REPLACEMENT TO LED

The Clerk had received a quote from SSE on the afternoon of the meeting. The Clerk and members of Council had no time to review before the meeting. On briefly looking at the quote in the meeting the Clerk was asked to find out what the longevity is on LED lanterns. The quote also mentioned an additional charge for a permit fee for the local authority; this had not been included on the quotation. The Clerk was asked to find out how much extra this would be.

The Clerk asked SSE what the saving would be on the energy consumption by upgrading to LED. The Clerk received a data sheet showing an energy consumption reduction by 70.78%. The existing total consumption kWh per annual is 2745.21 on upgrading to LED on all lanterns the total annual consumption kWh would be 802.25.

The Clerk asked members of Council to review the quotation ready for the next meeting.

ACTION: Clerk/all

9. FREE TREES FOR SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES – WOODLAND TRUST.

The offer of free trees was mentioned by a resident to the Parish Council in the last meeting. Members of Council agreed the offer of free trees for schools and the community from the Woodland Trust was a great idea. After discussion the Parish Council still had no further thoughts on the whereabouts of planting free trees. Cllr. Storey was not present in the meeting, who had said he would speak to the school about the offer.

10. TREES BEHIND BLAKENEY FIELDS

The Clerk had no further information on who owns the trees. The Clerk had emailed West Berkshire Council and is waiting to hear back.

11. FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME

The amount has now reached an amazing £87,06.21. Big Thanks to everyone involved!

There is nothing further to report from the Environment Agency following the last Parish Council meeting being only 2 weeks ago.

It was further noted following the last metal detection fundraising day in September when Cllr.

Ackrill volunteered his help in parking duties, that a significant roman ring was found during the rally at Great Shefford.

12. COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS AND REPORTS.

Cllr. McCarthy was asked to find out if something could be done concerning an uninhabitable empty property in Blakeney Fields close to the school. The house was in need of attention and is becoming a safety hazard concern to its neighbours. Reports from residents that live close by were that the roof is leaking, hanging loose wooden window frames and sightings of rats. The Clerk will contact West Berkshire Council.

13. CLERK CORRESPONDENCE.

Cllr's. Ackrill and Williams will be attending the Remembrance Service held at RAF Welford on Monday 11 November. Cllr. Ackrill reminded the Clerk to order 2 Poppy Wreath, 1 for RAF Welford to be laid on behalf of Great Shefford and the other for Great Shefford.

14. MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

No items to note following the open forum.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next meeting was confirmed for the 7TH November 2019.

Close.