



Great Shefford Parish Council

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GREAT SHEFFORD MINUTES

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2020 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 7.40pm.

Present: Cllr. Ackrill (Chair), Cllr. Bell (Vice-Chair), Cllr. Knass, Cllr. Williams, Cllr. Storey, Cllr. McCarthy and Cllr. Hale-Power.

Parish Clerk: K. Lloyd.

Attendance: 3 members of the public present.

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED

No apologies received.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON AGENDA ITEMS

No Declarations of Interest raised.

3. OPEN FORUM

A member of the public raised the matter of the footpath that runs adjacent to the Great Shefford Village hall. The surface is very uneven and becoming somewhat dilapidated. The Clerk will contact WBC.

The footpath that starts from Station Road to the Great Shefford Pub Bridge was also reported as being very slippery. The Clerk will contact WBC.

The on-going concern of speeding was once again raised; also the VAS coming from Wantage was noted as not working. The Clerk will contact WBC.

All Actions: Clerk

4. PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

One planning application was reviewed.

20/00117/FUL - Barn, Fishers Farm, Ermin Street -Restoration and conversion of an existing timber framed barn to provide office accommodation with associated car parking and landscaping proposals.

<http://planning.westberks.gov.uk/rpp/index.asp?caseref=20/00117/FUL>

Members of the Parish Council had no objections. Cllr. Knass commented that no ecology report was available to read on the website. The Clerk was asked to report this to West Berkshire Council Planning.

Decision Notice

19/02990/FUL Land at East Shefford – The demolition of six silos and construction of a steel portal framed building to be used as a general purpose store was **GRANTED** by West Berkshire Council.

5. VE 75 – JANE TURTON

Jane Turton attended the meeting and read out an announcement as shown as Appendix 1.

The Parish Council thanked Jane for attending the meeting and for volunteering to take the lead on the VE Celebrations.

6. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 January 2020.

7. **FINANCE**

a) Bank Accounts

Balances on 10 January 2020

Parish Council	£14,655.36
Recreation Ground Account	£10,221.59

b) Payments approved in this meeting

S/O	Kim Lloyd (Parish Clerk)	£612.17
100457	FCC Recycling UK Ltd.	£12.70

8. **STREET LIGHTS REPLACEMENT -SSE CONTRACT TERMS TO CONFIRM**

Following the last meeting the Clerk was asked to accept the quotations for disconnecting lamp 1 (in Long Willows) and replacing the nine parish owned lights to LED. The Clerk received the Terms and Conditions (T & C) and emailed these to the Members of the Parish Council for review. Cllr. Ackrill responded through E-mail and said he did not agree to some of the T & C, and would not sign the T & C. Cllr. Bell agreed with Cllr. Ackrill views.

After a full discussion regarding the T & C in the meeting, the Clerk was asked to accept them but to ensure a comment is added that if any further labour was found necessary, an additional quote would be submitted to the Clerk before any labour commenced, and subsequently invoiced.

Following a report in the open forum regarding vandalism in the Mead garages. It was also asked that the contractors replace this street light (P1) first; as it was thought providing light to the area might reduce offenders.

The Clerk said she would sign the T & C and inform Parish Council when the works will start.

Action: Clerk.

9. **BROKEN FENCE AT THE BOTTOM OF HUNGERFORD HILL**

The Clerk was asked to pursue further quotes following Nigel Goldstraw correspondence, see item 12 Clerk Correspondence.

Action: Clerk.

10. **FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

Cllrs. Ackrill and Knass are meeting with the Environment Agency on 12th February for further discussions regarding the possible handover of the scheme. Regarding the water levels, Cllr. Ackrill has been asked by the Environment Agency to take pictures of the water levels at both ends of the village on a twice weekly basis and forward these to the Environment Agency to alert them should further action become necessary.

11. **COUNCILLOR QUESTIONS AND REPORTS.**

Cllr. Ackrill reported the hedge on Hungerford Hill road leaving Great Shefford needs cutting back as it is encroaching onto the road and making vehicle drivers drive across to the other side of the road towards the oncoming traffic. The Clerk was asked to contact WBC.

Action: Clerk.

Cllr. Bell noted it was the eve of Ashley Howard's funeral. The Parish Council send their Sincere Condolences and are thinking of his family and friends at this sad time.

Cllr. Knass sent his apologies for the March meeting.

12. CLERK CORRESPONDENCE.

NIGEL GOLDSTRAW

The Clerk reported that Nigel Goldstraw who was invited to quote for item 9 above had informed the Clerk that he is retiring and standing down from being the Parish Council handyman.

All of the members of the Parish Council agreed that Nigel has been a real asset to the Parish. Always dependable, knowledgeable and his continuous money-saving recycling manner was very much valued.

Cllr. Ackrill said Nigel has saved the parish so much money in the past on jobs he has done around the village. **The Parish Council would like to Thank Nigel Goldstraw** for all he has done on behalf of the village and wish Nigel a long and healthy retirement.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING (PARISH ASSEMBLY)

The Clerk and Cllr. Ackrill said they had forgotten to add this item to the agenda. Both then reminded the members of council of the event. After discussion, it was agreed to hold the **Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 26th March starting at 7.30pm.**

The Clerk will confirm the hall is available and then send out invites to local community groups inviting them for a talk or stand or both on the evening.

If anyone would like to attend, please contact the Clerk.

Action: Clerk.

13. MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.

None

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

To confirm the next meeting is on Thursday 5 March 2020.

Meeting closed.