

Shobdon Parish Council Meeting November 2020

Minutes of the Parish Council held on Monday 30th November 2020 at 7.45pm via zoom

Attendance: Mr W Stokes, Mr S Macdonald, Mr C Jaques, Mrs A Walker, Mr R Bowen,
Mrs A Boxhall, Parish Clerk Ms E Lewis

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received and accepted from Sue Whittaker and Roger Phillips.
2. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** No declarations were made.
3. **Public Participation**
- 3.1 **Report from Ward Councillor:** Cllr Phillips monthly report will be circulated as usual. There are two Herefordshire Council cabinet meetings this week at which the minerals and waste strategy and Hereford Transport plan will be discussed.
- 3.2 **Report from West Mercia Police:** The police have had reports of scam calls, with callers claiming to be a police officer telling residents that their bank cards have been cloned, and then requesting money.
- 3.3 **Views of local residents on Parish matters:** An email had been received from a resident raising concerns over cars parked on and blocking the pavement and road on the Birches. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would contact the fire service to ask that they undertake a check to ensure emergency vehicles can access the road.
4. **Minutes of the ordinary meeting held on 26th October 2020:** The minutes were **agreed** as a correct record and will be signed after the meeting.
5. **Finance**
- 5.1 **Financial statement to date:** The financial statement was **agreed**. The current account has a balance of £28,849.88.
- 5.2 **Cheques:** Cheques were signed as follows -Footpaths officer (daffodil bulbs) £19.97 Mortimers Cross Building Supplies £9.48, Aubergine website £658.80, Sign It £36.00, Clerk (Zoom and office allowance) £2.40, Clerk Nov wages £627.88, HMRC £61.40
- 5.3 **Budget and precept for 2021/22:** The budget for 2021/22 was **agreed** and the precept set at £25,500.
- 5.4 **Updated reserves plan:** The updated reserves plan was **agreed**.

6. Planning

6.1 Update on any other planning issues: It was **noted** that the planning application for up to three dwellings at Woodside had been refused.

7. Updates and action

7.1 Lengthsman and PROW: Two hundred daffodil bulbs have been planted on the verge of the B4362 by Ledicot Lane. The Footpaths officer will be meeting with Hi Trees to look at a price for work on the fields owned by the Motor Cross association. It was **agreed** to ask the lengthsman to clear the briars on the cycle path on Bateman Close by the attenuation ponds.

7.2 Footpath Bridge: A meeting is being held on the 3rd December with Herefordshire Council to hopefully finalise the plans for the footbridge.

7.3 COVID 19: The shop and post office had been shut for 2 weeks following positive tests for two staff members. The volunteer group had co-ordinated support to ensure no residents were adversely affected by the closure and could access post office services were needed.

7.4 Parish Christmas Tree: The tree was put up on the 29th November, and the decorations and lights will be put on the tree on the 6th December. The Methodist Chapel had been in contact with initial proposals to hold a joint carol service with the church around the Christmas tree; it was **agreed** that the Parish Council was happy with the proposal providing it was compliant with all relevant COVID 19 regulations. It was suggested that the service be held on Sunday 20th December.

8. Items for the next agenda: No items were raised.

9. Date of next meeting: 14th December 2020