

# Shipton Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council meeting 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019

		Action
1	<b>Apologies</b> –Ian Griffiths sent his apologies.	
2	<b>Declaration of Interests.</b> none	
3	Cllr Hodgkinson reported that the Highways contract has been awarded to Ringway from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2019. The old A40 will be reopened in a few weeks, after many years of being closed and thanks was given to him by the Parish Council. Cllr Robin Hughes advised that garden waste may be moving to fortnightly, but the annual charge will stay the same. Food waste will be collected weekly as they cannot be mixed.	
4	<b>Public forum</b> Discussion took place regarding pedestrian safety through the village and the issue of cars parking on pavements blocking the way was discussed again. It was noted that the local Police have offered to ticket offenders or talk to bad parkers. A note will be posted in the Reading Room to remind people to park considerately when using the hall. Standing rainwater and flooding is still an issue on the corner at Middle Farm. Highways have been contacted several times about this issue. Cllr Hodgkinson offered to follow up on this. Litter picking will be taking place in the area soon and Cllr Hughes will try to get this area cleared too.	Clerk to put up sign in RR  Clerk to send correspondence to PH
5	<b>Minutes from previous meeting</b> Approved and signed	
6	<b>Actions from previous minutes</b> All actions were taken.	
7	<b>Reading Room Report</b> Richard Bromwich reported to the Parish Council that a report from the Conservation Officer has been received which indicated that due to the building being of Historic Interest, demolishing the Reading Room and building a new purpose built hall on the same site would most likely not be supported by the Planning Dept. It was <b>once</b> again reiterated that no work or public works loan would be applied for until a vote has been taken by residents. There will be public consultation and a vote for several options for the hall. This consultation will be undertaken as soon as possible by the Reading Room Committee.	
8	<b>Finance</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Invoices were approved for payment.</li> <li>£ 444.45 Clerk Pay (Feb – May &amp; June – Aug)</li> <li>£12.50 Pata Payroll</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the precept for 2019-2020 is made up of £8000 for the Parish Council (increased from £6900 to pay for increased administration costs) and £9,600 for the Reading Room Committee; this will be used as either the first payment toward a Public Works Loan, or for essential repair work for the Reading Room, depending on the outcome of the public consultation. If this money is not required, any excess will be returned to households in form of a reduced precept in the year 2020-2021. It was formally agreed to increase the Clerk's hours to 5 hours per week and a new Contract of Employment will be made to incorporate this and the current pension</p>	

	<p>regulations. The budget for 2019-2020 was reviewed and agreed by all Parish Council members present but Ian Griffiths, who sent apologies for his absence at the meeting, sent his remarks and disapproval of the budget. Discussion returned to the Reading Room project and it was noted that several other villages have refurbished their Village Halls by using local architects and builders who have offered their time free of charge. Public Works Loans have been taken out in other areas.</p>	Chair to work with Clerk
9	<p><b>Administration</b> Pete Kealy has reviewed the Standing Orders and these will be reviewed by all Councillors and adopted at the next Parish Meeting. Financial Regulations are now outdated due to the introduction of Internet banking, so these will also be reviewed ready for the next meeting.</p>	
10	<p><b>Planning Applications</b> All planning applications have been commented on by the Parish Council. Discussion took place regarding the Sports Field as CRFC are having trouble fund raising for their new building. They are hoping to install modified shipping containers and are in negotiations with CDC.</p>	
11	<p><b>May elections and Annual Meeting</b> Paperwork for the election of Parish Councillors was distributed to the relevant people and it was agreed that the Annual Parish Village meeting will try to fit in with the Reading Room AGM again as this was successful last year. Dates to be agreed with both committees.</p>	Clerk to arrange date with RR committee
15	<p><b>Date for next Parish Council meeting –</b> Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> MAY at 7.00pm 20.25 meeting ended.</p>	