**SHILLINGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT**

**7.30 PM ON THURSDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2019 IN THE CHURCH CENTRE, SHILLINGSTONE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors M Webberley, R McNamara, P Acton, K Ridout, R White; Clerk D Green; County Councilor Pauline Batstone. In addition, there were 5 members of the public in attendance.

**465. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Received from Cllrs Aaron, Gasson and Kennard

**466. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Ridout re planning application 1-12 Schelin Way, Shillingstone

**467. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2019 were approved.

**468. MATTERS ARISING:**

The Chairman noted that Dorset Waste Partnership (DWP) had advised that the recycling information would be included in Council Tax bills to be issued next year, and that DWP were looking at a simplification of the information provided. Cllr Ridout advised that she has scanned versions of the information which has been used for social media purposes, if anyone requires this.

The Chairman noted that Dorset Highways had agreed to install a dropped kerb opposite the Co-op and that hopefully this work will be completed soon.

The Chairman advised that the Tennis Club had been contacted regarding the possibility of using the recreation ground car park when tournaments and special events are being held.

The Clerk noted that the Cricket Club have advised that they would not be able to assist with rectifying the difficulty of access for mobility equipment users, at the gate between the Recreation ground and the Trailway; he has now asked a local tradesman to provide a quote for the work.

**469. PUBLIC SESSION TO RAISE ISSUES**

A resident raised an issue concerning the failure to replace trees which had been removed in the course of construction, noting that some 19 trees had been removed in his road in the last 4 years, and not one replaced. The Chairman explained that trees in the Conservation area may be required to be replaced as a planning condition, but that not all trees removed required this consent. Cllr Batstone advised that she was not aware of any follow up of replacement compliance, but would look into this.

The matter of ‘village gates’ issue was raised by a resident. The Chairman noted that further progress towards investigating this issue had not been made thus far.

A resident asked if there was any stipulation within the licence agreement, relating to the transfer of the Recreation Ground to the Parish Council, for a provision to exclude dogs from the recreation ground. The Clerk will look into this. The matter of the Parish Councils ‘dogs on leads’ policy was raised. The Chairman explained that a ‘dogs on leads’ policy was unenforceable. It was agreed that this issue will be included on the next agenda.

**470. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT**

Cllr Batstone reported that she is currently involved with several projects involving the Corporate Parenting Board and children in care. These are seeking to make use of school nurses and other professionals to identify mental health issues for early intervention. The problem of autism and behavioral difficulties is growing and is requiring long term resourcing as children move into adulthood. There will be some increased funding at county level for this work. There are plans to establish 2 new children’s homes in Dorset, although fit for purpose buildings have to found. Cllr Batstone advised that as Council Chairman she meets many interesting groups and recently attended a Merchant Navy Remembrance event and met young people training for careers at sea.

**471. FOOTPATH OFFICER REPORT**

There was no Footpaths Officer present and no report was received.

The Clerk advised that the issue in relation to Footpath 29 behind Hillsfoot Farm had been reported by Graham Rains to Dorset Rangers and the landowner will be reminded of his responsibilities under ‘Rights of Way’ duties.

**472. PLANNING**

**i) Existing applications update**

Nothing to report

**ii) New applications received before the meeting:**

1) 2/2019/1071/OUT - Ridgeway Farm, Lanchards Lane Shillingstone DT11 0TF - Develop land by the erection of 1 No. dwelling (Outline Application with all matters reserved).

This concerns an application for agricultural workers dwelling for the purposes of security, animal care and holiday business operation. **There were no objections to this application**.

2) 2/2019/0985/FUL 1 - 12 Schelin Way Shillingstone Dorset DT11 0TH | Remove and replace existing UPVC windows.

**There were no objections to this application.**

**iii) Application for tree works conservation area received before the meeting:**

There were no new applications for tree works.

**iv) White Pit**

The Chairman reported the content of the meeting between a group of council members, and members of the former Neighbourhood Planning Committee with Jonathan Edwards (developer Public Sector Plc), Oliver Lowrie, (architect), Gregory Evans, (Savills, planning consultant) and Mark Osborne (Dorset Council), concerning plans to redevelop the White Pit farm site. The plan presented proposes the construction of some 18/19 properties, a mixture of 1, 2- and 3-bedroom houses, for which outline planning permission will be sought; the Chairman felt that the proposals did not demonstrate a great deal of understanding of village requirements, did not retain anything of the former farm buildings and appeared to have been made with a primary focus on providing access to large refuse lorries. It was noted that parking arrangements may well be an issue given the number of proposed dwellings. However, the Chairman did note that the developers were amenable to changing the scheme in the light of suggestions made, and that the Council is awaiting new proposals, ahead of a formal planning application.

**473. FINANCES**

**a) To approve retrospective payments made following last SPC meeting**

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| **CQ/Ref** | **Date** | **Amount** | **Payee** | **Reason** |
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| Debit | 01/08/2019 | £ 53.28 | B & S Chains | New seat for Rec swings |
| Debit | 05/08/2019 | £ 20.00 | Royal British Legion | wreath |
| DD | 09/08/2019 | £ 35.00 | ICO Fee | ICO registrar |
| Debit | 19/08/2019 | £ 13.83 | Dorset Council | Dog signs |
| Debit | 22/08/2019 | £ 286.80 | DWR | Pavilion repairs |
| Debit | 22/08/2019 | £ 17.50 | Harts | New Padlock |
| SO | 30/08/2019 | £ 611.68 | David Green | July 2019 pay |
| SO | 02/09/2019 | £ 333.00 | Cricket Club | Mowing |

**b) To approve cheques per list**

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| **Ref** | **Amount** | **Payee** | **Reason** |
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| 2347 | £ 294.00 | AJS Plumbing | Boiler service/valve repair |
| 2348 | £ 65.00 | RS Gardening | Remove trees |
| 2349 | £ 325.00 | Michael James | Pressure wash play area |
| 2350 | £ 150.00 | Elite Playground | Renovate see-saw |
| 2351 | £ 73.90 | David Green | Expenses |
| 2352 | £ 120.00 | Stacey Hankin | Cleaning |
| 2353 | £ 88.80 | HMRC | PAYE |

**474. PLAY AREAS, RECREATION GROUND AND PROPERTY CHECK:**

The Clerk reported that general repairs to the fabric of the pavilion including the filling of holes and part replacing a door frame had been completed by Dorset Wet Rooms.

The play equipment at the Recreation Ground had been pressure washed by Hard Clean and the see-saw had been repainted by Steven Day. Two diseased elms have been removed by RS Gardening.

The Chairman noted that the fall heights from the slides to the new Tigermulch surface were considered to be adequate but that consideration is being given to installing an additional step on the high slide to facilitate access. The Clerk confirmed that quotes are in the process of being obtained.

The resurfacing of the Augustan Avenue play area was discussed. **The Council resolved to proceed with this project using the s106 monies originally allocated for this purpose, hopefully in October this year and during term-time**. The Chairman noted that the Parish Council is still exploring whether there is any possibility of using the s106 monies for other Council purposes, but that sight of the contract does not indicate that this is likely.

**475. DEVELOPMENTS AT THE OLD OX**

Cllr Ridout confirmed that new tenants have been found for the Old Ox from the end of September. The Chairman commented that the Parish Council does not need to consider this matter further at this stage.

**476. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk has received an update from Paul Williams of the ‘Big Yellow Bus Garden Project’, with a suggestion that the Parish Council may like to consider possible tree sponsorship. The Council would like further information and requested that an invitation to made to Paul Williams to attend the next Council meeting, to provide a project update and to further explain the tree sponsorship scheme.

**477. TO AGREE ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA:**

Dogs policy at the Recreation Ground

**478. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was confirmed as being on Thursday 3rd October 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Church Centre.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9:00 p.m.