



Great Shefford Parish Council

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GREAT SHEFFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES – 3 FEBRUARY 2022 AT 7.30PM. in the Great Shefford Village Hall, Station Road, RG17 7DR.

Cllr's Present:

Cllr. S. Ackrill (Chair)

Cllr. B. Williams

Cllr. R. Hale-Power

Cllr. P. Storey

Cllr. L. Freeman

Parish Clerk: K. Lloyd

6 members of the public.

The Chairman announced that the Clerk is recording the meeting and the recording will be deleted once the minutes are approved in the following meeting.

1 APOLOGIES

Cllrs. E. Tweedie and S. Laws sent apologies.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No Declarations of Interest raised.

3 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING.

Councillors then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to confirm and adopt the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 January 2022.

4 OPEN FORUM.

It was reported that five residents have now volunteered to help on the Thames Valley Community Speed Watch Scheme. The Parish Council asked to be kept updated and thanked everyone.

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications to consider.

Decision Notices

21/03009/HOUSE Shefford Park Farm, Great Shefford. Erection of pool house, creation of swimming pool and construction of garden wall. West Berkshire Council granted permission.

6 COMMUNITY WOODLAND AREA - HAWTHORN WAY

The member of the public proposing the community garden was in attendance. It was reported that all houses adjacent to the area were leafleted with the proposed plans, and emails received with concerns were answered. The Parish Council received six emails of support and four emails of non-support. The Parish Council discussed the representations received that were not in support.

West Berkshire Council are in support of the project and said they were keen to forward the details on to other Parishes regarding how Great Shefford's community garden develops.

Cllr. Ackrill said the only real concern appears to be the trees growing too tall, and it was not proposed for the trees to become that big from looking at the plan details. Following discussion, the Councillors felt the concern with the trees was not enough reason to object to the proposal. It was also thought that if it didn't work, everything could be put back to how it was. The agreement from West Berkshire Council suggests that all parties meet annually to discuss any issues arising with the garden. Councillors agreed to support the Community Woodland Area.

7 **THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION WEEKEND – THURSDAY 2ND JUNE TO SUNDAY 5TH JUNE 2022**

Mrs Turton presented the Council with suggestions to a village Jubilee event and reported that a team is growing around her to help. It is suggested to host a community event, with no fundraising planned. There are fourteen local groups in the village, who have all shown an interest in wanting to be involved. It was suggested that on the Sunday 5th June, a Big Lunch is held in the Recreation Ground. The community could come with their own drinks and picnics. No BBQs would be allowed due to the Parish Council insurance covering the event. The Clerk will inform the Insurance company of the plans and report back if there were any issues. It was suggested for the children to have a fancy dress competition and an activity of making crowns on the day. A Cricket Match was also being discussed to be held at Welford. Mrs Turton said this is all in the early stages of planning and more would be suggested/planned as it progresses.

The Clerk raised the thoughts to the commemorative coins for each child under 16 years old, it was said this could be something the Parish Council could provide. Mrs Turton asked if the Parish Council could support the event financially, the Clerk reminded Council that £700 was not spent in the budget this account year due to sourcing a different insurance provider. It was considered that this fund could be budgeted towards the event.

The Parish Council Thanked Mrs Turton.

8 **PARISH NEWSLETTER**

The last paper newsletter is on schedule for February. A note has been added in the February Parish News to inform everyone that it is moving to a digital format and if they would like a digital version emailed to them to provide an email address to the Parish Newsletter Group. It was discussed if the digital newsletter was going to be provided every month, or every other month. After discussion, it was agreed for now to provide a digital version every month.

Councillors then **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** to £50 a month for the editorial work for this to happen. Sadly, no volunteers have come forward to help with the editorial within the community.

If someone would like to volunteer for this, please do let the Parish Council know. The Parish Council thanked Mrs Bowden for her ongoing work in pulling the content together for the newsletters.

9 **FINANCE**

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

10 **RECREATION FIELD TREE SURVEY**

The tree survey was reviewed by the Councillors before the meeting. The report was classed with a low priority. Some dead trees were reported to be felled - or left and monitored. It was reported that the trees recommended to be felled were not a high priority, but after further discussion the Councillors agreed to obtain quotes to fell the trees from the tree survey recommendation.

ACTION: Clerk

11 **FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

Cllr. Ackrill reported all residents should have received a letter from MP Laura Ferris writing to confirm that the preliminary work is on its way, ready for construction in 2022 and thanking Cllr. Steve Ackrill for all his hard work in helping to achieve this.

Cllr. Ackrill provided a further update, reporting that a project management team had been formulated, a risk assessment register is being completed. Discussions with the contractors are being had. The £80k funding raised by Great Shefford community is still a work in progress on how this can be passed to the Environment Agency. A meeting is being held between the Environment Agency, Project Management and Steve Ackrill on the 10/02/2022.

12 **CLERK REPORT**

24/01 Email from West Berkshire Council regarding planned reroute of kerbside waste collections rounds in West Berkshire. Please click on this link to find out if your waste collection day has changed or visit West Berkshire Council website. www.westberks.gov.uk/binday

The date for the Annual Parish Meeting was confirmed for Thursday 28th April 2022 at 8pm. The Clerk will start to contact local groups. **ACTION: Clerk.**

Traffic survey adjacent to The Great Shefford Pub.

The Clerk reported a reply was received on the 31/01 from a Project Engineer in the Traffic and Road Safety Team at West Berkshire Council, stating that the Ward Member and Parish Council will be contacted to discuss potential parking restrictions when they get to that stage of being able to progress the next parking amendment scheme. Unfortunately, due to members of the team leaving, and recruiting new members, this list had grown longer.

Cllr. Ackrill reported that The Swan Planning Application was supposed to be discussed at the Western Area District Council meeting but was cancelled as the applicant had submitted further amended plans.

13 **COUNCILLORS**

Cllr. Storey reported that the village's white entrance gates are looking in need of some maintenance on both ends of the village. The Clerk will contact West Berkshire Council.

The residents in the properties on the B4000 reported to Cllr Ackrill that when accessing their property, the speed of the vehicles along this road is becoming very dangerous to pull out onto the road. A serious accident will happen. It was reported that an accident took place on 1/02/2022. The Clerk will ask West Berkshire Council to review the road again. The Parish Council did request back in 2015 to West Berkshire Council a review of this road, which was taken to the Speed Limit Amendment Team for review but was rejected to reduce the limit from 50MPH. **ACTION: Clerk**

14 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.**

Speed Watch update.

15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 3rd March 2022 at 7.30pm in the Great Shefford Village hall.

APPENDIX 1

Statement of Accounts Accounts for Payment February 2022

Expenditure brought forward 21-22 £12,618.63

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
SO	Clerk Salary	Clerk Salary	
BACS	EJM Tree Services	Recreation Ground Tree Inspection Survey	£ 712.80
BACS	FCC Recycling Uk Ltd	Wheelie Bin, outstanding invoices - Final payment	£ 82.56
DD	Biffa	Wheelie Bin	£ 26.40
Total Payments this Month			£ 1,484.63

** PAID BETWEEN MEETINGS*

Receipts

Total Receipts

£ -

Financial Position to date

Balance carried forward 31/03/2021	£ 20,187.07
Income for year 21-22 to date.	£ 26,885.11
Less payments for year 21-22 to date	£14,103.26
Total including Reserves	£ 32,968.92