

Shillingford St George Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on
Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr P Barwell (Chair), Cllr P Wareham (Vice-Chair) Cllr J Taylor, Cllr J Parrott, Cllr C Dummett, Cllr G Stephens
Cllr Kevin Lake (TDC), Maureen Adams (Clerk), PCSO Saul Bunce and PC Ben Chadwick (Neighbourhood Policing Team).

01/01 **Welcome and apologies for absence**
The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm. An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Alan Connett (DCC).

02/01 **Declaration of Interests/Dispensations**
Cllr Stephens had declared an interest in item 10/01 of the Agenda via email to Councillors and Clerk prior to the meeting.

03/01 **Open Forum**
No members of the public present.

04/01 **Minutes of Previous Meetings**
It was agreed by Councillors that minutes of the meeting held on 20th November 2023 were a true record. The Chairman signed the minutes.

05/01 **Matters Arising** - none

06/01 **Reports/Updates Cllr Lake and Cllr Parrot**

Cllr Lake (TDC) Offered help with items 7.1 and 7.2 on the Agenda if required.

Cllr Parrott (TDC) reported the the Lower Brenton Landfill Site Planning Application is in abeyance following DCC's requests for further information from the applicant. Cllr Connett has asked that this application is considered by Committee rather than by Planning Officers.

Cllr Parrott also reported that TDC continues to work on its Budget for 2024/5 and that he had approached Kenn Parish Council regarding the cost of placing width warning signs at either end of Shillingford Lane to stop large vehicles trying to use it. Kenn PC is not averse to making a contribution. Cllr Wareham reported that he emailed Highways in November and is still awaiting a response regarding a quote for the signs.

6.1 Written report received from Cllr Connett

Cllr Lake commented that the Spine Road which has been dropped from a Government funded infrastructure programme as outlined in Cllr Connett's report was to be funded with £35m direct from Central Government. DCC are trying to earmark these funds for something else. Cllr Lake has involved the Local MP and Transport Minister.

07/01 **Parish Matters**

7.1 Parishioner's Concern re surface water and blocked drains in Shillingford Abbot

It was felt that a change of field use and unusually heavy rain were the main

contributing factors. Topsoil is washed down blocking the drains. The farm is owned by the County Council and a new tenant takes over soon. It was agreed that the Council should write a formal letter to Highways outlining the concerns.

7.2 Parking at St George's Terrace

Residents have complained about cars parked in the lay-by not belonging to residents and being parked inconsiderately. The Police have advised previously that if cars are taxed and insured nothing can be done.

PCSO Bunce and PC Chadwick arrived at this point in the meeting.

It was agreed that the Parish Council should write to Teign Housing explaining that this problem has re-surfaced and seeking a solution such as designated spaces, white lines or parking permits.

7.3 Guidance document for future Parish Councillor recruitment – adopted

7.4 Raising the profile of the Parish Council through simple branding

Councillors agreed to look at possible logo, font and use of colour to make Parish Council communications more recognisable. To be discussed at the next meeting.

08/01

Traffic Calming

Cllr Wareham has consulted Police regarding the best sites for two vehicle activated speed signs on the main road through Shillingford St George. The quotation received for two signs is £4166 exc VAT including a discount. No posts or attachments are included, these would need to be bought and installed separately. The signs will flash up the speed of oncoming traffic from the Shillingford Abbot and Clapham directions if the 30 limit is exceeded with a message underneath eg “slow down” or “too fast”. The signs record traffic flow and speed, not registration numbers. Research shows they are effective. Batteries are solar charged.

It was felt that a third post placed in Shillingford Abbot would enable one sign to be moved between the villages. Cllr Lake commented that posts and fixings would need to be robust.

It was agreed that CIL money should be used to purchase and install three posts and two signs. Cllr Wareham will obtain quotations for the posts and fixings.

09/01

Community Reading Space – funding available.

Cllr Taylor will raise this with the Village Hall Committee

10/01

Planning Application Ref 23/02281/LBC

Cllr Stephens left the room while this item was discussed.

Cllr Taylor had visited the property and briefed the other Councillors.

No objection.

11/01

Planning Applications discussed since last meeting:

None

12/01

Planning Decisions:

Ref 23/01656/ADV and 23/00640/HOU – noted.

13/01

Finance Updates and Expenditure for Approval

13.1

Quarterly Budget Update October – December 2023

Approved

13.2 Bank Reconciliation Statements November and December 2023
Approved

13.3 Future Expenditure Website invoice
Approved for payment

13.4 Bank Balance	£10181.44
CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy)	<u>£4618.38</u>
	£5,563.06

Noted

13.5 Budget 2024/25
Budget proposed at last meeting has been discussed and amended
Approved

13.6 Precept
It was agreed that the Precept should be set at £5050.00 in order to balance the budget, an increase of 5.3%. The Clerk will request this from TDC.

14/01 Litter Pick
It was agreed to hold the annual Litter Pick on 9th March
Cllr Wareham will check if it is possible to use the Church and Church Car Park as the Village Hall is booked that morning.
The Clerk will do a risk assessment and contact TDC (Chris Braines) to arrange collection of the rubbish.

15/01 Clerk's Correspondence
Stickers produced as a local response to tackling sexual and domestic violence and abuse were received from South Devon and Dartmoor Community Safety Partnership and have been displayed in the villages.
The amended bookings of the Village Hall for Parish Council meetings in September and November have been confirmed – the Clerk will send out a list of the dates.
Highways emailed with information about ash dieback work on the A30, this has been posted on the noticeboards.

16/01 Public Discussion - none

17/01 Chairman's Remarks
The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9.03pm

18/01 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 18th March 2024

_____Chair _____Date