

Shobrooke Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 12th July 2023

The meeting commenced at 7.30pm

Members Present

Cllr C Furse (Chair)

Cllr A Jones

Cllr L Balkwill

Cllr M Squires (DCC)

Cllr Collier

In attendance:

Mrs. Clarke, Parish Clerk

Public Participation – none

Minutes

- 01/07 Welcome and Apologies for absence** – no apologies were received it was noted the absence of the Green Party candidates again and no correspondence to say they were going to be absent.
- No public attendance.**
- 02/07 Declaration of Interest-** Councillors to update as required through the meeting.
- 03/07 Minutes of the last meeting held** - Wednesday 14th June 2023, were agreed and signed as a true record
- 04/07 Parish council - Matters arising-**
- 04.01 Insurance increase – unavoidable as the email that was sent to us was incorrect at the outset. Cllr said it was increased in line with inflation.
- 04.02 Valencia Grant update – The grant is ready to go, Cllr Squires gave a locality budget towards it of £250 and a letter of support. Clerk indicated the amounts are larger. Chair and Cllr agreed to finalise the grant.
- 04.03 Maintenance issues – We have an offer for grass cutting, the clerk will contact the person if its needed.
- 04.03A, 3M pole required, Blamphayne saw mills, was recommened Cllr Jones will follow this up
- 04.03B, waiting to received the playground inspections.
- 04.04 Documents and policies for the website – Cllr Squires indicated that most policies are adopted by the various councils.
- 04.05 Co-opting of Rev. Sandra Collier as a councillor.
- 05/07 Mid Devon District Council**
- 5.1 Planning Applications: - None 5.2 Planning Decisions: - None
- 5.3 Planning Appeals and Enforcements :- None
- 06/07 Reports from MDDC Councillor, DCC Councillor.**
- Cllr Squires reported that highways have a lack of funds for repairing pot holes. The cllr finds the allocation of funding frustrating. A few of the larger parish councils are sorting there own pot holes out after they have completed the training.
- Cllr Squires reported on the children in care and in particular the disabled children. 900 children in care in Devon. DCC seek further foster carers.

07/07 Finance – Chair requested that future amounts are paid online. A discussion was held about online access and where the clerk stands currently. Cllr Jones will put the details online. Budget and statements were signed.

Item	Payee	Purpose	Amount £
07.02.01	BHIB Insurance	Increased fee – online.	£71.79
07.02.02	A. Clarke	Salary and expenses - online	£231.57
07.02.03	HMRC *	PAYE – cheque	£48.20
07.02.04	Mrs. M Dennis	Internal Auditor – cheque	£60.00

- 7.1 Parish Council receipts Current Account: None
- 7.2 Parish Council payments Current Account: as above
- 7.3 To approve authorisers/signatories for this month's online payments
- 7.4 Balances:
 - 7.4.1 Parish Council Current Account balance: £8357.89
 - 7.4.2 Parish Council Footpath balance (in above current account figure): £311.74
 - 7.4.3 Parish Council Reserve Account balance: £7827.74 (£4,000.00 ring fenced for play equipment)

08/07 Roads and Footpaths.

- 08.01 Road or footpath issues were raised, crops are in some of the field currently. The footpath warden (C. Mayor) is aware of the issues, Cllr Balkwill indicated the edge needs to be cut back. Road issues remain the same. Wraddon Cross needs a follow up.
- 08.02 Ros Davies hasnt replied to the clerk prior to the meeting, but has subsequently replied.
- 08.03 Cllr Collier asked about the current district councillors as Cllr Barnell is no longer a district councillor, mention was made of s106 funds.

09/07 Clerks Report

- 09.01 email from Jane Hole about Raddon Hills, the chair explained this to the new cllr Collier and mention was made of the cycle route.
- 09.02 20 is plenty the clerk provided detailed of the zoom that was attended. Chair indicated that there are two 20 is plenty is signs but they are not official. Drivers dont take notice of them. DCC have stopped this on the A routes and haven't put much in the funds for this.
- 09.03 Domain transfer to the Shobrooke account for payment each month.
- 09.04 Email by outlook is full, a discussion was held about the way forward Cllr Balkwell indicated it is down to which has the most storage, so gmail is preferable.
- 09.05 Post is not being delivered in various areas, Dalc raised the query and weve not heard about the offer of payment for the defibrillator pads. An address was provided to follow this up.

10/07 Miscellaneous matters/ correspondence - none

11/07 Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda - Cllr Collier updated the council on the tent situation (previous grant request), Cllr Jones indicated there is a teepee that can be used. Cllr Collier asked about the amount of councillors that are allowed which is upto 8.

12/07 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th September 2023, at 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall

Chair

Dated