

**DRAFT**  
**Shillingford St George Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall,**  
**Shillingford St George on**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Cllr P Wareham (Chair), Cllr J Taylor (Vice-Chair), Cllr P Barwell, Cllr C Dummett, Cllr J Parrott, Cllr G Stephens, Maureen Adams (Clerk) and five members of the public

**075/24 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed everyone, Cllr Kevin Lake (TDC) sent his apologies.

**076/24 Declarations of Interest from Members / Dispensations – none.**

**077/24 Open Forum**

A resident had been invited to give a presentation to Councillors of photographic evidence of HGV incidents in the immediate area where lorries and a coach have been using roads through the villages to reach their destinations instead of the A379. It was felt that this already serious situation would be exacerbated if the Landfill site were to proceed and the PC were asked to highlight this with DCC.

Another resident spoke about the 30 day consultation currently underway following BT Jenkins response to DCC's request for further information regarding the proposed Landfill site's potential impact on the now Grade II listed gardens and grounds at Peamore. The Applicant has submitted further information in their response about the landscape and the Teignbridge objection to their plans in an attempt to strengthen their case. The resident urged the PC to comment on the latest submission which includes a change to the layout of the junction which includes an exit from the site onto the sliproad. The applicant has been asked to submit a road safety audit for the revised site access.

A member of the public asked Cllr Parrott if he could encourage Teignbridge to speak at the Development Management Committee as they have been criticised by B T Jenkins in their recent submission.

**078/24 Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were agreed and signed

**079/24 Matters Arising**

Cluster meeting, 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024. The Minutes of the meeting provided by Exminster PC were noted and Cllr Stephens said it was a useful forum and gave a brief synopsis. The next meeting will be at Ide in May, date to be decided.

**080/24 Reports/updates Cllr Lake/Cllr Parrot, Police**

Neighbourhood Police reports for September and October were noted, one incident reported.

Cllr Parrot (TDC) reported the Review of Teignbridge Local Plan by the Independent Inspector continues and by February the situation should be clearer. Decisions about Markhams Farm and Peamore developments will be published in due course. The Planning team remain busy with the Local Plan review but it is hoped that Councillors can meet them and discuss the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Shillingford soon.

Budget preparation for 2025/26 is underway at TDC with the anticipated uplift being 2.99%, the maximum allowed by the Government for District and County Councils.

There will be an invitation to the Clerk and Councillors from Martin Flitcroft, Chief Finance Officer, to join him and Cllr Parrott on a conference call at the beginning of December to explain how TDC is approaching budget preparation this year.

In connection with 077/24, Cllr Parrott had attended a meeting at Kennford about the number of lorry drivers ignoring the weight limit in the village and driving through on their way to Kenbury Wood Landfill site. The proposed Landfill site at Lower Brenton was also highlighted during the meeting. Devon County Council is looking at signage options. Cllr Parrott will update Councillors with any feedback.

Cllr Stephens asked whether it was important to have a Neighbourhood Plan before the Local Plan is approved in order to qualify for the higher level of CIL. Cllr Parrott explained that this is not crucial as even when the Local Plan is approved, the planning permissions required will take years to process. The Neighbourhood Plan is likely to take around 18 months to complete and it is important to work with Teignbridge Planning as their input in the form of templates, wide knowledge and advice about funding will be required. Cllr Parrott will request a presentation from them in the next two months.

#### **081/24 Parish Matters**

**Emergency Plan** – Cllr Taylor will take the lead with the aim of producing an appropriate plan

**Planning ahead:**

**May meetings** – Councillors will consider this and discuss again at the January meeting. One suggestion was that the Annual Parish Meeting could include contributions from all the organisations in the Parish as a way to involve as many people as possible.

**8<sup>th</sup> May 80 years since VE day** – It was agreed that an event should take place.

**Trees** – a free Hornbeam from Devon Wildlife Trust will arrive in December and in the absence of any other suggestions, will be planted in the Church car park

**Peamore** – a review of the Grade II listing of the Gardens and Grounds has taken place resulting in the removal of one field from the area originally agreed. The boundary with the proposed landfill site remains unchanged.

#### **082/24 Planning Applications - Lower Brenton Proposed Landfill Site**

Taking into account representations made during agenda item 077/24 it was agreed that the Parish Council will comment on the latest submission by the Applicants. The Clerk will inform Andy Hill, Planning Development Manager, that the PC will submit comments and Councillors will work with members of the Residents against Landfill group to prepare a response.

#### **083/24 Planning Applications discussed since last meeting - none**

#### **084/24 Planning Decisions -**

**Application Ref No: 24/00200LBC** Councillors noted permission has been granted.

#### **085/24 Finance Update & Expenditure for Approval**

Receipts and payments since the last meeting were noted.

Current Bank Balance £8050.00 including £1343.15 CIL.

Future expenditure: Bank charges and Clerk's Salary including national pay award and back pay – approved.

- 086/24 Review and approval of Financial Regulations**  
The NALC Model Financial Regulations have been adapted and approved. Internet Banking is covered by the new Financial Regulations so the protocol adopted in 2022 is no longer required. Councillors agreed that this can be discarded.
- 087/24 Budget update to end of September – noted.**
- 088/24 Draft budget for 2025-26**  
This was discussed and some adjustments will be made. The budget will be presented for approval in January prior to the deadline for submission to Teignbridge.
- 089/24 gov.uk – progress**  
Councillors had been sent an email containing details of three quotations received from Government Approved Registrars for supply of a .gov.uk domain, website and emails. Advice from the existing host, One.com, about moving the existing website to a new domain is that this would be difficult and may not work. It was agreed that the Clerk should make further enquiries to make sure that content from the existing website can be successfully transferred and that a new website will fulfil the needs of the Village Hall, Church and other organisations within the village. It was also agreed that CIL money could be used for costs involved in building a new website.
- 090/24 Requests for donations from CAB and Country News**  
It was agreed that £50 will be donated to CAB.  
Councillors proposed that donations to Country News should be considered annually and that a donation of £100 should be made this year.
- 091/24 Shillingford Lane Warning Signs**  
A quotation of £405 has been received from Highways. The Clerk will contact Kenn PC to ask whether they would be prepared to contribute towards them.
- 092/24 Training Opportunities available for Councillors**  
The Chairman reported that his recent DALC training had been very useful and reminded Councillors that there is training available
- 093/24 Clerk's Correspondence**  
The Clerk had received messages of thanks from the Volunteers who check the defibrillators.
- 094/24 Public Discussion**  
It was suggested that the Parish Council and other village organisations could send reports of their activities to the Country News. The value of Country News within the community was commented on. Cllr Dummett will submit a short report of Parish Council meetings for inclusion.
- 095/24 Chairman's Remarks**  
The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9.40pm
- 096/24 Date of Next Meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

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