

Shobdon Parish Council Meeting December 2018

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17th December 2018 at 7.45pm in the village hall

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

1 member of the public was present

Public Time: The issue of the proximity of the electricity wires to tree branches was raised. The clerk will be take this up with the relevant utilities companies in the New Year.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Roger Phillips.
2. **Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on the 21st November and the ordinary meeting held on 26th November 2018:** The minutes were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.
3. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** No declarations were made.
4. **Finance**
- 4.1 **Cheques:** Cheques were signed as follows – Mortimers Cross Building supplies (PROW furniture) £602.41, Clerk (newsletter copying) £84.00, Chris Jaques (Christmas lights) £62.40, Bill Stokes (Christmas lights transformer and timer) £19.00, Clerk December wages £592.43 and HMRC (tax) £52.60.
5. **Neighbourhood Development Plan:** The examination of the plan has started. Liz Beth had sent five queries relating to points of clarification through to the clerk. These points have been answered and it is hoped that a draft report will be available prior to Christmas.
6. **Titley Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 14 Consultation:** It was **agreed** the Parish council had no comment to make on the draft plan.
7. **Updates and Action: to receive any updates on current projects:** Thanks were expressed to all involved in putting up and decorating the Christmas tree, which has proved very popular in the village. Thanks were also expressed to the editorial team of the newsletter, which has been distributed through the village. The planning application for the war memorial has been drafted, and the research team are working on confirmation of potential new names from WW1 to be added to the memorial. The “no dog fouling” signs from Herefordshire Council have finally arrived and will be put up at key points in the village. Marchfield Estates (the developers of the site behind New Cottages) have given £1,000 to the provision of the signalised crossing in the village, and thanks were expressed to them for the donation. The community speed-watch co-ordinator has been in contact with the Clerk, and they will be undertaking a speed survey in the village. An article about the scheme was included in the newsletter, asking for volunteers but as yet no-one has come forward. The Clerk has not yet heard about the Leader fund, but should a positive response be received prior to the end of the year, it was **agreed** to confirm the playground furniture order with Sovereign so that this can be secured at 2018 prices.
8. **Items for the next agenda:** No items were raised.
9. **Date of next meetings:** The meeting schedule for 2019 (circulated prior) to the meeting was **agreed**. The meeting dates will be: Monday 28th January, Monday 25th February, Monday 25th March, Monday 29th April, Monday 13th May (Parish Annual Meeting), Monday 20th May (Annual meeting of the Parish Council), Monday 24th June, Monday 29th July, Monday 23rd September, Monday 21st October, Monday 25th November, Monday 16th December