

Shobrooke Parish Council Meeting.

**Minutes of the meeting held at the Red Lion on
Wednesday 13th December 2023 at 19.30pm**

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm

Members Present: Cllr C Furse (Chair),
Cllr S. Collier
Cllr Jenkins

Cllr A Jones (Vice-Chair)
Mrs A Clarke (Clerk)

Public Participation. None

Formal Business

01.12.23 Welcome and apologies for absence:

The Chair opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr. Squires, Cllr Tuffin, Cllr L Balkwill

02.12.23 Declaration of Interests/Dispensations: None

03.12.23 Minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 11th October 2023 were agreed as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.

04.12.23 04.01 Grass cutting, 2024, Mike, confirmation of liability insurance, to be paid monthly, figures and fees were discussed. To be cut alternate weeks. Other possible areas may also be considered.

04.02 Defib pads due to be replaced on 6th January, council confirmed that new pads are required, all councillors were in agreement.

04.03 Wifi/Broadband, clerk explained the basics of Wildanet, Airband and Gigaclear. Airband were considered the first option. Costs were considered, Cllr Jones will pass this information onto the village hall.

04.04 Park Bench in memorial of John Hill/Plaque was discussed along with pricing. Deferred until the February agenda next year to accommodate the weather.

04.05 Budget plan, the clerk explained parts of the budget and explained that quite a few invoices will be increasing by 45% as in insurance and Dalc. Discussion was held on the donations. Mention was made of previous precepts that were high to cover playground equipment. Grants are to be applied for. Some savings from not having a clerk that can be used to help keep the amount of the precept down. The council voted for the amount of the and a resolution was passed for the agreed amount.

05.12.23 Mid Devon District Council:

05.01 Planning Application: None

05.02 Planning Decision: None

06.12.23 Reports from Councillors. Cllr Tuffin sent a response to our housing query and the parishioners query is being dealt with by Mid Devon .

07.12.23 Finance

06.01 The council approved this months payments as listed on the agenda.

06.02 Foot path balance remains the same as MDDC has been paying for the repairs.

06.03 Discussion on the amount in the bank, set amounts are reserved for play equipment.

- 08.12.23 Roads and Footpaths:**
07.01 The repair by the park gates, there are some doubts over the longevity of it.
07.02 Raddon Cross Roads needs to be reported.
- 09.12.23 Clerk's report:**
09.01 Auditor offering services from Cornwall has been in contact.
09.02 Crediton Cluster meeting in January, two councillors expressed an interest in this.
09.03 Notification of new gym equipment in Lords Meadows Centre.
09.04 The Brooke amendments confirmed and need to be changed to the new emails for each councillor.
09.05 Devon Mobility have requested a grant, £100 has been agreed.
09.06 Mid Devon Autumn newsletter received.
- 10.12.23 Miscellaneous Correspondence - none**
- 11.12.23 Minor matter and items for future agenda**
11.01 L Pilgrim wants to be removed from the neighbourhood watch. Cllr Collier will mention neighbourhood watch in passing to people in the village in an attempt to find a replacement.
- 12.12.23 Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 10th January 2024, at 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall
- 13.12.23 The Meeting closed at 20:32pm**

_____ Chair

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