

Shillingford Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 May 2019

Present: Cllrs Carr (Chairman), Turner, Stamp, Howard, Parrott, Barwell, TDC Cllr Swain, Clerk Sarah Sharpe & 4 members of the public present.

1. **Apologies for absence & Declarations of Interest** – TDC Cllrs Foden and Nuttall offered apologies.
2. **Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Electors held on 14th May 2018** - Were accepted and signed as a true record of the meeting
Proposed Cllr Carr Seconded Cllr Turner All Agreed
3. **Chairman's report for the year 2018/19** – Cllr Carr gave a summary of the past year, attached at Appendix a.

4 **Officer's reports for the year:**

Cllr Carr – Village Hall & Snow Warden – Cllr Carr said that he salted roads four times last winter. The Village Hall is thriving. There is a project to refurbish the gent's toilets. Further funding is being applied for to support other projects. Bookings are increasing and birthday party events are using the village green despite the rubble bank.

Cllr Howard – Planning – There are no live planning applications at the moment and none recently

Cllr Parrot - TALC – Cllr Parrott reported that he had attended most meetings in the year. He felt it was good being part of the group with some interesting speakers and he felt that the TALC format was still of value.

Cllr Stamp – Highways – Cllr Stamp reported few problems with the parish roads. He has been liaising with the Neighbourhood Highways Officer to get the edges of the lanes cleared. The Clerk updated on the response from Highways regarding Parish Council concerns regarding the ride quality on the road and a test of this has been ordered.

5. **Open Discussion for Parishioners** – A member of the public raised concerns regarding asbestos tiles that had been found in the rubble on the edge of the Village Green. The lack of response from TDC Environmental Health was of concern. An asbestos tile was handed to TDC Cllr Swain for him to progress the matter with TDC. Another member of the public said that some concrete blocks were being tipped at the location, but it was agreed that this was not fly tipping as the location is on private land.

The Clerk stated that two matters of concern had been raised with her, one being the obstruction caused by two white vans being parked on the main road in Shillingford St George causing a hazard due to reduced visibility and the other matter was an aspect of privacy being violated by a drone being regularly flown over properties in the parish. As the member of the public was unable to attend this meeting, she suggested that matters are discussed with PC Steve Hodges who will be coming to the next meeting on 10th June.

No other matters were raised.

6. **Chairman's Remarks** – Cllr Carr thanked the public for their support and invited them to join the Parish Council in refreshments.
7. **Close** - The meeting closed at 9.10pm following which there was a social event with cheese and wine

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Shillingford St George Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report – 2019

It is a pleasure to deliver another Chairman's report, this being my 8th year in the role of Chairman. We have had another year of fantastic support from the community and I would like to thank you all for your input and support at our meetings and events.

In February we ran a free First Aid and Defibrillator awareness session. This was one of two sessions offered by a paramedic who resides in Dunchideock and our thanks go to him for giving up his time to invest his skills in our residents.

Our two volunteers continue to do the regular checks on our defibrillators to make sure they are in good order. This is an ongoing and regular commitment and their contribution should not go by without our thanks and recognition of their time and dedication.

The telephone kiosk in Shillingford Abbot was refurbished by a small team of volunteers who battled a nearby wasp nest to get it painted and the shrubbery cut back. Thank you to them for the painstaking wire brushing and painting to restore this icon to its former glory.

We ran a litter pick in March and had a record turnout of 24 people. All the parish roads were covered, and it was lovely to see all generations taking part to help keep our villages tidy.

It is really heartening to see the combined efforts of volunteers from both villages to design a questionnaire with a view to writing a Parish Plan to capture the views and aspirations of our community. This motivated group embodies the fantastic community spirit that thrives in our parish.

I would like to extend my personal thanks to Peter Wareham who has made two new parish noticeboards for us. I think you will agree that they are a wonderful asset for us which will benefit the two villages for many, many years to come. Thank you, Peter, for your time and skills that you have selflessly donated to this project.

Our ongoing projects are the Shillingford Remembers booklet which we are working on in partnership with the Shillingford History Society. We aim to capture all the memories that were re kindled in the centenary event for WW1, held in the village hall last November. It is hoped that this booklet will keep those memories 'alive' for future generations.

We are also hoping to raise some grant funding to tidy up the site of the War Memorial cross at Peamore and hopefully replace the missing stone tablet at the cross at Manstree Road. We are awaiting the outcome of our grant application in the second funding round for the War Memorials Trust.

Sadly, matters have not been reconciled with the Village Green Trustees despite our offer to meet and to pay for an independent mediator to help find a way forward. It remains a subject of deep regret that the whole community continues to suffer through the decline of what was a much, treasured community facility and I hope in

time the Trustees will find a way to enable the villagers to once again enjoy this communal space.

I would like to thank my fellow councillors. It was sad to see the resignation of Agnes Miller and we would like to wish her well. We welcome Peter Barwell to the team and look forward to working with him as we commence another 4-year term of Office. It is with sadness that our District Councillors John Goodey and Kevin Lake were not re-elected in the recent poll. They have given us amazing support both personally and in community grants to support our work. They will be missed. I would also like to thank Sarah for her tremendous support.

We enjoy a fantastic relationship with the Village Hall Trustees and our two organisations often join forces to benefit our community. We value this relationship and the strength of working together to bring in extra funds to benefit everyone.

Finally, it is our community that makes this place such a pleasure to be part of. The community spirit that I have mentioned, the solidarity and determination to make the best of everything. We look forward to working with you in the forthcoming year.

Chairman – Cllr Chris Carr
