

# The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at Dry Sandford Primary School

**Present:** Cllrs. M. Page (in the Chair), C. Parkin, D. Churchouse, V. Talbot, L. Church, R. Bahu

**In attendance:** Mr Tom Turner, Mr David O'Hara, Anna Clarke (Clerk).

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr. P. Painting, R. Webber

### 2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

Finances

N Plan & Friends of Shippon Grant – Cllr Page

Friends of Shippon Grant – Cllrs Parkin & Churchouse

### 3. Matters raised by members of the public & Co-option

None present

There was a unanimous vote to co-opt Tom Turner as a member of the PC in the Dry Sandford Ward.

### 4. Attending Councillors and MOD

#### MoD

**Meeting with Station Commander** – to take place at the Officer's Mess on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> January.

The Gurkha Temple at the Barracks has now been officially opened. Cllr Page thanked Colonel Yeates for the PC's invitation.

Cllr Page thanked the Army for the removal of the fallen tree on Faringdon Road. Mr O'Hara to ask for the tree by the bus stop to be checked as it appears to be dead. DO'H

Mr O'Hara to check the Territorial House on Faringdon Rd that is looking very tatty. DO'H

Mr O'Hara had a visit from the DIO but there was nothing further revealed that wasn't already in the public forum.

The PC was concerned to hear that there is a plan to put a weekly car boot sale (previously from Peachcroft) on the Airfield. The PC has requested that they are given the opportunity for consultation before it is signed off. Mr O'Hara to follow up. DO'H

### 5. OxCam Expressway

Wootton PC asked if SHW PC would like to hold a joint meeting, however, it was agreed that, as there is no formal consultation at the moment, the PC would not be part of it for the time being but it will be kept on the agenda as a watching brief.

### 6. VE Day

SSAFA has arranged / suggested a number of events / ways to mark the day. The Church Warden at St Marys is talking to the Padres at the Army re co-ordinating something. Cllr Page to contact the Church Warden, the Pub landlady & St Helen's Church and talk to the Station Commander at the meeting. MP

### 7. Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

### 8. Website

The Clerk to send details of the website firm to Cllr Page

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### 9. Neighbourhood Plan

**CIL** - Cllr Page circulated the CIL document from David Cook. It looks like the PC would likely not need the Power of Competency for its purposes.

**Printing** - The Clerk circulated the 3 quotes. Dataprint appears to be the best value for money. The Clerk & Cllr Page to see what example copies would look like before ordering. An extra loose leaf copy to be added to the order for Cllr Turner. MP/AC

**Garden Village Community Grant** – Cllr C Webber asked for the PC's views at very short notice. Cllr Page to voice concern to Cllr Webber about the lack of notice and to request that the PC would like to be involved in discussions around the Garden Community Village and the spending of the £150K grant and would like to hold the new Administration to their word that Shippon would remain separate. MP

### 10. Matters arising from the Minutes

Nothing raised

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### 11. Finance and Administrative Matters

#### a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Dry Sandford Primary School	Room rental	£10	
Parish Clerk	Salary December & January	£1012	
Parish Clerk	Expenses December & January & Gate padlock	£111	
Vale of White Horse DC	Elections	£1760.20	

#### b) Grants

Friends of Shippon – Cllr Talbot proposed £500, Cllr Bahu seconded the proposal and there was a unanimous vote in favour. Cllrs Parkin, Page & Churchouse abstained due to conflict of interest.

Oxfordshire Citizen's Advice - Cllr Talbot proposed £500, Cllr Parkin seconded the proposal and there was a unanimous vote in favour.

c) Reserves – Cllr Churchouse made a suggestion to remove the Church Hall from the list and to add to the Highways fund. In the future, it may be necessary to budget from the annual pot into reserves to increase e.g. the Highway fund. A contingency has also been added in for elections. There was unanimous agreement to adopt the updated reserves list.

d) Finance Committee – Cllr Page circulated an email re committees and the setting up of a Finance & General Purposes Committee. It will sit twice a year or at any other frequency as suggested by Cllr Churchouse after discussion with the newly formed committee. Cllr Churchouse will Chair the committee and Cllrs Talbot & Painting will be members. There was a unanimous vote to adopt the new Committees papers.

#### 12). Matters raised by members of the Council

None

#### 13). Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

The Inspection roster for 2020 is below: Any requests for amendments should be sent to the Clerk. **All**

2020			
January	Cllr David Churchouse	February	Cllr Phil Painting
March	Cllr Lee Church	April	Cllr Caroline Parkin
May	Cllr Mike Page	June	Cllr Vicki Talbot

Cllr Page went through the correspondence and it was resolved that it be noted.

#### 14). Correspondence

##### Oxfordshire County Council

Healthwatch Oxfordshire

OALC

December Update

##### Vale Communications

South & Vale Business Support Team won the Institute of Economic Development Greatest Economic Impact Award

Wootton & St Helen Without Neighbourhood Plan was 'made' at 18<sup>th</sup> December Council Meeting

Cabinet targets – both Council & District to become carbon neutral by 2045

Electoral Register

Vale looking for volunteers to join a panel to set Councillors allowances. For more information, email [paul.bateman@southandvale.gov.uk](mailto:paul.bateman@southandvale.gov.uk) or call 01235 422523.

##### Other

Matthew Barber Police & Crime Bulletin

External Furniture

CFO Rural Services Survey

Sarah Morrison from Wootton would like to set up a 'park & stride' scheme for the 2 local schools. Cllr Turner to follow up with her.

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#### 15). Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

None

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### 16).Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 at Shippon Church Hall.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m

Signed.....Date.....

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