



Great Shefford Parish Council

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GREAT SHEFFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES – 15 JULY 2021 in the Great Shefford Village Hall, Station Road, RG17 7DR.

Cllr's Present:

Cllr. S. Ackrill (Chair)

Cllr. B. Williams

Cllr. S. McCarthy

Cllr. R. Hale-Power

Cllr. L. Freeman

Parish Clerk: K. Lloyd

No members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES

Cllr. Tweedie and Storey sent their apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest were raised.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Councillors **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24th June 2021.

4 OPEN FORUM.

None.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications to consider.

Decision Notices

21/01073/HOUSE - Hey Diddle Diddle, Station Road for a two storey and single storey extensions. WBC granted planning permission.

21/00500/HOUSE Shefford Valley House, Shefford Valley Stud - Demolition of existing timber outbuilding and erection of timber frame garage/store with playroom. WBC granted planning permission.

6 FINANCE

Members **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm the payments for July as shown in Appendix 1. The Cashflow was noted. *(All finance documents emailed to members of the Parish Council before the meeting)*

7 **HAWTHORNE WAY -WOODLAND AREA**

The Clerk reported that she had emailed West Berkshire Council but had nothing to report yet. This will be an agenda item for September. **ACTION: Clerk.**

8 **PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT**

Cllr. Ackrill reported that he and Cllrs. Williams and Hale-Power obtained the materials and repaired the small climber leg posts in the playground.

The other Councillors thanked them on behalf of the village as this saved the Parish just over £1,000.

9 **FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

Cllr. Ackrill said there was nothing further to report but is persisting to find an answer to how the funds can be passed over for a community led project.

The Clerk said she would make enquires to find out if the General Power of Competence (GPC) Localism Act 2011, could be used in some way to help transfer the funds. **ACTION: Clerk.**

10 **COUNCILLORS /CLERK REPORTS.**

07/07 Email Invitation to join us for a West Berkshire Parish Climate Forum - Wednesday 21st July 1pm.

05/07 Email from WBC regarding The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons on 2nd June 2022. The Clerk was asked to register Great Shefford's interest.

Cllr. Ackrill raised the issue of an article in the Newbury Weekly News that was published on 15th July 2021 reporting that MP Laura Farris had revisited Trindledown Farm and was looking into ways of alleviating their flooding issues at the Farm. Cllr. Ackrill said it was disappointing that nothing had come out of the Parish Council meeting in March when Laura attended, Laura had suggested she would speak to West Berkshire Council and the Environmental Agency to set up a meeting to try and find a solution on how the funds could be managed. Since, no response had been received. Why are the houses in the village not a priority? Cllr. Ackrill said, what is done to alleviate the Farms land flooding problems could also have detrimental effects on the village until the flood scheme is in place. Cllr Ackrill proposed to the Council to write to Laura. All Councillors agreed.

ACTION: Clerk.

A resident had reported that the trees in the recreation ground were becoming very tall. The Clerk was asked to make this an agenda item for September.

Cllr. Storey (not in attendance) had reported that the hedge at the bottom of Hungerford Road past the pub was overgrown. The Clerk will report it to West Berkshire Council.

11 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.**

None from Open Forum.

12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 2nd September 2021 at 7.30pm in the Great Shefford Village hall.

Statement of Accounts
Accounts for Payment JULY 2021

Expenditure brought forward 21-22 £3,863.15

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
BACS *	David Weller	Internal Audit	£ 50.00
BACS SO	S & S Management Services Clerk Salary	Mow, strim grass/remove litter Clerk Salary	£ 384.00
BACS	Steve Ackrill	Playground Climber Repair	£ 104.56
DD	ICO	Data Protection Registration	£ 35.00
Total Payments this Month			£ 1,236.43

*** PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS**

Receipts

17.05.2021	XS Direct Insurance	Fence Insurance Claim	2200
11.05.2021	WBDC	Precept 1st Payment	£ 8,000.00
Total Receipts			<u>£ 10,200.00</u>

Financial Position to date

Balance carried forward 31/03/2021	£ 20,187.07
Income for year 21-22 to date.	£ 10,200.00
Less payments for year 21-22 to date	£5,099.58
Total including Reserves	<u>£ 25,287.49</u>