
Shillingford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 15 May 2017

Present: Cllrs Carr (Chairman), Turner, Stamp, Howard, TDC Cllr Lake & 4 members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Durrans, Cllr Parrott, DCC Cllr Connett & TDC Cllr Goodey
2. **Declarations of Interest** – None
3. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Electors held on 31st May 2016** - Were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting
Proposed Cllr Howard, **Seconded** Cllr Turner. **All Agreed**

4. **Chairman's report for the year 2015/16** – Cllr Carr gave a summary of the past year. (appendix a).

5. **Officer's reports for the year:**

Cllr Carr – Village Hall & Snow Warden. The hall has continued to increase in usage with it in use most days. There has been a new kitchen installed, re decoration, new carpet and lino installed to the hall kitchen and toilets, upgraded lighting and electrics. And new security lights have been installed overlooking the carpark. There are 42 repeat bookings. With regard to the snow warden role, there was nothing to update at present.

Cllr Howard – Planning. The parish council had considered a number of planning applications through the year. There are currently no outstanding planning matters.

Cllr Durrans – Highways, Footpaths & Environment. No report submitted. However, the Chairman remarked on the successful litter pick, the potholes that had been reported were filled in.

Cllr Parrot – TALC. No report submitted.

6. **Ideas for future projects** – It was suggested that the parish council review the installation of a projector and sound equipment for the village hall to support film nights and conferences. Had originally been discounted through cost but the benefit to the community would be significant and the internal auditor has advised that the parish council reserves should be reduced. Due to the cost of the project it would need to be split over 2 financial years. It was agreed that the Clerk should get further quotes with a view to this being progressed.

The flooring and lighting for the marquee was discussed but there is a query as to how often it will be used.

It was suggested we could do a free community BBQ event to give parishioners an opportunity to give suggestions for future projects. It was agreed that this would take place on 19 August and a planning meeting would be arranged by the Clerk. .

Solar panels on the roof of the village hall were suggested but it was agreed that would be a matter for the village hall.

It was agreed that it would be nice to have a community welcome pack-for newcomers into the village. Louise Selby Heard offered to pull together some information for the pack to be considered at the next meeting.

7. **Open discussion for parishioners** – On behalf of the trustees of the village green Michael Selby Heard stated that the trustees were very happy with the way the parish council is caring for the Millenium field, with thanks to Cllr Carr and Michael Selby Heard for the work they do and the parish council for funding the upkeep. However,
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when the village hall is being used with large numbers of people, vehicles are being parked on the grass. This is contrary to the constitution and isn't permitted. The village green is there for the benefit of the communities of Dunchideock, Shillingford St George and Shillingford Abbot.

8. Close - The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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Chairman's Report 2016/2017

This has been another very busy year for the parish council. We have held 8 meetings since our last annual meetings. We have been able to spend a significant amount to benefit the community due to numerous successful applications which achieved £6,711 in grant funding. We have put this towards various projects.

In our efforts to make our villages safe and healthy places to live, the National Lottery gave us 100% funding to buy a defibrillator for each village. The funding allowed us to run an awareness session and supply every household with 2 key fobs with the cabinet code. We also ran 2 first aid training sessions with St John Ambulance, ensuring that we have a significant number of people who now know what to do in the case of an emergency and also have the confidence to use the defibrillators if needed.

The parish council purchased a marquee which we used for the first time at the village fete. This is available for hire with the village hall and will hopefully enhance the versatility of the hall as a venue for events. We donated our Elector grant funding towards the toilet refurbishment along with a £1,000 donation from the parish council. We have also put in a bid for £5,000 of Rural Aid funding to help with the refurbishment of the hall toilets, which will include accessible facilities.

We ran another successful litter pick in March and have since funded a contractor to clear the problematic drains with a pressure jet. This will hopefully have removed the stubborn blockages and reduce the risk of flooding at several regular hotspots.

My thanks go to Michael Selby Herd who assists me in the upkeep of the Millennium field by cutting the grass, to Louise Selby Herd and Tam Mucklow who conduct weekly checks on the defibrillators, to Sally le Batteau who provided free tea, coffee and cakes for our litter pick and to our team of councillors who regularly give up their time for the benefit of the community.

We are fortunate to live in an area where there is a strong community spirit and an active community and we are grateful as a parish council for the attendance and support that we have at our meetings.
