

Shipton Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council meeting 17th August 2016

		Action
	<p>Members of the public forum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion took place regarding the recently vacated home at 3 and 4 The Rise. It is thought the property belongs to a NHS trust but there is no news on the future of this property. Footpath over the bridge in Kilham Lane is difficult to cross for people who are less mobile and needs resurfacing - Clerk to contact Glos Highways, Cotswold Volunteers or Paul Hodgkinson. Garages in Kilham Lane are being used by a local builder and is unsightly. Enquiries to be made as to ownership No further information available regarding The Old Forge – owned by Mr Moon. 	<p>Clerk to follow up</p> <p>Clerk to check with Land Registry</p>
1	Apologies –Richard Brown	
2	Agree last minutes May 2016. – these were agreed and signed	
3	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refurbishment of notice boards – it was agreed to contact CDC to ask if there are any planning issues with changing the notice boards to a longer lasting material. (since the meeting it has been confirmed that this is acceptable). A quote for repairing the boards has been obtained for £635.00 (since the meeting it has been agreed to leave the notice boards as they are for now and make running repairs as required.) 	Clerk
4	Declaration of Interests. none	
5	<p>Crossroads</p> <p>Thanks were noted to Bob Skillern for attending the public meeting in June. Measures from the meeting have been agreed with Gloucestershire Highways and are awaiting input from the Police. There will likely be a need for the Parish Council to contribute up to £3,000 towards the cost of the measures if they all go ahead. As the measures agreed at the public meeting are not contentious there is no need to get formal community agreement before proceeding and when the police input has been provided the full measures will be made available via the website, email and newsletter.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the recent accident on the A40 when traffic was diverted through the village. It was agreed to contact PCC Martin Surl to ask for more considerate diversions in future.</p>	<p>ongoing</p> <p>Clerk to contact M Surl</p>
6	<p>Community Transport</p> <p>It is hoped that the Parish Council will be able to get behind a recruitment drive for more volunteer drivers. Lynn is attending a meeting on 9th September to find out more information. It was agreed that transport needs of the village should be established and it was agreed to put this in the newsletter</p>	Ongoing Emma to add to newsletter
7	<p>Communications/Newsletter</p> <p>It was agreed that the next newsletter will be published in October and items can be forwarded to Emma in the meantime.</p>	Emma to add to newsletter
8	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Invoices were approved for payment. £ Clerk Pay (Feb – May & June – Aug) £12.50 Pata Payroll £70.90 Susan Livesey for website hosting <p>The accounts were reviewed and it was noted that expenditure is as planned</p>	
9	<p>Speedwatch</p> <p>Richard Brown sent an email outlining the following: No changes in profiles in July and it was agreed that there is a need to note times and speeds for accurate data. Volunteers are always needed – a plea will be published in the newsletter Bin stickers (20 is plenty) are available from Paul Morrish</p>	Emma to add to newsletter

10	<p>Sports Field Water</p> <p>The water leak at the meter has been temporarily repaired by Thames Water. This matter is ongoing and the recent invoice (£100+) will be kept until the meter has been repaired and read.</p>	ongoing
11	<p>Affordable Housing</p> <p>The Chair has been in contact with Cllr Robin Hughes and Cotswold District Council to look at alternative sites in the village for affordable housing. One site for consideration is the old garages in Kilham Lane.</p> <p>The Sports Field has now been discounted for Affordable Housing as the Housing Enabling Officer and CDC were not supportive.</p> <p>After discussion it was noted that the Parish Council does not have any legal obligation to provide affordable housing, but feels a moral obligation to investigate options. It was agreed that affordable housing should be spread throughout the village rather than in one remote location. It was agreed to ask Cllr Robin Hughes if there is any news of The Old Forge site.</p>	Hugh to contact Cllr Hughes
12	<p>Reading Room Committee Update</p> <p>Refurbishment plans are being looked at by a Surveyor and these plans will form the basis for the tender process. After the tender process, which will indicate costs, the community will be approached regarding a Public Works Loan financed through a precept, which would make up the shortfall after money is raised by grants etc.</p> <p>Charles Baillie Hamilton has discussed the possibility with the Chair of allowing a playground to be built in the area of woodland next to the Reading Room. The area would need clearing and further investigation is needed to check whether the trees have preservation orders and if any funding is available. It was agreed that the Chair will discuss this further with Cllrs Paul Hodgkinson and Hughes.</p>	Hugh to discuss with Cllrs Hughes and Hodgkinson
13	<p>History</p> <p>Emma Locke is collating information. Robin Finch has some more information which may be useful. Emma will chat to Betty Cyphus. A note will be put in the newsletter if anyone has any more information to give.</p>	Emma to put comment in newsletter
14	<p>Shipton Festival</p> <p>The recent Shipfest was very successful and thanks was noted to Alistair Hogg and his team. It is hoped that it will be repeated next year.</p>	
15	<p>Date for next meeting –</p> <p>Wednesday 16th November at 7.00pm</p>	

Meeting of the Shipton Sports Field Charity

Mr Bromwich reported the following:

- There has been great interest from Charlton Rovers Football Club in Charlton Kings who are looking for a repairing lease agreement for their First team and Junior teams.
- CRFC are happy to work in co-operation with the Cricket Club and the Classic Car Club
- They would raise funds to demolish and rebuild the current buildings which would be purpose built to FA standard and would include a small social area for community use.
- It was noted that the Cricket Club and the Classic Car Club have greatly contributed to the improvement of the Sports field.
- Many avenues for other use and funding have been explored but to no avail. Significantly the community appears unwilling to actively support the development of the facilities. It was unanimously agreed that the field needs to be sustainable and self funding as it currently costs around £2,000 per annum to maintain.
- As the Parish Council is the sole trustee of the field, it is its decision as to the future of the field. The advice from GRCC is that the original conveyance does not preclude a long term lease although there will be a number of conditions that need satisfying before the new agreement can be implemented.
- The level of rental charge levied needs to be agreed and the agreement would need to run for a minimum of 25 years to ensure funding can be agreed for CRFC. It was agreed that as no further expenditure would be required by the PC the significant savings over the 25 year

period, combined with the massive improvement in the standard of facilities, meant that we can be flexible over the level of annual lease charge.

It was agreed to:

- Seek legal advice for legal documentation costs
- Allow Richard Bromwich to negotiate an agreement with CRFC on behalf of the PC .
- Legal fees will be undertaken by the Parish Council
- Keep the communication clear and transparent with all parties.