

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Shobdon Parish Council meeting held at Shobdon Village Hall, Monday 31 October 2022 commencing at 7 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bill Stokes (chair), Steve Macdonald (vice-chair), Anne Walker and Richard Bowen.

ALSO PRESENT: 1 member of the public and Ward Councillor Roger Phillips

OFFICER PRESENT: Clerk to the Council.

No	Item	Description	Action
1	APOLOGIES:	Cllrs Chris Jaques, Adrienne Boxall, Sue Whittaker and West Mercia Police	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	None	
3	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:		
	3.1	The following report was received from Ward Councillor Roger Phillips: He thanked people for their help and support re the meeting with the Police (see 7.3 in minutes). 20 mph speed limits – HCC are looking into putting these speed limits by schools in Herefordshire – A councillor commented that speed limit signs only work with enforcement, and they need to be used along side other speed reducing methods. He gave an update on Children Services, and the report from The Government appointed Inspector. He had met with Paul Hunter BBLP who reported that the highways are in a better condition now, then they had been in previous years.	
	3.2	Report from West Mercia Police – No one was in attendance – P C Dean Wall emailed his report to say that there were no issues to report	
	3.3	Parish matters – The following issues were raised: Rubbish etc outside The Bateman – Cllr Stokes to talk to the Landlord. Dead Elm outside school gates needs removing. Clerk to speak to Locality Steward. 3 Drain covers are missing between The Cemetery to the Beeches. The letter 'I' is missing from the War Memorial – clerk to contact Simon Hudson to replace it.	Cllr Stokes Clerk Clerk Clerk
4	MINUTES:	Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 26 September 2022 and signed them as a correct record.	
5	FINANCE:		
	5.1	The Council resolved to pay the following outstanding accounts: Clerks Oct Wages £560.96, HMRC Oct £140.00, Clerks reimbursements – SLCC membership £93.00 and Tscohost Domain renewal £ 9.54 and Hitrees Ltd £1,170.00	
	5.2	Cheques were signed in accordance with 5.1, as were the bank reconciliations and invoices	Clerk
	5.3	The Finance Meeting will be held on Monday 7 November 2022.	Clerk

6	5.4	It was agreed to appoint Microshade Business Consultants Ltd as the internal auditor for next year.	Clerk
	PLANNING	Council considered the following planning consultations received from Herefordshire Council P223496 – Works to Ash tree covered by TPO – no objection.	
			Clerk
7	ENVIRONMENT		
	7.1	PROW and Village Reports/Updates: Corbett Farms Ltd have replaced a footbridge. All PROW signs are up to date. Cllr Stokes to sort out 4-way marker post by Church.	Cllr Stokes
	7.2	Update of meeting with Young Adults and HVOSS The 2 people from HVOSS were taken on a tour of the facilities the village has to offer and they then met with the 6 young adults of the village, Parish Councillors, and 2 residents. The youngsters want somewhere they can 'hang out,' in all weathers (a shelter). A meeting will be organised for Saturday 3 December to see what people want in their village.	
	7.3	Update of Police Meeting – Approx 50 people attended the meeting with Senior Police Officers which was organised by Ward Councillor Roger Phillips. Issues discussed related to traffic matters and broader crimes including thefts. Police were anxious that residents sign up to 'Neighbourhood Matters' website. This alerts people to crimes and local campaigns via emails.	
	7.4	Update of Working Weekend - Only 3 members of the public turned out to help. The war memorial, cider mill, benches and bus shelter were cleaned and the cider mill etc will be painted/treated in the spring/summer. There were loads of grass mowing's on the pavement at The Grove. Salt in salt bins is hard and unusable – clerk to ask Locality Steward to investigate this. Most of the road gutters have now been cleared and it would be useful to have the road sweeper.	Clerk Clerk
	7.5	Update -School Field Coppice – Cllr Stokes is working with Mrs Corbett re the lease agreement and relevant maps.	Cllr Stokes
	7.6	Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Stokes to lower the flag on The Green on Friday 11 November. There will be a short service after this, and Cllr Stokes will consult with the Primary School re attendance at the service. Cllr Walker to sort out new wreath for the service	Cllr Stokes Cllr Walker
	7.7	Christmas Tree & Carols – Cllrs Stokes and Jaques to source and put up the Christmas tree on Saturday 26 November 2022. Carols and switching on of the lights Thursday 1 December. Cllr Walker to organise refreshments and Carols. Clerk to contact person at The Chapel re electric.	Clerk & Cllrs Stokes, Jaques and Walker
	7.8	Rural Settlement Hierarchy – Revised Settlement Audit – This was discussed and decided not to reply until HCC decided on what a settlement is.	

8	NEXT MEETING	Council noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Monday 28 November 2022 at 7.00pm at Shobdon Village Hall	
	8.1	Items for next Agenda: - Precept	
	CLOSE	The meeting closed at 8.40 pm	

Signed by the Chairman:	Date:
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