

The Parish Council of St. Helen Without

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th June 2019 at Shippon Church Hall

Present: Cllrs. M. Page (in the Chair), C. Parkin, V. Talbot, P. Painting, R. Bahu

In attendance:, Cllrs Richard & Catherine Webber, Mr David O'Hara, Anna Clarke (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr D. Churchouse

2. Declarations of Personal or Personal and Prejudicial Interests

None

3. Matters raised by members of the public

None

4. Attending Councillors and MOD

Cllr Richard Webber

The fallout from the Election was substantial. 2 local councils have changed Administration, so there are a lot of questions being asked about SCHMA figures, the Growth Deal etc. County is waiting to hear from the Govt on a number of areas. Although it is possible that money for the Growth Deal may fall through, it is hoped that Growth Board does not fold.

Cllr Catherine Webber

Cllr Webber is now the Cabinet Member for Planning. LPP2 is the big issue and is now at the stage of either being adopted or not. This decision is being delayed whilst all the economic and legal info is being gathered. Councillors have been warned by the Vale officers that to keep Shippon in the Green Belt will require LPP2 to be withdrawn in its entirety which would place villages across the Vale at risk of uncontrolled development. The Vale are pushing for it to be adopted to avoid such speculative development.

Cllr Webber reported that, although staying in the Green Belt (GB) has advantages, the Vale says that Shippon will be protected anyway by its inset status and by various policies within LPP1 and 2. Councillors believe that it may be possible to return Shippon to the Green Belt at some future date but LPP2 in its current form will need to be adopted first (taking Shippon out of the Green Belt) and the process could take up to 3 years. Vale Officers do not want to put it back in, Councillors are awaiting legal advice on this option. The Parish Councillors present expressed some scepticism as to whether, in the event that LPP2 is adopted and Shippon loses its Green Belt status, there was any chance of it regaining that status in the future.

Cllr Talbot questioned why, when it has been demonstrated that development can take place at the Airfield without Shippon needing to be taken out of the GB, are the Vale insisting on taking it out? Wouldn't it be possible to say that Shippon stays in the GB until the Army has left? Villagers have accepted the development but want to stay in the GB. Cllr Webber reiterated that it was because Shippon staying in the GB would require LPP2 to be withdrawn in its entirety which would open the County up to speculative development. Cllr Talbot also noted that the main modifications, post consultation, have not much changed.

Cllr Painting commented that he does not believe that LPP2 hangs on Shippon coming out of the GB. Cllr Bahu question what other parts of Shippon could be open to development if it is 'inset' rather than 'washed over'? If it is inset, it presumably makes it easier to make changes to the infrastructure around the new development. The significant challenges made to the transport report appear to have been dismissed. Cllr Talbot said that residents were dismayed at the Lib Dem Councillors change of heart about protecting the Green Belt now they were in power

Cllr C Webber question why it was important to residents to stay in the GB and Cllr Parkin responded that there would be no need for GB if it didn't offer protection. The fact of the matter is that residents believe Green Belt status offers the best protection for the existing village of Shippon. The parish councillors acknowledged the difficulties being faced by the newly elected administration but reinforced the desire of our residents to remain in the Green Belt.

Cllr C Webber to ask a Vale Officer to speak to the PC as soon as possible to explain exactly what all the terms mean and the protection associated with them. Cllr Painting also asked Catherine to ask the Vale to provide a list of reasons for taking Shippon out of the GB and of the legality of doing so. **CW**

Cllr R Webber commented that no decisions have yet been made and they will be transparent and will justify decisions to residents. There are a lot of moving feasts currently, such as the Growth Deal and SCHMA.

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MoD

There may be a reduction in the number of track days on the Airfield.

There is a new Station Commander, Colonel Yates. He will attend a PC meeting as soon as he is able.

August fireworks – Cllr Page to be included in the planning and will be suggesting road closures, signage and looking at ways of preventing people from parking on Faringdon Road; this will take time to sort out.

Dog Waste Bins – Mr O'Hara is chasing the company who are dealing with this. Cllr Page reiterated that the PC would be willing to discuss options for the maintenance of dog waste bins on the airfield if the legal and contractual issues can be resolved..

Cllr Page thanked Mr O'Hara for sorting out the manhole cover and the rubbish and tyres in Old Faringdon Road. He noted that the children's play area in Sycamore Close is currently undergoing refurbishment.

Mr O'Hara to follow up how the PC could offer support other than sponsorship for the Family Fun Day.

DO'H

Cllr Talbot reported that 2 residents had offered to pay the same amount as the Army receives for the Jet Model Aircraft events due to the noise disturbance they cause. Cllr O'Hara to follow up alternating the event between the ends of the Airfield.

DO'H

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chair.

6. Annual Governance Statement & Statement of Accounts / Internal Audit

The Annual Governance Statement was read out, agreed and signed by the Chair and RFO. The internal audit report was noted. The Accounting Statement was agreed and signed by the Chair. The Exercise of Public Rights will run from 25th June to 6th August.

7. Shippon & the Green Belt

Discussed under Agenda Item 4. Cllr Painting to look into the legal issues on behalf of the PC.

PP

8. General Data Protection Regulations / Website

In progress

9. Matters arising from the Minutes

Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – The Examiner's report needs to be studied by all. It may be possible to extend the fact checking process beyond the current deadline of 3rd July. Ricardo RIOS (our link officer in the Vale planning department) has said that we need to flag up factual errors and contradictions. He has also offered to explain what the independent examiner has said and why he said it. The PC to be kept in the loop for all NP emails. The Steering Group to be reminded we have previously approved the cost of Nigel McGurk for a day's work to look over the report should this be considered appropriate

- a) SHW and Wootton PC's will then need to meet for a decision to be made on the Examiner's report and the next steps for the Neighbourhood Plan: There will be a meeting of the NPSG on Wednesday 24th July and all are urged to attend.

10. Finance and Administrative Matters

a) Accounts for payment

Payee	Purpose	Total	VAT
Shippon Church Hall	Room rental	£16	
Parish Clerk	Salary May & June	£982.18	
Parish Clerk	Expenses May & June	£88	
Cllr Richard Bahu	Paint & Grip for Rec ground exercise equipment	£24.40	
St Grounds Maintenance	Bin emptying May	£20	
Wootton PC	Website costs	£57.16	

£781.03 was paid to Came & Company in between meetings to renew the insurance policy (reviewed and agreed at the May meeting) in order to manage risk.

b) Grants

Resolve Mediation – it does not appear to fit within the PC's Grants criteria, however, the Clerk to follow up if there are any residents of SHW PC benefitting from the service?

AC

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11). Matters raised by members of the Council

None

12). Sandleigh Road Recreation Ground

The Inspection roster for 2018/19 is below: Any requests for amendments should be sent to the Clerk.

All

2018/2019			
June	Cllr Richard Bahu	July	Cllr David Churchouse
August	Cllr Phil Painting	September	Cllr Caroline Parkin
October	Cllr Mike Page	November	Cllr Vicki Talbot

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

13). Correspondence

Oxfordshire County Council

Traffic Sensitive Streets Consultation

OALC

May update

AGM 1st July, 7.30 p.m., Warwick Hall, Burford

Vale

Cllr Emily Smith new Leader of Vale of WHDC

Updated Electoral Register

£177,500 for refurbishment of Faringdon Leisure Centre

Other

CFO Spring Update

CFO AGM 19th July, 11.30am – 1pm at Heyford Park

Healthwatch Briefing

Wantage Independent Advice Centre AGM 26th June, 7.45 p.m. at Old Mill Hall, Grove

Matthew Barber Police & Crime Bulletin

Rural Services Network June Update

NAWPEG (North & West Parishes Expressway Group) notes from May meeting

Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust & Diocese of Oxford day conference at Dorchester Abbey, 28th September

Rospa – Play safety inspection for Sandleigh Rd Recreation Ground to take place in July

14). Cllrs reports and items for future agendas

15). Date of next meeting

It was confirmed that the next meeting will be held at 7.30p.m. on On Monday 5th August 2019 at Dry Sandford Primary School.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 9.00 p.m.

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

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