

Shobrooke Parish Council Meeting

**Minutes of the meeting of Shobrooke Parish Council held at the Village Hall
on Wednesday 11th September 2024 at 7:30pm**

The meeting commenced at 7:30 pm

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

Public Participation - none

01/09/24 The chair opened the meeting and accepted apologies for absence from Cllr. Leeming, Cllr Jenkins and Cllr Tuffin

02/09/24 Declaration of Interest - none were declared

03/09/24 Minutes of the last meeting held - on 10th July 2024 were agreed and signed as a true record

04/09/24 Co-option - Vacancy - deferred to the next meeting.

05/09/24 Parish council - Matters arising-

05.01 Footpath warden – The current warden is stepping down due to injury. Mention was made of possible replacements, Victoria Leeming and Beth (last name?) Cllr Furse indicated that they must be made aware of what the requirements are before committing to this. There is also a new person in DCC John.Boyd@Devon.gov.uk for the footpaths as Ross Johnson has left.

05.02 Holywell Lane, the sign is old and faded and possibly needs to be increased in size, this will be followed up with highways online, clerk previously reported this due to overgrown vegetation.

05.03 Playing Field, mention was made of the zip wire and the area around the slide where some work needs to be carried out. Cllr Jones provided some details of the problem areas in the playing field. An update on the grant was provided. Cllr Squires has offered a locality budget to assist with the project, as this can be allocated to new equipment/general replacement, for the amount of £500. The gates to the park are hanging off and the picnic bench needs moving. Rob, Vince and Danny may be approached to help with moving the bench.

05.04 Neighbourhood Watch An order was placed for people within the village for stickers and leaflet, it has also been advertised in The Brooke. Signs were purchased and need to be placed. Areas were suggested for the placement of the signs with a view to being highly visible. The council thanked the NWC for her involvement with this.

05.05 Donation / grant request was discussed, however the parish council currently donates to the Church and CAB and mobility.

05.06 Plaque for the bench, the wording was discussed and settled as:
“In memory of John Hill dedicated groundsman”.

06/09/24 Mid Devon District Council

06.1 Planning Applications: -

24/01197/HOUSE - 2 Park Cottages Shobrooke Crediton - Erection of double garage with work office above. The Council have no objections to this planning application as it doesn't affect anyone, therefore the council support this.

06.2 Planning Decisions: None.

07/09/24 No reports from MDDC Councillors Jenkins/Tuffin.

Report from DCC Councillor Squires, discussed meeting with Steve Tucker to discuss highways issues and request checking the Shute area for speeding. Any requests need to go by Cllr Squires. The Shute matter was reported the reference number needs to be sent to Cllr Squires for further action. Wraddon Cross may need looking at.

08/09/24 Finance

To approve this month's online payments:-

Item	Payee	Purpose	Amount £
08.02.01	Ionus	Website	£7.20
08.02.02	A. Clarke	Salary and expenses	£319.17
08.02.03	HMRC *	PAYE (nothing to pay as still in credit)	£6.80
08.02.03	L Browne	Neighbourhood Watch	36.25

8.1 Parish Council receipts Current Account: £21.15 (interest July & August)

8.2 Parish Council payments Current Account: As in the table above.

8.3 To approve all the payments in August 2024:-£7.20 Ionus, £300.00 Clerks Wages, Devon Handy Man £80.00.

8.4 Balances:

8.4.1 Parish Council Current Account balance: £9144.76 End of August 2024

8.4.2 Parish Council Footpath balance (in above current account figure): £311.00

8.4.3 Parish Council Reserve Account balance: £10484.39 End of August 2024 (£4,000.00 ring fenced for play equipment)

09/09/24 Roads and Footpaths.

09.01 Road From Camps Cross To Wyke Cross closed from the 10th to 20th December. Patching works. Patching has been happening near the park. Wraddon Cross is starting to fail. Elastamac (ground up tyres and other bits) is being used as it has longevity as it lasts longer.

09.02 Roadworks, website one.network, this shows the works by postcode, it also shows what is happening in the future.

10/09/24 Clerks Report:

10.01 Devon Archives/secure destruction, sharing of the mileage between the other parish councils, one bag was put in for each council.

10.02 List of press releases and changes to the bus services in Exeter.

11/09/24 Miscellaneous matters/ correspondence

11.01 PKF/Auditors approval received.

11.02 Harvest Celebration 14th September

11.03 City Bus changes to scheduling.

12/09/24 Minor Matters and Items for Future Agenda

12.01 Crediton Cluster meeting in July, CTC want to take over certain items, i.e Playgrounds from Mid Devon and are seeking funds from parish councils to do this, this is in the initial stages.

12.02 Quote for audio visual equipment for the hall £3699.00 South Point Consultancy have suggested a booster on the church. The quote will be passed to the clerk to see if it is possible to get a grant for this. Hearing loop for the disabled is included.

13/09/24 Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th October 2024, at 7.30 pm, at the Village Hall

14/09/24 The meeting was closed at 20.34pm