

# Shipton Parish Council

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## Minutes of Parish Council meeting 16th November 2016

	Questions and comments from the floor not listed on the agenda:	Action
	<p>matters raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emma Locke noted that the old village sign on Syreford Road has collapsed and advised the Parish Council that Tim Locke will dismantle this unsightly sign.</li> <li>Following the success of Ship Fest in the summer the Parish Council have been advised that this will be held again next summer on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017.</li> <li>Richard Brown started discussion regarding a new Parish Plan and it was agreed that this will be an agenda item for further discussion at the next meeting – 18<sup>th</sup> January.</li> </ul>	
1	<p><b>Apologies:</b> All Parish Councillors present. Cllr R Hughes and Cllr P Hodgkinson sent apologies along with Richard Bromwich from the Sports Field committee. It was agreed to ensure that both Councillors have the date for the next meeting at the earliest time possible for their diaries.</p>	<i>Clerk to forward dates to Cllrs</i>
2	<p><b>Declaration of Interests:</b> No Councillors declared interests on any of the agenda items</p>	
4	<p><b>Approval of Minutes from last meetings</b> The minutes from the last meetings (including extra-ordinary) were approved and signed.</p>	
5	<p><b>Action arising from above minutes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It was noted that the pedestrian bridge over the ford in Kilham Lane is still uneven and unpassable for an elderly resident who has mobility issues despite Gloucestershire Highways and the County Councillor's involvement to get this repaired. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact the County and District Councillors to try to get this repaired to make it easily passable.</li> <li>It was agreed to email Martin Surl, Police Commissioner, to reiterate that Shipton village should not be used as a diversion when there is an accident at the A40/A436 junction as the roads are not adequate for the volume of traffic.</li> <li>The water leak at the Sports Field meter has now been repaired by Thames Water and the Parish Council are in credit with their billing. It was noted that if the lease with Charlton Rovers goes ahead, responsibility for the infrastructure of the sports field, which includes the provision of water and electricity, passes to Charlton Rovers.</li> </ul>	<i>.Clerk to contact Cllrs P Hodgkinson and R Hughes along with R Skillern . Clerk to contact M Surl</i>
6	<p><b>Sports Field Charity Board</b> A draft lease is in the process of being drawn up by the Parish Council's solicitor. It was agreed to circulate this to the Parish Council for comments and returned to the Chair ready for signature. It was noted that the lease will be for a term of 25 years.</p>	<i>All to review</i>
7	<p><b>Playground</b> Paul Morrish explained that Charles Baillie-Hamilton has offered the use of the small woodland next to the Reading Room for provision of a village playground, with the responsibility of the land falling to the Parish Council. Paul has been in contact with Play England to discuss this and it was noted that along with the initial cost of installing equipment, a budget would need to be set to include insurance, maintenance and running costs. Discussion took place regarding availability of grants and Paul Morrish offered to follow up on consultations and report to the <b>next meeting</b>. It was also noted that the provision of a play area could form part of the next parish plan.</p>	<i>Follow up at next meeting</i>
8	<p><b>Budget update and agreed spending</b> Payments agreed: Clerk Pay (August to November) £ Shipton Golf (Electricity use) £ Accounts and budget– reviewed and agreed Discussion took place regarding the state of the village noticeboards and whether they should be replaced. It was agreed that members of the Parish Council would look at the notice boards between meetings and report back in January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Since the meeting, the Parish Councillors have looked at the state of the noticeboards and agreed that they can refurbish them their selves for minimal expense.</li> <li>It was agreed that Richard Brown would look into the legality of providing noticeboards as their use in the modern age of electronic communication was discussed. <b>(Attach budget update from RB)</b></li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Community Transport &amp; Local Transport Update</b> It was noted that the bus service 804 from the village has now stopped (apart from Tuesdays) and very short notice of this was issued by the County Council. A note from a village resident who used this service regularly was received and will be passed on to Harris Ethical who have been</p>	<i>.Lynn to pass on note to HE</i>

	<p>commissioned by the County Council to investigate and look at providing alternative transport arrangements.</p> <p>Lynn advised the Parish Council of the Community Connections service which is running in other local villages. Passengers may ring up and book a ride which will be provided at a lower rate than a taxi. The service uses cars and also has a 16 seater minibus. Bus passes can be used on this service.</p> <p>Cotswold Friends are also keen to work with village residents and the idea of trialling a small local excursion to either Burford Garden Centre or Moreton In Marsh market was discussed. It was agreed that The Parish Council should write a letter to Cllr Hodgkinson and Harris Ethical to confirm that a workable solution should be put in place for residents who are not car owners or drivers. It was agreed to ask Harris Ethical to find out who and how many residents actually require community transport. It was agreed to put an article in the newsletter and to make contact with village groups such as the Church and the WI for both volunteer drivers and to make villagers aware of the services on offer. This will be discussed again <b>at the next meeting.</b></p>	<p>.Lynn to organise trial if appropriate</p> <p>.Clerk to contact PH and HE</p> <p>.Emma - newsletter</p>
10	<p><b>Affordable Housing</b></p> <p>The Chair advised the Parish Council that he had met with Cllr Hughes, GRCC's Housing Enabler-Martin Hutchins, CDC and Severnside Housing to look at 4 possible sites in the village for affordable housing. Of these, only one location had potential and a meeting took place with the landowner. It was agreed that Cllr Hughes and Martin Hutchins will discuss this site with the Planning Dept at Cotswold District Council to see if any plans can come together. The plan would be for 2 semi-detached cottages in the village style, built as 4 units (apartments). This will be discussed further <b>at the next meeting</b></p>	
11	<p><b>Speedwatch</b></p> <p>Several sessions have taken place since the last meeting and the data will be published soon by Richard Brown. There were no particular changes from last year to note.</p> <p>Paul Morrish informed the Parish Council that they have been awarded £3000 by the Police Commission to buy a mobile speed awareness sign (with smiley/sad face) which can be moved to various locations (including A roads) in the Parish. The sign is on order.</p>	
12	<p><b>Community Cycle Path</b></p> <p>The Chair looked into the feasibility of a cycle path toward Cheltenham from the village and after discussion it was noted that there is no funding available for any project like this and it would involve a lot of co-operation from many different landowners. Further investigation will be needed in the new year.</p>	
13	<p><b>Reading Room Update</b></p> <p>The Reading Room committee are in the process of retaining a surveyor to make detailed specification of the work required to send out to tender to get quotes. It was noted that although this is a major undertaking, grants are available and agreement has been reached for any shortfall to be made up through a public works loan, subject to agreement from the community. The Reading Room Committee will hold a Public Meeting once the overall cost and scope of the project is known. Further update at the <b>next meeting</b></p>	
14	<p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p>Emma suggested sending a newsletter out in January and all submissions should be made to her by <b>30<sup>th</sup> November.</b></p>	<p>All to send info</p>
15	<p><b>Minerals Local Plan for Gloucestershire - Fracking</b></p> <p>An email has been received from Stroud District Council asking for Parish Councils to register their objection to fracking in Gloucestershire. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to both Stroud DC and Cllr Hodgkinson to confirm that Shipton PC would be against fracking in this area.</p>	<p>Clerk to follow up</p>
16	<p><b>Fibre Optic Broadband</b></p> <p>The Chair gave a vote of thanks to Susan Livesey for her hard work liaising with BT over the confusion of providing all houses in the village with fibre optic broadband. Apart from a handful of houses, the village is now able to access fibre optic broadband whilst Hampen are able to access the gigaclear service.</p>	
17	<p><b>Winter Roads</b></p> <p>The Chair reminded the meeting that no one person or committee or council is responsible for grit dispersal in icy conditions and asked that if anyone notices ice on the roads to help by spreading some grit from the bins (or heaps if accessible). A stockpile of grit is stored at North Farm. A note will be put in the newsletter regarding this subject and also sent round the village email list.</p>	
18	<p><b>Christmas Lights and decorations for the village</b></p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that Paul Morrish will talk to the Reading Room committee and advise them to ask Charles Baillie Hamilton, or another landowner, about providing a tree (and possible some lights) as in previous years. This can be sited outside the kitchen window of the Reading Room and power can be connected through the window.</p>	<p>Paul to discuss with RR committee</p>
19	<p><b>Agree date for next meeting</b></p> <p><b>18<sup>th</sup> January 2017</b> in the Reading Room. This will include discussion about the precept and the budget for 2017-2018.</p>	
	<p><b>The meeting closed at 9.10pm</b></p>	

