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

**7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 6th OCTOBER 2022 AT THE CHURCH CENTRE SHILLINGSTONE**

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R McNamara (Chairman) I Suter (Vice-Chairman), L Gasson (LG), R Harwood (RH), K Ridout (KR), R White (RW) and the Clerk D Green. In addition, there was one member of the public present.

**965. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr Batstone.

**966. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None.

**967. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meetings held on 1st September 2022 were approved.

**968. MATTERS ARISING**

**Asset of Community Value application – The Old Ox**

The Chairman reported that the Asset of Community Vale application re the Old Ox had been approved by Dorset Council and thanked Cllr Suter for his work.

The owners have advised Dorset Council, who have in turn notified the Parish Council, of their intention to sell the Old Ox without the garden or paddock. It is understood that that this will be for around £ 395K. It is also understood that that developers have an option to purchase, subject to planning approval, in relation to the additional land holding which includes part of the site and which is technically within the Asset of Community Value.

The Chairman noted the planning application concerning the Old Ox land and Squirrels Leap has not been decided and it that is seemed to be unreasonable to expect the community to make submission of interest to purchase within the 6-week timescale as required by legislation. It was agreed however after discussion that the Parish Council’s actions at this stage would be directed at advising the community of the current position and requesting expressions of interest in purchasing the business to be made.

**Cost of Living crisis**

LG has met with the PCC and it has been agreed that the Reddaway Room at the Church Centre will be made available between 10 am and 3 pm on Mondays, from 31st October, for social meeting and lunches. The estimated cost of the additional heating for an 18-week period to the end of March will be around £ 540.

The Parish Council agreed to provide £ 300 towards the heating costs, with the balance hopefully being raised from Carols at Christmas and proceeds the Christmas Fayre, though the need for additional PC funding will be kept under review. It was agreed that the Church Centre would not though be a collection point for any useful items (E.g., clothing) which would be distributed directly to those who may have a need. LG has received expressions of interest from people prepared to supervise the operation of the events.

**Spring Bulb planting**

RH has obtained 300 bulbs, in 2 varieties and suggested that these should be planted around the end of the month. It was agreed that probably 5 volunteers would be needed to undertake the task of planting, which the Chairman will co-ordinate.

**Community Highways Officer**

The Chairman noted that a new Community Highways Officer for the area had now been appointed and that there would be a meeting held shortly to discuss the obscured school sign and other roads issues.

**969. PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no issues raised.

**970. UNITARY COUNCILLOR REPORT**

The Unitary Councilor was not present though a written report for September had been received.

**971. FOOTPATH OFFICERS REPORT**

The Footpath Officer was not present at the meeting and no issues were raised.

**972. SPEEDWATCH UPDATE**

The Speedwatch coordinator did not attend the meeting and a report had not been received.

**973.** **COUNCILOR REPORTS**

KR had submitted a written report in relation to the Portman Hall, noting the intention to screen the Coronation and planning for the event was well underway.

It had been reported on Facebook that there was a vandalism incident near the Wessex Ridgeway and Facebook had assisted in tracing a missing person (KR)

The issue concerning an overgrown hedge near Gunn Lane was raised and it was advised that a written report with photographs should be submitted directly to Dorset Council (KR)

Emily Suter, Climate change representative, had submitted a written report which will be circulated.

**974. JUBILEE CUP ARRANGEMENTS**

IS confirmed that Jubilee Cup flyers have been circulated via the Parish Magazine and posters printed. The closing date for nominations is 25th November, and the Cup will be awarded at the Christmas Fayre to be held at the Portman Hall on 27th November. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Suter for his work for the event.

**975. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**New Applications to consider:**

**P/FUL/2022/05813 - St Patricks Industrial Estate Station Road Shillingstone - Formation of Car Park**

The Parish Council formed the view that there was a lack of transparency in relation to the reasons for making this planning application for 16 car parking spaces. The accompanying letter submitted with the application referred only to the matter that the application was being made under the auspices of the Certificate of Lawful Use granted in 2020.

There was also a concern that there may be noise arising from the numbers of vehicle movements potentially envisaged by the number of spaces being created.

The PC agreed to **OBJECT** to the application on these grounds.

**976. FINANCES:**

**i) Report to 30th September 2022 and draft budget for 2023/2024**

The Clerk had produced a report of finances to 30/09/2022 and a forward budget projection. It is proposed that the budget for 2023/2024 will require a precept of £36,000, an increase of approximately 9% and this will mean that Band D Council Tax will increase by £ 6.57 for the year. The Clerk noted that the general inflationary situation required an increase of this order. A final decision concerning the budget for 2023/2024 will not be taken until December 2022.

**ii) Retrospective Payments approval:** the following payments were **APPROVED:**

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| **Date** | **Payee Name** | **Reference** | **£ Total** | **Reason** |
| 02/09/2022 | Shillingstone Cricket Club | STD ORD | £ 416.66 | Mowing |
| 02/09/2022 | David Green | BACS | £ 84.81 | Expenses |
| 02/09/2022 | TEEC Limited | BACS | £ 144.00 | Hosting fees |
| 08/09/2022 | SSE | DD | £ 355.91 | Pavilion electricity |
| 09/09/2022 | Dorset Council | BACS | £ 515.00 | Allotment rental |
| 12/09/2022 | The Play Inspection Company | BACS | £ 166.80 | Rec /AA annual Inspections |
| 13/09/2022 | Royal British Legion | DEBIT CARD | £ 25.00 | Wreath & donation |
| 14/09/2022 | A J Gallagher | BACS | £ 2,282.39 | Insurance |
| 21/09/2022 | Amy Stanners | BACS | £ 90.00 | Cleaning |
| 21/09/2022 | Charlotte Hayward | BACS | £ 90.00 | Cleaning |
| 28/09/2022 | David Green | STD ORD | £ 648.31 | September 2022 |

**iii) New payments approval –** Clerk’s expenses of £ 41.55 were approved.

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

The Chairman noted that there were no major issues. A missing tap cover at the cricket square replaces replacement.

**978. CORRESPONDENCE:**

The Clerk confirmed that the following correspondence had been circulated:

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| **DATE** | **FROM** | **DESCRIPTION** |
| 06/09/2022 | Dorset Council | Response to Traffic Lights planning enquiry |
| 06/09/2022 | Dorset Council | Future of Adult Social Care |
| 08/09/2022 | Dorset Council | Asset of Community Value application |
| 12/09/2022 | John Lewis | Defib/CPR training session 09th October 2022 |
| 15/09/2022 | The Forum School | Smoking debris on Church Fields |
| 16/09/2022 | Dorset Highways - Ian Newport | Community Highways Officer replacement |
| 20/09/2022 | The Forum School | Smoking debris on Church Fields |
| 20/09/2022 | Dorset Council | Planning Engagement event 18-10-2022 |
| 20/09/2022 | Sturminster Newton TC | Oct-Nov newsletter |
| 22/09/2022 | Dorset Highways | Little Lane crossing - TRO update |
| 22/09/2022 | Dorset Highways | Obscured school sign Augustan Avenue/A357 |
| 23/09/2022 | Dorset Highways | Temporary closure of Duck St, Child Okeford |
| 25/09/2022 | Cllr Batstone | Bere Marsh Farm - flood plain restoration |
| 25/09/2022 | Cllr Batstone | Update on Dorset Council activities |
| 26/09/2022 | Dorset Council | Dorset AONB - Community Tree Scheme |
| 26/09/2022 | Dorset Council | Connectivity Improvement Survey |
| 28/09/2022 | Dorset Council | ACV application - confirmation of listing |
| 02/10/2022 | Dorset Climate Action Network | October Newsletter |
| 03/10/2022 | Dorset Police/Dilys Gartside | 20 mph speed limit policy (not sent directly) |
| 04/10/2022 | Dorset Deserves Better | Response to the Local Plan delay |
| 04/10/2022 | Wessex Internet | Vale Terrace fibre connection |
| 04/10/2022 | Dorset Council | Formal notification of the intent to dispose of the Old Ox |

The Clerk noted that there had not been any volunteers for the defibrillator training event on 8th October. This will be advertised via Facebook.

**979. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**

1. Old Ox ACV registration –Community Bid position
2. Cost Living measures response
3. Speedwatch update

**980. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 7:00 pm**, at the Church Centre. There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20.25.