

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of Shobdon Parish Council meeting held at Shobdon Village Hall, Monday 19 December 2022 commencing at 7 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Bill Stokes (chair), Steve Macdonald (vice-chair), Anne Walker (joined the meeting at 7.35pm) Chris Jaques, Adrienne Boxhall, Sue Whittaker, and Richard Bowen.

ALSO PRESENT: 2 members of the public and PCSO Felix Rawlinson

OFFICER PRESENT: Clerk to the Council.

No	Item	Description	Action
1	APOLOGIES:	Ward Councillor Roger Phillips	
2	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:	None	
3	PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:		
	3.1	The following report was received from Ward Councillor Roger Phillips: Due to ill health, there was no report.	
	3.2	Report from West Mercia Police – PCSO Felix Rawlinson reported that: No thefts from sheds or burglaries had been reported in December. A dog attack had taken place in Shobdon. He is happy to visit/talk to people re rural crime re sheds and outbuildings. He was informed about a noisy car driving around the village – this is an anti-social offence and should be reported to the police. Speed watch – Felix is to visit John (organiser) to discuss numbers and vetting process.	
	3.3	Parish matters – The following issues were raised/comments made: Beds/rubbish has been removed from The Bateman. The diseased Elm tree has been removed by the school. Would the Parish Council consider purchasing the Bateman – the building is a Grade II listed building, which is in need of major repairs/improvements and therefore not a viable proposition for the Parish Council. Could the HVOSS report be made public.	Clerk
4	MINUTES:	Council RESOLVED to approve the Minutes of the Full Council held on 28 November 2022 and signed them as a correct record.	
5	FINANCE:		
	5.1	The Council resolved to pay the following outstanding accounts: Clerks Dec Wages £560.96, HMRC Dec £140.00, Cllr Jaques reimbursement of Christmas Tree £ 60.00 and Cllr Stokes reimbursement of Christmas Lights £ 38.48	
	5.2	Cheques were signed in accordance with 5.1, as were the bank reconciliations and invoices	Clerk
	5.3	The Statement of Income and Expenditure to 31 December 2022 was reviewed and discussed.	
	5.4	No comments from residents on the 2023/24 Precept have been received.	

6	5.5	The Parish Council Resolved to adopt the 2023/24 Precept Calculations (Increased to stand still with inflation)	Clerk
	PLANNING	Council considered the following planning consultations received from Herefordshire Council	
		No applications have been received	Clerk
7	ENVIRONMENT		
8	7.1	<p>PROW and Village Reports/Updates: Cllr Bowen has provisionally ordered trees for School field project. Invoice to be on next agenda. Pavements were very ice during the freezing weather, and grit bins need refilling. It was noted that the Parish Council is only responsible for their land.</p> <p>The Defibrillator had stopped working in the freezing weather – Parish Council resolved to look into getting an insulated box made for it.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Cllr Jaques</p>
	7.2	<p>Update of meeting with Young Adults and HVOSS-</p> <p>As a result of the meeting, it was noted that communication between Parish Council and residents could be improved-Resolved to send a letter to every household in the New Year informing them what a Parish Council is and who the Councillors are. Also, to let the residents know what the Parish Council has done and the future projects. The newsletter will also include information where residents can find/view updates etc, ie notice boards, facebook etc.</p> <p>Look into producing a 'Village Welcome Newsletter/pack.'</p> <p>HVOSS have sent the Parish Council a 38-page report following the meeting/questionnaires, and they will be at the next Parish Council meeting to discuss it. Clerk to ask HVOSS for a condensed report that could then be displayed on the website and sent to residents that request a copy.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Cllr Boxall</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	7.3	<p>Clean up kerb edges and trimming of hedges – Weeds have been sprayed but not cleared on the estates. Council resolved to ask the Lengthsmen to clear up weeds etc on the housing estates after spraying in the spring.</p> <p>Ask the locality Steward to send letters to residents in the spring re trimming of hedges.</p> <p>Ask the Locality Steward for and update on: Bateman Close Hedge Briars by SUDs Sweeper to clear roads</p>	<p>Clerk/Cllr Stokes</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	NEXT MEETING	Council noted that the next meeting of the Parish Council would take place on Monday 30 January 2023 at 7.00pm at Shobdon Village Hall.	
	8.1	Items for next Agenda: - HVOSS, School field update, Kings Coronation and Benches	
	CLOSE	The meeting closed at 8.10 pm	
Signed by the Chairman:			Date: