

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Shobdon Parish Council meeting held at Shobdon Village Hall, Monday 25th October 2021 commencing at 7:45pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bill Stokes (Chair), Steve Macdonald (Vice Chair), Chris Jaques, Sue Whittaker, Anne Walker and Richard Bowen

ALSO PRESENT: 5 members of the public. PCSO Felix Rawlinson

OFFICER PRESENT: Clerk to the Council.

No	Item	Description	Action
1	APOLOGIES:	Councillor Adrienne Boxhall	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	No declarations of interest and no requests for dispensation.	
3	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:		
	3.1	The following report was received from Ward Councillor Roger Phillips: His November update will include information on: Community Grants for festivals etc Planning re Pembridge Turnpike travellers' site Other issues that were discussed: Sewage problems and Welsh Water, he encouraged people to photograph and report problems when they arise. Poor road surface by Pearl Lake. Ward Councillor Roger Phillips left the meeting at 8.10pm.	Clerk
	3.2	PCSO Felix Rawlinson was in attendance. He gave a general introduction to policing in the ward. He asked that all residents to always report issues via 101 or the on-line form, as they currently have received very few complaints with regards to mild anti-social behaviour and parking issues. He was asked to visit the play areas and look at the parking issues on the housing estates. If residents would like to receive neighbourhood updates, they must register at alert@neighbourhood alert Police Community Charter – same issues as previous Charter and request PC Dean Wall should attend the quarterly meeting.	
	3.3	Parish matters -Issues raised: Speeding – this was discussed thoroughly with PCSO Felix Rawlinson esp. in regards to Lorries, tractors and trailers. He assured us that speed checks would be conducted in Shobdon in the near future. He is also willing to visit farmers if he receives reports of speeding/overloading. Several traffic calming measures were also discussed. Decided to put article on Facebook re setting up a Community Speed Watch Group. Light Pollution – environmental issue. Rethink in the mowing strategies around the village – Roadside verges are the responsibility of	Cllr Boxall/ Clerk

		Herefordshire Council. There is an area of wild flower planting at The Grove Field.	
4	MINUTES:	Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 27 th September 2021 and signed them as a correct record.	
5	FINANCE:		
	5.1	The Council resolved to pay the following outstanding accounts: Clerks Octobers Wages £ 479.76 HMRC – £119.80 MCBS – Top Soil £76.00, RBL – Poppy Wreath £25.00, Shobdon Village Hall – Meetings £ 45.00, HALC clerks training £ 240.00	
	5.2	Cheques were signed in accordance with 5.1.	
	5.3	It was agreed to sponsor (£30) a prize at Wigmore Schools celebration evening.	Clerk
	5.4	Milestone Repairs - only 2 of the 4 businesses approached returned quotations. Cllr A Walker to arrange a meeting with Mr Peachley to see the milestone.	Cllr Walker
	5.5	Last months bank reconciliation statement was verified to current account bank statement and signed by the chairman. Invoices were verified and signed by Cllr S Macdonald.	Clerk
	5.6	The initial form to start the process of registering for on line banking has now been completed and signed by two of the signatories.	Clerk
	5.7	2022/2023 precept/Finance meeting – Monday 8th November at 7pm	Clerk
	5.8	Discussed quotes from internal auditors , clerk to ask Paul Russell to quote.	Clerk
	5.9	106 Wish list to be discussed at Finance meeting	
6	PLANNING	Council considered the following planning consultations received from Herefordshire Council	
	6.1	No Planning applications have been received. Cllr Stokes to draft comments re: Core Strategy questionnaire and then circulate to other councillors	Cllr Stokes
7	ENVIRONMENT		
	7.1	PROW Report – Mr P Barnett will start the work on the footpath by the scramble track in November. Once completed an article will be put on our Facebook page. Cllr Stokes, Clerk and Paul (Locality Steward) had a drive around the village to identify problem areas. This will become a regular quarterly drive round.	Cllr Stokes/clerk
	7.2	Councillors Village Inspection report was discussed and the following issues were noted: Branches near war memorial need cutting back. Catch on road side gate into Bar Meadow play area. To look into a staggered access to Bar Meadow Play	Cllr Stokes

		area from road. Surface on MUGA to be swept Jim Williams to make a replacement wooden cross for the war memorial	and Cllr Jacques
	7.3	Hedge Cutting Scheme- Agreed to put an article on Facebook to let hedge owners know their legal requirements re: width of pavement next to hedgerows and action that can be taken re overgrown hedges. Paul (Locality Steward) and Stonewater housing association will be contacted re: overgrown hedges in the village	Clerk
8	7.4	Notice Board by the shop – It was decided to look into a replacement notice board as it was not viable to repair the current one	Clerk
	7.5	Remembrance Sunday – There will be a service at the war memorial on Sunday and on 11 th November Cllrs Stokes will lower the flag for 2 minutes silence.	
		9.45pm an extension was requested and granted for the meeting to continue for a further 20 minutes.	
	7.6	Speeding through the village – this was discussed in great detail in the public session.	
	7.7	Christmas Tree and Carols – Christmas tree to be put up the last weekend of November and lights switched on Wednesday 1 December. Costs of new decorations to be discussed at the finance meeting.	
	7.8	Communicating with residents – attend regular coffee mornings to consult with residents and contact Shobdon School to see if Councillors could attend and speak to the school council to seek their views on the village.	
	7.9	Grove Field and rubbish bins – Contact Ian from Hitrees re situation and also obtain quotes to supply/empty bins	Clerk
	7.10	Gigaclear Community connection – It was decided not to apply for one.	
	NEXT MEETING	Council noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Monday 29 November 2021 at 7.00pm at Shobdon Village Hall	
	9.1	Items for next Agenda: - Christmas Tree and Carols	
	CLOSE	The meeting closed at 10.30pm	

Signed by the Chairman:	Date:
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