

## Shobdon Parish Council Meeting March 2017

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.45pm in the village hall.

Attendance: Mr W Stokes, Mr S Macdonald, Mrs A Boxhall, Mr M Weaver, Mr R Bowen,  
Councillor Roger Phillips, PCSO Jo Ellis, Parish Clerk Ms E Lewis

1. **Apologies** were received from Mrs A Walker and Mr P Sharp.
2. **Minutes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017** were approved and signed.
3. **Declaration of interest.** No declarations were made.
4. **Report by Ward Councillor Roger Phillips:** The planning application for the land behind New Cottages is likely to be approved, despite concerns being raised by the Parish Council and Ward Councillor. Money is coming into the county to support businesses with accessing broadband, but there will be strict criteria around this which have not yet been clarified. The County Council budget for the current financial year should balance and may even show a small surplus.
5. **Report by West Mercia representative:** There were no crimes to report. There was a complaint about anti-social behaviour at Bateman Close and the complainant was advised to call 101 when the behaviour is occurring and the area will be included in future patrols. There will be a PACT surgery on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-10.30am outside the village shop.
6. **Finance**
  - 6.1 **Financial statement.** The financial statement was **agreed**.
  - 6.2 **Cheques:** Cheques were signed as follows: Hi Trees £1998.00 (Lengthsman), HALC (clerk Training) £120.00, Emma Lewis (for printer) £99.98, Clerks Wages, £376.22.
7. **Planning**
  - 7.1 **Update on site meeting – land behind Hillhampton Farm:** Members of the Parish Council had met with the Herefordshire Council Area Engineer Control Development and Anthony Wade to look at pedestrian access issues for the site. Solutions to the identified issue of ensuring safe pedestrian passage between the site and the village hub were discussed and these will be taken forward by the applicant.
8. **Neighbourhood Development Plan:** At the end of the regulation 16 consultation, Herefordshire Council have decided not to allow the Shobdon NDP to proceed to independent examination. Their reasons for this relate to concerns raised over the supporting evidence for feasibility of the housing site allocations. The decision notice has been circulated amongst the Parish Council and NDP steering group and a response to the issues raised, prepared by Bill Bloxsome, has been sent to Sam Banks in Neighbourhood Planning. This response has been passed to the Herefordshire Council Development Manager, and the Parish Council is waiting to hear what happens next.
9. **Consultation, Information & Response**
  - 9.1 **Code of Conduct Consultation:** Herefordshire Council have issued a new code of conduct and are consulting Parish Councils on this. The Parish Council considered the new code but had no particular comments to make.
10. **Updates**
  - 10.1 **Lengthsman & 2017/18 contract:** As Hi Trees have only had the lengthsman contract for one year, and given the lack of response when the contract was put out for tender prior to 2016/17, it was **agreed** that they be given the contract again for 2017/18. It was noted that they have provided an extremely good service during 2016/17.
  - 10.2 **Village Hall Committee and Airfield:** A new airfield manager has started and is keen to work closely with the Parish Council to support the village and village events.

- 10.3 Playground working group:** The group have been working extremely hard selling the chocolate slogan quizzes, which should make over £100. Plans for the village quiz night and ploughman's supper on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April are now well advanced. The redrafted plans from Sovereign for the playground have not yet been received, but as soon as they have these will be publicized on the website. They will also be displayed at the Annual Parish meeting and be included in an article for the next edition of the Parish Newsletter. It was agreed that once the plans have been received, they needed to be looked at by the Parish Council to ensure access for maintenance and the footpath from behind Bar Meadow.
- 10.4 Section 106 money:** Herefordshire Council have now added the dropped kerbs project to their schedule of works. They have confirmed that it is likely that there will be £11,000 left in the section 106 money, although this will depend on the final cost of the dropped kerb project.
- 10.5 Transparency Grant application:** It was **noted** that the Clerk has submitted a bid to the Transparency fund (administered by HALC) for a new laptop for the Parish.
- 11. Items for the next agenda:** No items were raised.
- 12. Date of next meetings:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May –Parish Annual Meeting, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May Annual Parish Council Meeting

*At the end of the meeting Malcolm Weaver notified the Council of his intention to stand down as a Parish Councillor with immediate effect.*