

Shillingford St George Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on
Monday 18th March 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), Alan Connett (DCC), Maureen Adams (Clerk) and one member of the public

01/03 Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

02/03 Declaration of Interests/Dispensations - None

03/03 Open Forum - No discussion

04/03 Minutes of Previous Meetings

It was agreed by Councillors that minutes of the meetings held on 15th January and 5th February 2024 were true records. The Chairman signed the minutes.

05/03 Matters Arising

Flooding in Shillingford Abbot as a result of the change of use of an adjacent field. The resident who raised the problem with the Parish Council has been in touch with the Environment Agency and it was agreed that the Parish Council should also write to them with a copy to Devon County Council. Cllr Connett suggested that the Parish Council should also contact the Chairman of Farm Estates as it is a Council Owned Farm so that the Land Agent can discuss the problem with the new tenant.

Parking in St George's Terrace. A vehicle transporter which had been moved into Ilex Close has now been moved when a Councillor pointed out that Emergency Vehicles would have difficulty accessing the Close. Refuse Lorries had also been unable to pass it.

Litter Pick the event went well but since then, a Councillor was dismayed to see TDC Refuse Collectors spilling and walking over litter during their collection and has made a complaint to TDC. Fly tipping of a toilet and cistern and tyres in Shillingford Abbot was discussed. Community Police are looking into the possibility of signs and cameras to combat the problem. Cllr Lake said that TDC have a banner for temporary display and posters to display at potential sites. The Clerk will pursue this.

06/03 Reports/Updates Cllr Lake and Cllr Parrot

Cllr Lake (TDC) Parking in St George's Terrace. Cllr Lake reported that his enquiries following the January meeting revealed that the parking bay belongs to DCC so TDC is unable to paint lines on it. The residents are not in favour of a permit scheme.

Devon and Cornwall Police have launched a scheme where confiscated proceeds of crime can be distributed in the form of grants to Children's charities or groups.

Cllr Parrott (TDC) Reported that the two incidents of fly-tipping in Shillingford Abbot amounting to 25-30 tyres were quickly dealt with once reported to TDC.

Council tax increases are TDC 3%, DCC 3.5% Police and Crime Commissioners 4.9% so the budgeted Parish Council increase at 3.3% is in line with inflation.

Cllr Parrott also advised that the TDC Local Plan has been submitted to the Government Inspectorate which will review the documentation. Markhams Farm is included (further work has been completed on traffic flow and revisions made) as is the Peamore development. Parish Councils and Residents will have the opportunity to comment.

Cllr Connett (DCC) commented that he had noticed there was mud on Shillingford Road adjacent to the Matford Brook construction site. He will mention this to Highways as the Developer should be cleaning the road. Cllr Connett reported that he recently visited Matford Brook Academy, temporarily accommodated at St Luke's School, while subsidence of the new school building is corrected. The new school is on course to open in September and although the Sports Hall may not be ready the staff and pupils are excited about the move. Progress is also being made with the Community Building and GP's Surgery.

07/03 Teignbridge Spring Conference

Cllr Stephens reported a positive interaction with TDC and a willingness to collaborate and communicate with Town and Parish Councils. The 60 or 70 people present were grouped by area which was useful. Martin Wrigley, Leader of TDC gave an overview and data collected by TDC revealed the extent of various issues in the area. Officers expressed a willingness to attend Parish Council meetings and a Councillor from a neighbouring Parish would be happy to come and talk about the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan .

Cllr Parrott also attended and felt there was a good atmosphere. People were more involved than on previous occasions. With regard to the Neighbourhood Plan, the Parish Council would need to take ownership and recruit more people as there is a lot of work involved. A meeting would need to be called and a Group would need to be formed.

Cllr Connett said that he believed there was a TDC Grant to cover the costs involved in forming a Neighbourhood Plan which can be considerable. It would be good to find out from a Parish which has recently been through the process how much it cost and how long it took. The process must be community led and evidence based with far forward thinking about how the Parish will change in order develop a framework which will be taken into account by TDC in future plans.

08/03 Parish Matters

8.1 Resident's Concern regarding 2 per cent added to Precept in 2017

This matter was discussed at the November 2023 meeting and a letter sent to the Resident explaining that the accounts for that year were formally accepted and audited. No further action required.

8.2 Date of Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed that this should be held after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council which will be held on Monday 13th May 2024.

8.3 Dates for next year's meetings

Dates were agreed and the Village Hall will be booked.

09/03 Parish Council Communications

Cllr Dummett agreed to take on the role of Councillor with responsibility for Communication within the Parish

- 10/03 Vehicle Activated Speed Signs**
Two signs have been ordered and delivery is awaited. The likely cost for three posts and installation will be around £560. Cllr Connett advised applying for a County Councillor's Locality Budget Grant of £500 to help with this and will send the link. Applications are currently closed but will re-open in the new financial year.
- 11/03 Planning Application Ref 24/00200/LBC**
Hamlyns Cottages, Barrack Lane
No objection.
- 12/03 Planning Applications discussed since last meeting:**
None
- 13/03 Planning Decisions:**
None
- 14/03 Finance Updates and Expenditure for Approval**
- 14.1 Bank Reconciliation Statements**
Approved
- 14.2 Future Expenditure**
Approved
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| 14.3 Bank Balance | £10391.74 |
| CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) | £4618.38 |
| TDC Grant | <u>400.00</u> |
| | £5,373.36 |
- 14.4 Precept – dates for payment**
Noted
- 14.5 Receipt of Grant towards Vehicle Activated Speed Signs**
Noted
- 15/03 Clerk's Correspondence**
- Free King's Portrait Available**
It was agreed that this should applied for.
- Surface Dressing in Shillingford Abbot**
Letter received to be posted in the notice boards
- 16/03 Public Discussion**
Concerns were expressed about the Highways Department delay in the process of obtaining warning signs to be placed at either end Shillingford Lane. Cllr Connett agreed to look into this as well as the potholes in Barrack Lane and Manstree Road which have been reported but nothing has happened.
- 17/03 Chairman's Remarks**
The Chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting at 9.07pm
- 18/03 Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13th May 2024**

_____ Chair _____ Date