

Shillingford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held online on Monday 14th December 2020 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr P Barwell (Chair), Cllr W Turner, Cllr C Carr, Cllr J Parrott, Cllr L Howard. Cllr B Stamp
Cllr A Connett (DCC), Cllr A Swain (TDC), Juliette Thompson (Clerk)
Four members of the public

110/20 Welcome and apologies for absence:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:32pm.

There were no apologies

111/20 Declaration of Interests/Dispensations: None

112/20 Open Forum:

There were representations from both the applicant and those objecting to planning application 20/02128/FUL:

Objections were raised siting conditions of use, noise disturbance, depleted flora and fauna and car-parking issues due to the increased number of staff and students.

The applicant asked all to view the application on its own merits and confirmed that while there were more staff, there were less students: in any case, there was no planning stipulation for the number of staff.

113/20 Minutes of the Previous Meeting: It was proposed by Cllr C Carr, seconded by Cllr J Parrott and agreed by all that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16th November 2020 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman to sign the minutes.

114/20 Police, County & District Councillors Reports:

There were no reports from Police, District or County Cllrs.

Cllr C Carr asked Cllr A Swain if there were a response from TDC on recent fly tipping that he had reported; Cllr A Swain will follow up.

The Chair proposed discussing the following item at this point, allowing District and County Councillors to comment before having to leave the meeting.

115/20 To Discuss Planning Applications:

20/02128/FUL – The Outdoors School, Shillingford Road, Shillingford

Retention of four field shelters and installation of an additional field shelter and two toilet blocks

It was proposed by Cllr L Howard, seconded by Cllr C Carr and agreed by all to oppose this application and request that it be referred to Teignbridge District Council's planning committee for a decision.

The Parish Council had visited the site after being granted access by the applicant.

The PC asked why planning permission were needed for what was described as temporary field shelters for use during the covid-19 crisis.

Cllrs raised concerns about noise, car parking, traffic issues and an increase in numbers of staff and students.

It was felt that the school had outgrown the land and the bio-diversity of the area was suffering as a consequence.

The PC felt that TDC should visit the site to fully understand that previous planning conditions were not being adhered to.

Cllr A Connett reminded Cllrs to focus on this application only in their responses and to refer all other concerns to planning enforcement. Cllr A Connett said that he would discuss traffic issues with DCC Highways.

Cllr A Swain thanked representatives from both sides for attending the meeting and offered his help with enforcement issues.

116/20 Village Hall Report – read by Cllr C Carr

The Village Hall Management Committee held their meeting last week and reported that the hall was hired out for 16.5 hours during October 2020 producing an income of £152.00. The hall was not hired during November due to Covid-19 and bookings are minimal for December 2020. There is a bank balance of £19,091.00 which includes a Covid-19 grant received for £10,000.00. The committee had erected a fence to hid the mess on the green at a cost of £1,195.00 and planted three trees.

117/20 Matters Arising: None

118/20 Parish Matters:

118.1 Cllr C Carr updated all on the progress being made for getting fibre to the property in Shillingford Abbot. Work is being done on collating the number of addresses needed to obtain the grant funding.

118.2 The Parish Council were made aware of an incident of desecration of the churchyard and were asked to be aware of any similar incidents.

118.3 It had been pointed out that two possible paths in SSG may qualify for designation as public footpaths on the PROW Definitive Map. The Clerk informed all about the Parish Paths Partnership scheme run by DCC and the grants available for the upkeep of paths. After discussion, it was decided that this was not something that the Council were looking at taking on.

118.4 Cllr J Parrott agreed to take over placing notices in the Shillingford Abbot noticeboard.

119/20 Planning

119.1 To Discuss Planning Decisions

20/01939/HOU – Sunnyholme, Shillingford St George
Single storey front extension and entrance porch
Grant of conditional planning permission

119.2 Planning Enforcement

19/00052/ENF – Higher Place Farm, Shillingford St George
It was noted that enforcement had asked for further proof that an agricultural building extension was not being used for agricultural purposes. The Chair had responded and was awaiting a reply.

120/20 Finance Update and Expenditure for Approval

120.1 Balance of account as at 30th November 2020 is £5061.26

120.2 To request approval and signature of the monthly bank reconciliations for October and November 2020. All approved the bank reconciliations which will be signed by Cllr J Parrott.

120.3 To request approval for payments:

£100.00	Mr P Barwell	Gift for M Saunders	200255
£20.00	Village Hall	October Hire Charge	200256

It was proposed by Cllr L Howard, seconded by Cllr C Carr and agreed by all to approve the payments.

120.4 It was proposed by The Chair, seconded by Cllr C Carr and agreed by all not to increase the precept for 2021/22.

120.5 The Clerk informed all that after finally getting through to the bank, they confirmed that in order to enable BACS payments to be made, the Chair and the Clerk were required to sign the online banking payment agreement forms.

121/20 Clerk's Correspondence – None

122/20 Public Discussion:

Cllr A Swain said that the village hall committee could apply for the Cllrs Community Fund to claim back some of the cost of the recently erected fence.

123/20 Chairman's Remarks:

The Chair thanked Cllr A Swain and Cllr A Connett for their continued help and support over the last year.

The Friends of Shillingford Wood is now a charity and fund raising is going well – selling sweatshirts and calendars in large numbers.

124/20 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7:30pm

The meeting closed at 8:40 pm

_____ Chairman

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