

Shobdon Parish Council Meeting June 2019

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 at 7.45pm in the village hall

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

2 members of the public were present.

Public Time: The waste by the Pumping station next to the Bateman Arms was raised. This has been reported to both Herefordshire Council and Welsh Water.

1. **Apologies for absence:** No apologies were received.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2019:** The minutes were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.
3. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Bill Stokes and Chris Jaques declared a pecuniary interest in item 8.1 and it was **agreed** that they would leave the room for discussion of this item.
4. **Report by Ward Councillor Roger Phillips:** Cllr Phillips and Cllr Bowen are working on proposals for a roundabout at Lawtons Cross. The first cabinet meeting of the new administration will be held next Tuesday.
5. **Report by West Mercia representative:** No report had been received.
6. **Casual Vacancy:** Following the May elections, where only six people stood for the seven vacancies on the Parish Council, a vacancy had been left on the Parish Council. Sue Whittaker expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council and introduced herself; after a brief discussion it was **agreed** to co-opt her to fill the vacancy.
7. **Finance**
 - 7.1 **Financial statement to date:** The financial statement was **agreed**. The current account has a balance of £4,111.22 and the High Interest account has a balance of £54,714.30.
 - 7.2 **Cheques:** Cheques were signed as follows – Clerk wages £605.43, HMRC £39.60, Clerk (office allowance and invoice for playground signs) £122.00.
 - 7.3 **Purchase of new litter bin for playground:** It was **agreed** that the Clerk would purchase an additional bin for the Bar Meadow playground at a cost of £171 plus VAT.
8. **Planning**

Cllr Stokes and Jaques left the meeting.

- 8.1 **192011 Invicta Works Canterbury:** It was **agreed** that the Parish council had no objection to the planned hedgerow removal, which should improve safety at the site; it was noted that a new hedgerow will be planted on the site as part of the application.

Cllrs Stokes and Jaques rejoined the meeting.

- 8.2 **Update on planning issues:** Taylor Wimpey and the owners of the small strip of land on Bateman Close are in discussions to resolve issues so that the road can be transferred to Herefordshire Council.
9. **Information, Consultation and Response**
 - 9.1 **Allowances Scheme for Parish councillors:** It was **agreed** that the Parish Council did not wish to introduce an allowances scheme.

10. Updates and action

- 10.1 War Memorial – relocation and rededication ceremony:** Following the visit to Radbournes, paving has been chosen and a reduced price of £900 (incl. VAT) had been offered for all the paving and materials, which it was **agreed** to accept with thanks to Radbournes for their generosity. The war memorial will be installed on the 1st July, with the paving being done on 3rd July. Planning for the rededication ceremony on the 20th July is in hand, with the Lord Lieutenant undertaking the unveiling and Rev Branston leading the ceremony. Henmans have offered to supply chairs and a marquee for the event.
- 10.2 Playground – plans for opening ceremony:** The remaining fencing at the rear of the playground and in the village car park will be installed in the coming week. The opening ceremony will take place on Sunday 30th June at 3pm; people who bought a fundraising brick have been invited to come and lay their brick from 2pm. A Kelsmoor ice cream truck has been booked for the event, and FOSS will be running a cake stall at the event.
- 10.3 Lengthsman and PROW:** The lengthsman will be asked to clear the weeds growing by the kerb on Hanbury Green prior to the war memorial rededication. The new gates on footpath SO9 in Shobdon Hill woods will hopefully be installed over the summer.
- 10.4 Cycle Path:** Quotes for a gate to be installed at the bottom of the grove field will be obtained, and once this is in place the fencing panels at the top of the field (by Bateman Close) will be removed to allow access through the field.
- 11. Items for the next agenda:** No items were raised.
- 12. Date of next meeting:** Monday 29th July 2019
Monday 23rd September 2019