

Shipton Parish Council

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Minutes of General Meeting

Held by virtual means on Thursday 21st January 2021, 19:00

Councillors present: Cllrs Kealy (Chairman), Griffiths, Chalklin and McKinna
In attendance: 3 members of the public including Cllr P. Hodgkinson (part) and Cllr R. Hughes

210121/1 Chairman's Opening Remarks

- Cllr Kealy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Cllr Hughes for attending. Cllr Hodgkinson would be joining later.
- Cllr Kealy expressed thanks to residents in the Village who had assisted with the Village Xmas Tree. By all accounts, positive comments had been received about the efforts made.

210121/2 **Apologies:** None.

210121/3 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Kealy disclosed that he was a Trustee for the Reading Room.

210121/4 **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Draft minutes of EGM held on 13th November 2020 were approved and signed by the Chair, Cllr Kealy.

210121/5 Planning Application Update:

20/04266/FUL Shipton Sollars Manor, Shipton Solers, Cheltenham GL54 4HU

Removal of existing swimming pool and plant rooms, construction of swimming pool and erection of 2no. pavilion buildings. PC have considered and have no objections.

210121/6 **Finance Update:** Cllr Griffiths reported on the current financial status of SPC. The PWL of £280k has now been drawn down when the interest rate is low. This interest rate will be applied for the whole term of the loan and will not fluctuate. Cllr Griffiths reminded Council that the PC will be funding the Project Manager role for the Reading Room project @£17k. He also announced that the precept was being reduced to £15.6k due to reduced PWL interest rate. £1.8k has been allocated in the 2021/22 budget for a paid clerk.

210121/7 **Highways Update:** Cllr Chalklin updated Council on highways. Roads and pavements have been cleared and he was hopeful that the potholes would receive attention this financial year. Next FY the missing railings at both Fords should be replaced and excess vegetation on verges cleared. Cllr Chalklin urged residents to continually report highways issues so that higher priority would be given to these issues if more people complained using www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/roads/your-highways-report-it/

210121/8 **VETS (Volunteer Emergency Telephone System):** Cllr McKinna advised that all listed volunteers had been contacted to confirm that they were still able to support this scheme. All agreed to do so and the PC would like to thank these volunteers. Cllr McKinna confirmed that a refresher course would be arranged once it was safe to do so under Covid guidelines.

210121/9 **20 is Plenty Village Scheme:** SPC thought this initiative was worth considering but were concerned about the implied associated costs. It was agreed that the PC would formally write to Dr Morrish to express an initial interest in the scheme.

210121/10 **Update from Cllr Hodgkinson:** Council received an update regarding Covid in the Cotswolds compared to other areas as reported by Public Health. Cllr Hodgkinson also advised that there would be a 'No Crash' meeting on 2nd February and that the re-cycling centres were still open.

210121/12 **Date of next meeting** – March 18th, 2021

Meeting closed at 19:47

Signed: *Peter Kealy*

Date: 15th March 2021