

## Shobdon Parish Council Meeting October 2019

### Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 7.45pm in the village hall

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

2 members of the public were present.

**Public Time:** The emptying of the bin by the school was raised, and this will be reported to BBLP. The possibility of ensuring buses are more environmentally friendly was raised, and it was noted that this is an issue Herefordshire Council can look at when renewing the bus route contracts.

1. **Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Anne Walker.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019:** The minutes were **agreed** and signed as a correct record.
3. **Declarations of interest and written requests for dispensation:** Declarations were made in respect of item 9.3 (Chris Jaques) and 7.2 (Bill Stokes). It was **agreed** that Bill Stokes would leave the room during discussion of item 7.3
4. **Report by Ward Councillor Roger Phillips:** A position statement on the river Lugg had been issued by Herefordshire Council concerning recent legal rulings on development relating to phosphate levels in the river. This essentially means that any planning application which involves foul drainage, which doesn't meet the criteria as set out by Herefordshire Council, cannot currently be granted or Herefordshire Council are in breach of the law.
5. **Report by West Mercia representative:** No report had been received.
6. **Finance**
  - 6.1 **Financial statement to date:** The financial statement was **agreed**. The current account has a balance of £18,147.83 and the High Interest account has a balance of £55,119.51.
  - 6.2 **Cheques:** cheques were signed as follows – Wigmore Book Prize £30.00, Mortimers Cross building supplies £26.82, Clerk wages £605.43, HMRC £39.60, Village hall £22.50, SLCC £48.00, Clerk mileage and office allowance £142.00.
  - 6.3 **Finance working party to look at 2020/21 budget:** It was **agreed** to hold the working party on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm.
  - 6.4 **Quote for tree inspection:** Three companies had been approached for a quote to undertake a survey of all trees on land owned by the Parish council and of these two had provided a quote; it was **agreed** to ask Grove Tree services to undertake the work at a cost of £250.00.
7. **Planning:**
  - 7.1 **192557 Joiners Cottage Belgate Lane:** The Parish Council **agreed** that they had no objection to the revised plans, but **noted** that the application still states it is for a single storey stable when the plans are clearly for a two storey building.

*Bill Stokes left the meeting*

- 7.2 **193217 Shobdon Airfield Gliding Club:** The Parish Council **agreed** they had no objection to the plans but would like assurances that control/testing measures are in place to ensure the plant continues to meet environmental standards/controls so that no foul water is discharged into the drain which discharges into Pinsley Brook.

*Bill Stokes rejoined the meeting*

- 7.2 Update on any planning issues:** No issues to report.
- 8. Data Protection Policies:** The data protection policies were **agreed**.
- 9. Updates and action**
  - 9.1 Lengthsman and PROW:** The Clerk has confirmed that the two fields behind Pear Lake (through which Footpaths SO1 and SO7 run) are owned by the Amateur Motor Cross Association and has asked that the footpath be cleared/cut back to make them more accessible. The streetlight at the top of Ledicot lane is being obscured by a tree, and the Chair will talk to the landowner to ask that the tree is cut back. The roots of a tree in the hedge of a field adjoining the U92414 at Uphampton past the chicken farm are pushing up the tarmac of the road which is starting to cause problems for drivers; the Clerk will contact the BBLP locality steward to ask that this is looked into. Some of the ditches on Ledicot Lane near Vaughan's field, by the Black Barn, have not been cleared by the landowners, and are very overgrown/filled which means that as soon as there is any rain the road is flooding; this will also be reported to the locality steward.
  - 9.2 Cycle Path:** The work to link the paths into the village car park into Bar Meadow will hopefully start in mid to late November.
  - 9.3 Footbridge:** No update to report.
  - 9.4 Field between the Grove and Bateman Close:** The deadline for receipt of the consultation forms is the 25<sup>th</sup> October and the public meeting is being held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2pm. The fencing at the bottom of the field will hopefully be finished in the next few weeks.
  - 9.5 Christmas Tree:** It was **agreed** that a Christmas tree would be put up on Hanbury Green with the aim of holding the switching on of the lights on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 5pm. The Clerk will contact the chapel about using their electricity supply and the school will be asked about providing a star for the top of the tree.
- 10. Items for the next agenda:** No items were raised.
- 11. Date of next meeting:**
  - Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019
  - Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019