

Shillingford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10th December 2018 (amended)

Present: Cllrs Carr (Chairman), Turner, Stamp, Parrott, Howard, Miller, TDC Cllr Goodey, TDC Cllr Lake. Clerk Sarah Sharpe and 5 members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence – DCC Cllr Connett

2. Declarations of Interest / Dispensations– Cllr Turner declared an interest in Item 8. All Councillors declared an interest in Item 18 and were granted a dispensation on the grounds that although the setting of a precept may constitute a pecuniary advantage, without a dispensation the transaction of the Parish Council on this matter would be impeded as the meeting would be inquorate.

3. Open Forum –No issues raised.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings (circulated) – Ordinary meeting of 8th October 2018 – The Clerk stated that there was a request to amend the wording of item 9 to include the wording ‘, to maintain the Village Green’. This was agreed and the amended minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Carr **Seconded** Cllr Turner **All Agreed**

5. County & District Councillors Reports – TDC Cllrs Goodey & Lake said that it had been a pleasure working with the Parish Council and the community and wished everyone a happy Christmas and New Year.

6. Matters Arising

a) Computer Repair – The Clerk said that the computer repair lasted less than 24 hours. The advice from the repairer was to cancel his invoice and purchase a new computer as further work would significantly exceed the councillors agreed £100 and would make it economically unviable with no guarantee of reliability.

b) First Aid / Defibrillator Awareness Refresher Course – The village hall has been booked 10 – 1pm on 16th February, giving time for the session to be advertised in the February Country News. Posters will go on the noticeboard and website. This will be an uncertificated input from a local paramedic who has volunteered his time. Councillors have previously agreed to give him a small financial gift as a thank you. There will be a similar input in Dunchideock Village hall and Councillors agreed that it makes sense to offer both sessions in both parishes so that people have a greater opportunity to attend.

7. Planning Application: 18/02306/FUL

Location: Meadowside, Markham Lane, Abbot

Proposal: Single storey front/side extension

Applicant: Mrs J Frosts

Cllr Howard explained that this was a respite home for children and their families. The application was a repeat of a lapse permission. It was to be in the same brick as the main bungalow and would create vital space for residents. Following a short discussion, the application was fully supported.

Proposed Cllr Carr **Seconded** Cllr Howard **All Agreed**

8. Planning Application: 18/02237/FUL

Location: South View Farm, Shillingford St George

Proposal: Installation of Biomass Boiler and fuel feed system into existing agricultural shed

Applicant: Mr A Taylor

Cllr Turner left the meeting room during this item.

Cllr Howard stated that the application was to house the biomass boiler in an existing agricultural barn. The only visible change externally was a small flue out of the roof. Following a discussion, the application was fully supported.

Proposed Cllr Carr **Seconded** Cllr Howard **All Agreed**

Cllr Turner returned to the meeting.

9. VETs Call Out Scheme to Support use of the Defibrillator – Cllr Miller explained this was a telephone system that would call up to 10 volunteer phone numbers. It can be used for unspecified urgent need by a member of the community but some communities use it for a team of volunteers who are prepared to get the defibrillator to the patient. This is vital if there is only one rescuer who is tied up doing CPR so can't get the defibrillator. There is a need to first ring 999 then ring a VETs number to activate the ring around. It is £65 for the first year and £100 for subsequent years. Training to use the phone system is £175. Following the Parish Council newsletter in Country News, only 3 volunteers have come forward. Cllr Miller suggested that a Parish Plan survey could be used to gauge interest. Following a discussion, Cllr Miller said she would canvas people's opinion at the defib awareness session to establish whether this idea should be progressed.

10. Additional Parish Noticeboards – Decision on design and agreement of costs - TDC
Cllr Goodey confirmed that no planning permission was needed. Cllr Howard said that a parishioner has agreed to make two new parish noticeboards each 4'x3' in hardwood and glass for £550 for the two. This will cover the materials and he would give his services for free. The Clerk was asked to seek grant funding from DCC but regardless of the success of this Cllrs wished to go ahead and commission the work.

Proposed Cllr Stamp Seconded Cllr Howard All Agreed

11. War Memorials – To consider a project to restore the memorial at Shillingford St George – The Clerk read out a report (attached at appendix a) from a member of the public who had carried out extensive research into the war memorials in the parish for the centenary year. It was agreed that no restoration was needed on the Peamore memorial but the Shillingford St George one needs work. As part of the project it was a suggestion that a booklet is made to incorporate the information of the local people who gave their lives. Cllr Goodey stated that Kennford produced a similar booklet a couple of years ago and he recommended that a similar thing was produced for our parish. Cllr Carr agreed to lead on this project and proposed that it was progressed and funding sought from the War Memorials Trust.

Proposed Cllr Carr Seconded Cllr Turner All Agreed

12. Community Enhancement Fund - The Clerk said that the parish council successfully applied for this grant funding previously and purchased the salt spreader. Cllr Miler stated that she thought this could be used for Shillingford Lane and asked whether the council could apply for the fund to repair the potholes. The criteria were discussed as was the condition of Shillingford Lane which floods badly due to the surface being lower than the fields on both sides. The Clerk stated that this was a category 9 road which Highways won't fund repairs for. Following discussion, it was decided not to proceed with Shillingford Lane at this time.

13. Communities Together Fund (CTF) (formerly Elector Fund) – The Clerk said that the Parish Council had been successful year on year with their application to this fund, bringing additional funding in for the benefit of the villages. The criteria have changed this year and we need to demonstrate that we have support of other community groups and we need written support from our District Councillors. Applications must be in by 16th January. It was suggested that the Council consider applying for funding to cover the cost of producing the leaflet agreed at item 11. The Clerk was asked to seek support from the Clerk for Exminster. Cllr Carr volunteered to find out costings for the leaflet so that the Clerk could make the application before it closes on 16th January.

14. Parish Council Portable Projector – Dunchideock Village Hall committee have made an offer to purchase the redundant parish council projector for £100. It was originally purchased for £249. Although it has been little used, there isn't a big market for second hand sales. Following a discussion, it was resolved to accept this offer. Clerk to progress.

Proposed Cllr Carr Seconded Cllr Parrott All Agreed

15. Parish Computer – To approve purchase of new computer (£329) – The Clerk requested that the Parish Council approve the purchase of this item to support the Clerk work. The proposed model is an intermediate level computer and has a good review rating as well as being recommended by the computer repair engineer.
Proposed Cllr Carr Seconded Cllr Stamp All Agreed

16. Litter Pick – To note date and arrangements – This has been booked with TDC for Saturday 9th March 2019. The village hall has been booked and posters advertising the event will be put up closer to the time as well as an entry in Country News.

17. Finance Update & Expenditure for Approval

17.1 The Clerk reported the bank balance to be £4,136.77 as of 28TH November 2018

17.2 Hall Hire - £18 plus £9 for the parish planning meeting = £27

17.3 Poppy Wreath - £12

17.4 Computer purchase - £329

17.5 Emergency Phone (defib) Annual Rental - £62.40

17.6 Stamps - £8.04

Proposed Cllr Parrott Seconded Cllr Turner All Agreed

18. Budget Proposal and Precept 2019-20 – To approve the budget proposal and agree the precept request – The Clerk presented the previously circulated draft budget. This is based on an assumption of a nil increase in the precept. It allows only £50 for projects and further project funding would need to be found from reserves or external grant funding. Following a discussion, the council resolved to accept the proposed budget and make application to TDC for a nil increased precept.
Proposed Cllr Carr Seconded Cllr Turner All Agreed.

19. Highways Issues – Councillor Stamp reported that there are no new issues reported. The Chairman asked that the drain near Barrack Lane is reported. It was due to be rodded but appears to be presenting an issue at the next drain down.

20. Village Hall Report –Following a risk assessment, the steps from the road were felt to be too steep and narrow so will be remodelled. There was an Exchange last Saturday which raised £107. Film nights are running successfully. The Village Hall committee are considering installing Broadband.

21. TALC Update – Cllr Carr said that he had attended the last TALC meeting. He raised an issue regarding the wording of an item in the previous meeting. The Chairman read out item 4 of the September draft minutes. Cllr Carr stated that the TALC secretary had referred to the Shillingford St George Parish Clerk and felt that the wording should be changed. This was accepted and the minutes were amended.

22. Clerks Correspondence – No items raised.

23. Chairman's Remarks – The Chairman invited comment from the members of the public on any issues raised in the meeting. A member of the public stated that the Parochial Church Council had discussed the issue of 3 names of local men not being on the Honours Board in the church. As these men were recognised elsewhere it was agreed that the additions would not be made.

The Parish Council lawnmower was discussed and it was suggested that it was costed as a nil value on the Asset Register. Cllr Miller informed the member of the public that the Asset Register cannot be used to show a depreciating value and must be maintained at the purchase value until disposed of. There was a consensus of opinion

that there was no rush to sell this asset in the hope that there may be a change of circumstance regarding the Village Green.

The Chairman thanked those present for their support throughout the year and invited them to share mulled wine and mince pies.

24. Date of Next Meeting – Monday 11th February 2019

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

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SHILLINGFORD WAR MEMORIALS

During my research for the Shillingford Remembers Coffee Morning I had the benefit of the excellent information provided by Shillingford Local History Society from 4 years ago to commemorate the start of World War 1.

This information included a considerable amount of detail about the stone cross at the junction of Manstree Road. It is described as an ancient wayside cross with a suggestion that it dates from before the Dissolution when Shillingford Abbot was named North Shillingford and was part of the Manor belonging to Torre Abbey. It was originally in the garden of Shillingford Lodge and the cross part was found in the churchyard and the base at the bottom of a hill at the side of the road.

It is then recorded as having been restored in 1927 and became the original World War 1 memorial for Shillingford St George. On 8th May 1927 it was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Exeter at where it is now. Apparently either to the side or behind it was a tablet with the words "In memory of the men of the parish who fell in the Great War of 1914 -1919". The information states that the tablet was missing and the cross needed restoration in 1946 but it appears that nothing was done.

This year is the 100th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice for the end of World War 1 and the cross is a dedicated War Memorial. In view of the important purpose of the cross and this year would it be appropriate for the Parish Council to consider restoring the cross and tablet together with the addition of World War 2 as the history and purpose of the cross could be lost for ever.

There is also the War Memorial for the Kekewich family at Peamore. The OS map shows that the parish boundary is in the centre of the A379 and the memorial is on the side of the road in Shillingford St George Parish. Is it appropriate for this to be restored.

The wall plaque in the church records the names of the men killed in both wars. From my further research for the end of World War 1 it unfortunately appears that the names of 3 soldiers born or living in Shillingford have not been included.

The information on the War Memorials prepared by Shillingford Local History Society was on display in the Village Hall on Wednesday 7th November.