

Shobdon Parish Council Meeting April 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.45pm in the village hall.

Attendance: Mr W Stokes, Mr S Macdonald, Mr R Bowen, Mrs A Walker, Mr P Sharp Parish Clerk Ms E Lewis

1. **Apologies** were received from Mrs Boxhall and Cllr Roger Phillips.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 27th March 2017** were approved and signed.
3. **Declaration of interest.** No declarations were made.
4. **Report by Ward Councillor Roger Phillips:** This was deferred to the next meeting.
5. **Report by West Mercia representative:** This was deferred to the next meeting.
6. **Finance (pink)**
 - 6.1 **The financial statement** was agreed.
 - 6.2 **Cheques** were signed as follows: Kylie Bowman (photocopying for playground fund slogan quiz) £10.00 and Emma Lewis (wages for April 2017) £379.99.
7. **Planning:**
 - 7.1 **17104 Uphampton Farm, proposed agricultural steel frame storage building:** This is a standard agricultural storage building and it was agreed that the Parish Council had no comment to make on it.
8. **Neighbourhood Development Plan:** A meeting was held with Bill Bloxsome on the 5th April to discuss the housing allocation issues identified by Herefordshire Council. It was noted that land within the settlement boundary will be deemed to have outline planning permission, so it was agreed not to include the New Cottages site, even though this has now been granted planning permission for 10 houses. The existing sites in the NDP were discussed; the Housing Association has indicated they do not want to develop on the greenspace in the Grove so this needs to be left out of the site allocation. It was agreed to add a strip of land north of the Presteigne road on the site owned by the Peruffos to include 10 dwellings; this will ensure that the 44 dwellings required by the Core Strategy is met and exceeded by the NDP. A meeting was held with Sam Banks to discuss the next steps in the process. The NDP will need to go through the six week regulation 16 consultation again, at the end of which there is the option of a pre-inspection audit. This would add a month to the process, but would ensure that potential issues are identified and can be addressed before the independent examination. Prior to going through regulation 16 again, contact needs to be made with the Peruffos to confirm they are happy for their land to be included. **(Action Clerk/WS)**
9. **Updates**
 - 9.1 **Lengthsman & 2017/18 contract:** The 2017/18 lengthsman contract with Herefordshire Council was **agreed** and signed. The MUGA benches had been taken to the area to be installed but the fixings provided were not sufficiently secure to prevent possible accidents. It was **agreed** the Clerk will contact the company that supplied the benches to obtain a quote to install them. The Mortimer Trail running from Shobdon Hill down to Byton is becoming difficult to walk, and although this is outside the Parish the Clerk will contact Balfour Beatty to let them know. **(Action Clerk)** There have been some deer killed in the same spot on the B4362 as it runs from Mortimers Cross up the hill and this has the potential to become a road hazard. It was **agreed** the Clerk would contact the BBLP locality steward to enquire about a warning sign being placed by the road. **(Action Clerk)**
 - 9.2 **Village Hall Committee and Airfield:** The Village Hall committee will be meeting in the coming week; the number of members of the 200 Club has been doubled after a subscription drive.

- 9.3 Playground working group - & Raffle ticket licence:** The playground working group were congratulated on raising £235 from the Chocolate slogan quiz. Unfortunately, due to lack of support, the quiz evening planned for the 28th April is being cancelled. The working group are exploring the possibility of organising a bingo evening to raise funds and also selling raffle tickets in advance of the food and flying festival. A licence is needed to sell raffle tickets in advance of an event, and the Clerk will investigate whether the Village Hall licence is still current and if not apply for a new licence to cover the playground group. **(Action Clerk)**
- 10. Items for the next agenda:** No items were raised.
- 11. Date of next meetings:**
Monday 8th May, **7pm** –Parish Annual Meeting
Monday 22nd May Annual Parish Council Meeting. 7.45pm
Monday 26th June Normal Parish Council meeting, 7.45pm