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Shillingford St George Parish Council Minutes of the meeting held at the Village Hall on Monday 18th September 2023 at 7.30pm

- Present:** Cllr P Barwell (Chair), Cllr P Wareham (Vice-Chair) Cllr J Taylor, Cllr J Parrott, Cllr C Dummett
Cllr Kevin Lake (TDC), Maureen Adams (Clerk), seven members of the public.
- 01/09** **Welcome and apologies for absence:**
The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm, welcomed members of the public and the new Clerk. Apologies were received from Cllr Alan Connett (DCC)
- 02/09** **Declaration of Interests/Dispensations:**
None
- 03/09** **Open Forum:**
All members of the public present were in favour of the Parish Council submitting an objection to the planning application for a Landfill Site at Lower Brenton
- 04/09** **Minutes of Previous Meetings:**
It was agreed by Councillors that the minutes of Zoom meetings held on 11th and 16th July 2023 were an accurate record. The Chairman signed the minutes.
- 05/09** **Reports/Updates Cllr Lake and Cllr Parrot:**
Cllr Parrott (TDC) reported that TDC will be replacing their fleet of recycling vehicles. The replacement lorries will be diesel as suitable electric vehicles are not yet available. Smaller fleet vehicles will be electric. TDC plan to have an all electric fleet in the next 5 – 7 years.
- Local Plan – proposed development at Markhams Lane and Peamore. Cllr Parrott reported that TDC are consulting further on some of the sites proposed in the Plan having received further information from Highways regarding traffic flow. A further report to TDC is due 17th October.
- Cllr Lake (TDC)** apologised for being unable to attend recent meetings and advised that Kenn and Exminster Parishes have submitted strong objections to the Landfill site at Lower Brenton.
- In connection with agenda item 7.5 Cllr Lake suggested applying to DCC for a weight restriction on Shillingford Lane.
- In answer to Cllr Lake's enquiries he was advised by Councillors that parking problems at St George's Terrace have now been resolved and that the Speedwatch project in Shillingford will be resumed.
- 06/09** **Matters Arising:**
The AGAR signed in July had been completed on the wrong form. A replacement was ratified by the Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk as RFO.
- Cllr Parrott advised that a flyer asking if anyone is interested in producing a Neighbourhood Plan will be inserted into the October Country News.
- 07/09** **Parish Matters:**

7.1 Hedge Cutting:

This has been completed.

7.2 Cllr Connett invites submissions for Local Waiting Restriction Programme

None required

7.3 Protocol for dealing with enquiries and correspondence between meetings

Cllr Wareham has circulated a draft protocol. Councillors agreed to consider it and discuss it at the next meeting

7.4 Applications for a place on the Parish Council

Two applications have been received. One applicant was present at the meeting so Councillors agreed to stay on at the end of the meeting to discuss this.

7.5 Shillingford Lane

Council support was requested by a member of the public who emailed to say that she had contacted Highways about the lane being used by unsuitably large vehicles and the fact that trees had had to be felled in order to free an articulated lorry that had become stuck. Cllr Wareham wrote to Highways in support and received replies from Helen Frankpitt, Lead Highways Officer who suggests a sign at the approach to the lane from A379 saying "Unsuitable for Motor Vehicles". Third party funding of £150-200 would be required. The lane is currently classified as a maintenance and service road and will remain so unless a change is supported by the Parish Council. Cllr Wareham felt the Council should explore de-classification.

Cllr Dummett reported that Diversion signs have been placed at the entrance to the lane and part way along it but are not yet in use. Councillors resolved to find out why as the lane is unsuitable for diverted traffic.

08/09

Planning:**8.1 Planning Application 23/DCC4337/2023 Lower Brenton Landfill Site**

Councillors agreed to submit an objection

Cllr Parrott advised that TDC are against the proposal siting impact on the local communities now and in the future, and environmental concerns. The conclusion of DCC's Position Statement was discussed as it says that current landfill capacity is not adequate which was acknowledged to be unhelpful in the case for refusal. Cllr Barwell will submit an objection.

8.2 Planning Application 23/01222/TPO

Cllr Barwell had replied in support of this application as it was received between meetings.

09/09

Planning Applications discussed since last meeting:

None

10/09

Planning Decisions:**10.1 Planning Application 23/01222/TPO**

Cllr Parrott suggested the Protocol (Item 7.3) under consideration includes a procedure for dealing with Planning Applications listed between meetings.

11/09

Finance Update and Expenditure for Approval:

11.1 Quarterly Budget Update

The budget update due at this meeting was Apr-Jun. The Clerk was unable to complete this as access to statements through online banking is currently suspended. This should be resolved soon and budget updates for the period April - June and July - September will be presented at the next meeting.

12/09 Clerk's Correspondence

12.1 DALC AGM 27th September 2023

Cllr Barwell will attend.

12.2 DALC Meeting 12th October 2023

Cllr Barwell and Cllr Taylor will attend.

13/09 Public Discussion:

A member of the public expressed concern that traffic data used in the latest application for the Lower Brenton Landfill site and does not take into account the new housing developments and Matford Brook Academy. He was also concerned that lorries will use village roads as an alternative if there are problems on the preferred route to the landfill site. Having studied the applicaton in depth he concluded that the issues connected with the proposal are extremely complicated.

It was noted that proximity to the public right of way and the landscape and visual impact of the site remain the same in the latest application. These were previously cited as "reasons to refuse".

The Chairman thanked those attending and closed the meeting to the public at 8.45pm

Once the public had left, Councillors discussed the two statements of interest received in connection with the Parish Council Vacancy. Cllrs Dummett and Taylor agreed to interview the candidates and will contact them to arrange this.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

_____Chair _____Date