

Shipton Parish Council

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Minutes of General Meeting

Held by virtual means on Thursday 23 July 2020, 19:00

Councillors present: Cllrs Kealy (Chairman), Griffiths, Chalklin and McKinna

In attendance: 1 member of the public

Due to the extraordinary and unprecedented circumstances we are currently living in, Shipton Parish Council conducted this meeting by virtual means in accordance with NALC guidelines. The statutory notice for the meeting and the agenda were published electronically on the Parish Council website and the village notice board. Members of the public were invited to attend. Following Government and NALC guidelines, only time critical items were discussed. Members of the public were encouraged to pass any comments they had for consideration to the Parish Clerk via email or telephone. Alternatively, comments could also be posted at Mulberry Barn, Shipton Oliffe.

230720/1 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Kealy welcomed everyone to the Council's first meeting using Zoom. Cllr Kealy took the opportunity to thank Dan Bleaken and Kate Hathaway for setting up the Covid Support Group despite not knowing what level of contribution and commitment would be required.

230720/2 Apologies – Cllr Hughes sent his apologies as he was unable to attend the meeting.

230720/3 Declarations of Interest - NONE

230720/4 Matters Arising

4.1 Approval of the Annual Return

Cllr Griffiths (RFO) Cllr Griffiths (RFO) confirmed that the Parish accounts as previously circulated to the PC needed approval and a Certificate of Exception also required signing. Cllr Kealy agreed to do this, and both were approved by virtual means. Cllr Griffiths reported that the internal audit had been conducted by Steve Smith on 26.6.20 and no issues arose. Approval was sought for the annual governance and accountability return. These were authorized and approved.

4.2 Planning Application 20/02193/FUL- construction of 2 storey dwelling, including change of use from Agricultural/Equestrian to Residential at Land East of Shipton Crossroads Shipton Solers, Gloucestershire.

Cllr Kealy invited members of the public to speak about this application before it was discussed by Councillors. In summary, concerns were raised regarding over development, accident potential/reduced visibility splay (driveway/access), removal of hedgerow, proximity to Grade 1 listed St. Mary's Church and change of use. It was felt this application contravened Shipton Village Plan and should therefore be rejected. Cllr Kealy to review Parish Plan in advance of comments being submitted to CDC.

4.3 Re-opening of the Village green

Councillors discussed and then agreed that the village green could be re-opened as it is classed as community space with a single bench. Cllr Kealy suggested that an email was circulated to residents to advise that the green was now open and that all the national social distancing rules and advice must be maintained. It was agreed that signage would be erected by the phone box and on the green to remind walkers and users that it is still critical to adhere to Covid-19 regulations.

230720/5 Date of next meeting – to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 19:46

Signed: *Pete Kealy* Chair

Date: 5th October 2020