

Shillingford Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held online on Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllr P Barwell (Chair), Cllr W Turner, Cllr C Carr, Cllr J Parrott, Cllr L Howard. Cllr B Stamp Juliette Thompson (Clerk), Three members of the public

015/21 Welcome and apologies for absence:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7:00pm

016/21 Declaration of Interests/Dispensations:

None

017/21 Open Forum:

None

018/21 Minutes of the Previous Meeting: It was agreed by all that the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th February 2021 were a true and accurate record. The Chairman to sign the minutes.

019/21 Police, County & District Councillors Reports:

None

020/21 Village Hall Report – read by the Clerk

The hall will open for the first booking this year which is for Polling Day on May 6th.

From May 17th some regular hall bookings will resume as per government guidelines.

Some hirers are choosing to wait until later in the year as they still have concerns regarding Covid.

As a result of lockdown the hall hire revenues have dropped year on year by almost £7K to date.

The government has arranged a second grant for the second lockdown for village halls, through local councils, due the impact of lockdown on village halls income.

Shillingford Village Hall has received the £8k grant available to village halls for the latest lockdown period.

A decision has been reached by the hall committee to replace the heavy tables and chairs with lighter, more comfortable stacking furniture. This will make the frequent moving of furniture in the hall more user friendly.

As a goodwill gesture, hall hire fees for specified local meetings such as the Parish Council meeting and Church meetings will be waived for the remainder of this year.

Estimates are being sought for the potential restoration of the wooden hall floor.

The Village Hall AGM will take place on 4th June at 7pm.

The Village Hall funds are £26,151.00

021/21 Matters Arising

Cllr P Barwell and Mr P Wareham have offered to repair the damaged seat outside the village hall: there may be a small cost to the parish council for materials.

022/21 Parish Matters:

022.1 Cllr C Carr urged residents who had expressed an interest in the BT Openreach internet upgrade, to submit their paperwork to enable funding to be secured.

022.2 The parish council agreed to look into suitable locations and costs for vehicle activated speed signs, with a view to purchasing next year if viable.

022.3 It was unanimously agreed, to purchase a booster for the mobile phone at the Shillingford Abbot defibrillator at a cost of £100.

022.4 After thorough discussion, it was agreed that Shillingford Parish Council were not able to join up with, or assist Dunchideock Parish Council.

022.5 After an unsuccessful request to obtain financial help for repairs to Peamore War Memorial, it was agreed to find a volunteer to repoint the wall surrounding the memorial, as a temporary measure.

022.6 The usual formats for the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting, will be followed.

023/21 Planning

023.1 To Discuss Planning Applications:

None

023.2 To note planning applications decisions:

21/00133/TPO – Flat 2, Peamore House, Shillingford

Works to trees as specified in the attached report

Grant of consent

21/00126/LBC – Brookes Barn, Pengellys Farm, Shillingford

Single storey garden room extension

Refusal of consent

21/00125/HOU – Brookes Barn, Pengellys Farm, Shillingford

Single storey garden room extension

Refusal of planning permission

Clerk to contact TDC to seek advice on getting the application passed.

20/01500/LBC – 1 Peamore House, Alphington, Shillingford

Internal alterations to form two additional bathrooms

Grant of conditional consent

023.3 Planning Enforcement:

19/00052/ENF – Higher Place Farm, Shillingford St George

Mr S Hobbs (Planning Enforcement) has commented: With regards to the above site, I note the comments about the use of the above site. However, from the details submitted it appears that the vehicles on display are as part of a gathering and do not appear to be all owned by Mr McKenzie. As you are entitled to temporarily change the use of agricultural land for up to 56 days in a calendar year without requiring planning permission it appears that the events or displays are permitted.

With regards to storing vehicles in the agricultural buildings this maybe the case but if the main use is for agriculture the storage of a couple of vehicles may not result in a change of use.

In this instance following the issuing of a Planning Contravention Notice which the owner is legally required to complete and return it seems the main use is for agriculture. It is also an offence to knowingly give incorrect information in the responses. Based on the information that was given in the responses and other information available it does not appear that a planning breach is occurring.

Although in this instance there is insufficient evidence to show a planning breach is occurring if anyone has any evidence to show otherwise then please submit the details and further investigations can be carried out.

The parish council will respond to this by saying that as far as we are aware there are no agricultural vehicles on the farm and the building is only used for storing cars.

20/00220/ENF – Exeter Outdoors School, Shillingford St George
Planning Enforcement are due to visit the site.

024/21 Audit 2020/21

024.1 It was noted that the parish council would use the same internal auditor for this year's audit with the same cost.

024.2 It was agreed by all to approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption from limited assurance review.

024.3 It was agreed by all to approve the Asset Register for 2020/21

024.4 The Summary of Receipts and Payments for 2020/21 was noted.

024.5 The Explanation of Variances for 2020/21 was noted.

025/21 Finance Update and Expenditure for Approval

025.1 Balance of account as at 31st March 2021 / year end is £4259.54

025.2 It was agreed by all to approve the monthly bank reconciliation for March 2021 / year end. The bank reconciliation to be signed by Cllr J Parrott.

025.3 The following BACS payments were approved:

£89.22	DALC	Membership renewal
£374.87	Mrs J Thompson	Salary and expenses
£84.60	HMRC	PAYE

026/21 Clerk's Correspondence:

It was decided not to hold an extra planning meeting to comment on planning application 19/01779/MAJ. The Clerk will contact TDC regarding the future use of Waybrook Lane with regard to all the development at the outskirts of Exeter 15/00708/MAJ.

027/21 Public Discussion:

Concerns were raised about the length of time that TDC are taking to make decisions on planning applications – Clerk will chase up outstanding decisions.

The noise levels and ongoing work at The Outdoors School was noted as unacceptable. It was also noted that no Country or District Cllrs were present at this meeting to give an update on enforcement matters at the site.

It was suggested that a piece be put into the Country News responding to residents' concerns about the whole procedure for the internet upgrade.

Repeater signs and static speed reduction signs were suggested alongside vehicle activated speed signs.

028/21 Chairman's Remarks: None

029/21 Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7:30pm

Annual Parish Council Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Meeting held in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8:24 pm

_____ Chairman

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