



Great Shefford Parish Council

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GREAT SHEFFORD PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES – 3 MARCH 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

Cllr. E. Tweedie

Parish Clerk: K. Lloyd

4 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

Cllr. 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 3 February 2022.

4 OPEN FORUM.

One member of the public raised the idea of having Gym Equipment in the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council will add this to the next agenda for discussion.

Another member of the public said that the village verges that were cut recently did not need doing. The Clerk was asked to bring this to the attention of West Berkshire Council. **ACTION Clerk**

Another member of the public raised the issues to the vehicles parking along Station Road obstructing the junction. The Clerk was asked to write to the residents. **ACTION: Clerk**

Vehicle drivers were also mentioned that are accelerating up and down Station Road, signage was discussed that could read 'Slow Down, Children' and this will be considered by Parish Council.

ACTION: All

5 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

No planning applications to consider.

To Note.

20/02245/FUL The Swan Planning Application for a proposed Farm Shop will be considered by the Western Area Planning Committee on Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 6:30pm.

Decision Notices

21/02962/HOUSE, 3 Scholars Close, Great Shefford, Side extension two storey. WBC granted planning permission.

6 **FINANCE**

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

7 **PARISH NEWS /BANK ACCOUNT**

Mrs Linda Bowden in attendance, reported that the newsletter bank account funds need to be transferred to the Parish Council. The Clerk said she would speak with the previous newsletter editor to investigate transferring the funds to the Parish Council, where it will be ringfenced for the newsletter. **ACTION: Clerk**

Mrs Bowden reported that residents have been slow signing up for future digital newsletters. The Parish Council Thanked Linda for all her efforts and help with the newsletter.

8 **RECREATION FIELD TREE SURVEY QUOTES**

Three quotes were obtained. The Parish Council resolved to go with Foxes Tree Services. The Clerk will let the pre-school know when the work will be carried out if known. **ACTION: Clerk**

9 **RECREATION GROUND PLAY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION REPORT**

The Clerk reported that the Inspector carrying out the inspection on 18th February 2022 on the play equipment in the recreation ground telephoned the Clerk to report that the Giant Rope Swing and the Basket Swing should be isolated asap, due to rotting timber. Cllr. Ackrill, Williams and Hale-Power isolated the two play equipment units by taping off both units.

Following a full discussion, Cllr. Storey said he could obtain the replacement posts required. Cllr. Ackrill said the Parish Council could carry out the work to save the Parish money if Cllr. Storey could source the materials. The Parish Council will look at the quotes for the replacement posts in the next meeting. **ACTION: Cllr. Storey**

Denise Herrington in attendance, Thanked the Parish Council for all they do in looking after the Recreation Ground as it is an important feature of the Pre-School.

10 **FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME**

Cllr. Ackrill sadly reported that the work will not be starting this year. However, things are progressing in the right direction.

11 **CLERK REPORT**

08/02 Email from a resident. Dangerous Parking in Station Road. This was discussed under the public questions.

Following the action from the last meeting the Clerk reported that West Berkshire Council will again review the B4000 Road to analyse the speed of vehicles.

10/02 Email from WBC. Invitation to join our West Berkshire Parish Climate Forum: Wednesday 16 March 12.30pm.

12 **COUNCILLORS**

None.

13 **MATTERS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION.**

Fitness Equipment
Station Road Signage.

14 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

The date of the next meeting is Thursday 7TH April 2022 at 7.30pm in the Great Shefford Village hall.

APPENDIX 1

**Statement of Accounts
Accounts for Payment March 2022**

Expenditure brought forward 21-22 £14,103.26

Payments

Cheque No	Payee	Description	Amount
SO	Clerk Salary	Clerk Salary	
BACS	Play Inspection company	Annual Playground Inspection	£ 87.54
DD	Biffa	Wheelie Bin	£ 33.00
DD	SSE	Street Light Electricitiy	£ 209.97
BACS	Kim Lloyd	Ink	£ 54.99
Total Payments this Month			£ 1,048.37

** 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	<u>£15,151.63</u>
Total including Reserves	<u>£ 31,920.55</u>