

Shobrooke Parish Council Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on
Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 19.30pm

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm

Members Present: Cllr A Jones (Chair) Cllr C Furse (Vice-Chair),
Cllr L Balkwill DCC Squires
Mrs A Clarke (Clerk)

01/07/24 Welcome and apologies for absence: The Chair opened the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr. Collier, Cllr Leaming, Cllr. Jenkins and Cllr Tuffin

02/07/24 There were no declaration of Interest

03/07/24 Minutes of the last meeting held on the 12th June 2024, were agreed and signed as a true record

04/07/24 Parish council - Matters arising-

04.01 Housing - Due to Cllr Tuffin being absent, there was only an update, Cllr Jones discussed the matter with MDDC housing department. There are various criteria that apply as regards to the housing and some onerous rules on exchanges, local connection is a priority. Sadly as the village has some anti social behaviour problems, which means it is not viewed highly by people who compete for housing. The council would like to see more families in residence.

04.02 Speed watch The clerk contacted Crediton Speed watch and received an email from Steve Huxtable, two residents in Shobrooke are carrying out Speed watch. The matter is being viewed in line with the public attendance, last month, about speeding in Efford. The clerk will contact Crediton to see if it is possible to arrange a Speed watch at Shute. Cllr Squires will mention this at DCC level with a view to having an assessment of the speeds opposite the pub and by the old bakery where it is narrow at Efford.

04.03 Grant application name - Well being. A few suggestions were mooted and well being in the park, was chosen.

04.04 Neighbourhood Watch - Our NW coordinator has indicated merchandise has been ordered and an update will be available for September. Please note, there are discounts for house insurance with Shobrooke having a Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

04.05 Training for councillors and clerk - Dates have been provided for training and new councillors are unable to attend. The courses will repeat again later in the year. A discussion was held over the clerks training if at all relevant. However as Shobrooke do not hold GPOC there is no necessity for this additional training.

05/07/24 Mid Devon District Council

05.01 Planning Applications: -

24/00696/MFUL - revised drawings for an Egg Laying Barn, Summerhay Farm. The council supported the original application and as there are no near neighbouring properties. The council have no objection to this application.

05.02 Planning Decisions: none

07/07/24 Reports from MDDC Councillor Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Tuffin, no reports from any Mid Devon District councillors.

07.01 DCC Councillor Cllr Squires has been trying to get up to date with all the parishes since the election of the new government and has had meeting with highways to discuss the issues that have been raised locally.

07/07/24 Finance

Item	Payee	Purpose	Amount £
07.02.01	Ionus	Website hosting and domain renewal	£19.20
07.02.02	A. Clarke	Salary and expenses	£343.30
07.02.03	HMRC *	PAYE (Do not pay currently in credit)	£6.80
07.02.04	Online playgrounds	New swing seat in play park	£77.00
07.02.05	Maggie Dennis	Internal Auditor	£60.00
07.02.06	HMS	Grass cutting and maintenance	£64.00

7.1 The Parish Council noted receipt of interest received this month of £11.90

7.2 All the invoices listed above were approved for payment.

7.3 Balances: The balance on the Current Account is £10102.66 The footpath balance (in above current account figure) remains: £311. The reserve account balance stands at: £10454.34 (£4,000.00 of which is ring fenced for play equipment). The total balance including reserves stands at £20557.00. Monthly budget figures were also provided.

08/07/24 Roads and Footpaths-

08.01 Nomansland Farm to Westwood Farm, Thursday 11th – Wednesday 24th July 2024, Will be closed or restricted for the second phase of the drainage works. Also again on the 13th -29th March 2025 at Little Gutton Bends for resurfacing.

08.02 Shute Cross to All Saint Church an assessment is being carried out with a view traffic calming measures being put in place, the assessment will be completed on the 19th July

08.03 Holy Well Lane signage - poor signage, it is a no through road but the sign is hidden, behind shrubbery and needs to be cut back. The clerk will contact highways.

Cllr Squires indicated that sometimes highways send the information to Cllr Leitch, so there is a delay in receipt.

09/07/24 Clerks Report

09.01 No crime reports in the area as we are unaware of the latest report due to D&C's website has not been updated since April 2024

09.02 emails received were listed and discussed, one in particular about the dangers of lithium batteries, the council were asked if they will support the organisation trying to change the way they are disposed off, Shobrooke will support this.

10/07/24 Miscellaneous matters/ correspondence

10.01 John Hill Plaque, for the bench, which needs to be moved. Cllr. Balkwill indicated her partner will help with this. Other offers to help have been received from Vince Carmine and suggestions have been made for the inscription on the plaque.

10.02 Wi-Fi Southpoint Consultancy, want to check the location and bank details mention was made of Star link 1.2 MHz, which could be shared if placed on the church tower, several other sites could use this. The installation will be mainly for the church and the hall, figures for this were discussed and a faculty needs to be obtained from the church, Cllr Collier and Cllr Leaming will find out about this.

11/07/24 Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda

11.01 Roundabout surface repair. Cllr Jones was going to undertake the repair however the solution and process is complicated with 9 steps and curing required. Mention was made of previous assistance received prior to 2020, the clerk will check to find the firm concerned with a view to them repairing the surface.

11.02 The meet the councillors event, before the meeting, clashed with the European semi-final. Only our Neighbourhood watch co-ordinator turned up.

12/07/24 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th September 2024, at 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall