

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Shobdon Parish Council meeting held at Shobdon Village Hall, Monday 28 February 2022 commencing at 7 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bill Stokes (chair), Chris Jaques, Adrienne Boxall, Anne Walker and Richard Bowen.

ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the public.

OFFICER PRESENT: Clerk to the Council.

No	Item	Description	Action
1	APOLOGIES:	Councillors Sue Whittaker, Steve Macdonald and Ward Councillor Roger Phillips.	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	There were no declarations of Interests	
3	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:		
	3.1	The following report was received from Ward Councillor Roger Phillips: Herefordshire Council are looking in to the case of the blocked footpath and potential planning enforcement issue. Council tax rise will be 2.99% this year. Planning Consultation – it is critical to retain the existing main villages including Shobdon with a degree of sustainable growth. As our representative I have supported option 2 as the best way forward allowing a rate of 7-8houses to be built per year in the whole ward.	
	3.2	Report from West Mercia Police – No one was in attendance and no report has been received.	
	3.3	Parish matters – The following issues were raised: Bus services – were these going to be reduced? Will there be any repairs/resurfacing to the road from the Buzzards to the parish boundary? Mortimer medical practice – should Shobdon have a representative on the Patient Participation Group? In regards to the airfield, do we know of any plans/restrictions if NATO goes to war with Russia?	Clerk Clerk Ward Cllr Phillips
4	MINUTES:	Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 31 January 2022 and signed them as a correct record.	
5	FINANCE:		
	5.1	The Council resolved to pay the following outstanding accounts: HALC £ 707.48 (Subscription & Affiliation fees), Clerks February wages £ 479.76, HMRC February £ 119.80, Clerk expenses £ 210.95, TandO Building Services £685.20(Barrier repairs),Bucknell Nurseries£186.20 (Jubilee tree guards etc) and Hitrees Ltd £ 288.00 (trimming and strimming)	Clerk

6	5.2	Cheques were signed in accordance with 5.1, as were the bank reconciliations and invoices	Clerk
	5.3	The Council agreed on the following budgets: 2 bins from Broprax at £239 each + delivery (providing BBLP agreed to empty them) 2 brass signs for the Jubilee trees – under £50 for each and Jim Williams to make the wooden back and spike.	Clerk Clerk
	PLANNING	Council considered the following planning consultations received from Herefordshire Council	
	6.1	No consultations had been received.	
7	ENVIRONMENT		
	7.1	PROW Report and Jubilee Trees– The two trees have been planted at the MUGA. Following the walk around the village by Cllr Stokes and Ian from Hightrees Ltd (lengthsman) several pavements have now been cleared and are a lot wider. It is hoped that homeowners will now cut/clear their hedges back to the newly cleared edge. They have also removed debris from the gutters and cleaned up the car park. Cllr Bowen is to prepare a list of PROW tasks for 2022/23, (Cllrs Stokes and Bowen and the clerk to meet up and discuss PROW).	Cllr Bowen, Stokes and Clerk
	7.2	Notice Board by Village Shop – All Councillors present agreed that the quote from Jim Williams should be accepted. Cllr Jacques to liaise with Jim Williams	Cllr Jacques
	7.3	Speed Watch Meeting – New date of 16 March 2022 was noted	Clerk
	7.4	Barrier Damaged by Village Shop – The barrier has now been repaired and Cllr Jacques will put reflective tape on the barrier.	Cllr Jacques
	7.5	Bar Meadow Gate and other updates: Mark Evans will weld more substantial hinges on the Bar Meadow gate. Cllr Bowen was thanked for the flower planters	
	7.6	Managers of projects: Grove field – Cllrs Boxall and Walker Jubilee tree plantation – Cllrs Stokes and Bowen	
	7.7	Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – Open meeting on Saturday 12 March. Parish Council to discuss purchasing a jubilee coin for children of the village and the possibility of asking for £1 donation towards each coin at the next meeting.	Clerk
	7.8	Milestone Repairs: The Councillors present agreed to go with Simon Hudson (Stonemason) and Cllr Walker was to ask for a reduction in price if we delivered and collected the milestone.	Clerk & Cllr Walker

8	7.9	Litter Pick – Sunday 20 March at village car park at 2pm. 4 litter picking packs will be collected on Friday 18 March	Clerk
	7.10	Memorial Garden – Cllrs Boxall and Walker to progress design etc. Cllr Stokes to meet contractor and obtain quote to tarmac the path	Cllr Boxall, Walker & Stokes
	7.11	Local Plan Spatial Options Consultation.- This was discussed and decided to reply: Decided to support option 2 as a best fit. The residents of Shobdon expressed their views in the NDP referendum. Shobdon has several services i.e. – School, Post Office and shop and they support modest growth. Concerned that a lot of time and effort had been put into NDP and now feel it has been undermined with this consultation.	Clerk
	7.12	Lengths man Scheme 2022/23 agreed to continue with this scheme and the clerk is to complete the necessary forms and submit them to BBLP	Clerk
	7.13	Herefordshire Parish/Town Council Survey – Outdoor/Indoor Sports facilities Strategies – Council agreed that the clerk should complete the survey on behalf of the council	Clerk
	7.14	Verge Cutting Programme 2022 – agreed that no roads should be removed from schedule	Clerk
	7.15	Drainage Grant re Lengthsman Scheme – Agreed that there were no problems to apply for, as all drainage issues need to be resolved by BBLP	
	NEXT MEETING	Council noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Monday 28 March 2022 at 7.00pm at Shobdon Village Hall	
	9.1	Items for next Agenda: - Core Strategy, Jubilee celebrations and scarecrow weekend	
	CLOSE	The meeting closed at 8.55pm	

Signed by the Chairman:

Date: