**Minutes of Shalbourne Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 20th July 2023 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Mike Lockhart (Chairman), Andy Dolan, Susan Jamieson, Bob Walker, Nicola Hartman, Dianah Shaw, Emma Verey

1. **Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Carolyn Bartholomew and Carole Fisher.

1. **Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

1. **Formal Business**

None

1. **Minutes of the Last Meetings**

The minutes of the meeting held on18th May 2023 were considered. It was proposed, seconded and agreed by the Council that the Chairman be authorised to sign them.

1. **Wiltshire Council Report - Stuart Wheeler**

Councillor Wheeler informed the meeting that the local plan has been approved in principle under section 19. This will now help if a planning application is refused and appealed. Councillor Wheeler said that he is seeking a report on how the contractor is performing with regard to the parish steward works.

He is also discussing with Wiltshire Highways how the access to the winery at the south turning on the A338 from Hungerford can be improved.

A question was raised from the floor about the status of an area of land by the village shop, whether it is within the village boundary or not. Councillor Wheeler and the Chairman agreed to investigate.

With regard to a blocked bridleway which a local farmer has declined to clear, Councillor Wheeler advised the PC to approach Wiltshire Bridleways through MyWilts.

1. **Wiltshire Police Report**

PCSO Melissa Camillieri addressed the meeting. Whilst crime is low in the Shalbourne area the meeting was advised that the police are trying to educate the public how they can better protect themselves from rural crime. New technology, such as placing an apple smart tag on valuables or spraying them with smart water can help track and recover a stolen item. More traditional methods such as keeping gates closed and locked are also effective as most theft is opportunistic. The public is urged to report any suspicious activity. There is a new emphasis on back to basics policing with the ambition of attending PC meetings more often and holding 1 hour long public consultations in villages to offer a fuller service at least once a quarter. The Chairman thanked PCSO Camillieri for her attendance and said that he would alert the police if there were a pressing issue and that the police did not need to attend every PC meeting. It was agreed that PCSO’s email address should be posted on the village WhatsApp group, it is already in the Parish Magazine.

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1. **Matters Arising**

Dealt with elsewhere.

1. Wiltshire Council Local Plan Update
   1. It was noted that the housing needs for Shalbourne in the latest document relating to the housing plan was zero.
2. **Road and Traffic Issues**
   1. It was announced that permission has been granted for a Speedwatch initiative to take place on Rivar Road.
   2. It was agreed to liaise with the Winery and their plans for approaches to the village and traffic management before any decision about boundary white gates be considered.
3. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Planning.** 
      1. **PL/2023/03072; The council supported the application to move the entrance gate on the grounds of road safety. However, the council deprecated the way in which this application had come forward having been initially withdrawn in part and then resubmitted for retrospective permission. Although this was permitted by the regulations it was not to be encouraged.**
      2. **PL/2023/05563: It was agreed that no comment should be made on this application.**
   2. **Rights of Way**
      1. It was noted that Polesden have quickly cleared the obstructed paths on their estate.
   3. **Highways and Surface Water**.
      1. The to do list for the Parish Steward was agreed. It was noted that the grips on the A338 need clearing and new potholes had appeared on Carver’s Hill. These were added to the list, Attachment 1.
   4. **Local Transport**
      1. There will be an announcement in September about developments in the local bus service.
   5. **Neighbourhood Watch**
      1. Nothing to report.
   6. **Education**
      1. Nothing to report.
   7. **Environmental Matters**
      1. Nothing to report.
   8. **Shalbourne Club.**
      1. The Classic Car Show already has 200 cars booked in.
      2. It was noted that it has proved difficult to find a carpenter willing to undertake repairs to the playground ship which may fail the safety inspection in September. It was noted that it may need to be replaced. Nicola Hartman agreed to raise the issue of what could replace it with Shalbourne School PTA.
4. **Finance**
   1. It was proposed seconded and agreed to make the following payments:
      1. Refreshments for Parish Assembly - £198
      2. Hall rental - £100
   2. It was proposed seconded and agreed to make the following charges for signs on the green:
   3. Gliding Club sign – decision deferred until next meeting - previously £20 pa;
   4. Pub sign – decision deferred until next meeting - previously £30 pa
   5. It was noted that the auditors had confirmed that the council was exempt from audit this year.
   6. The balances after the above, Attachment 2, were noted.
5. **Correspondence and Any Other Business** 
   1. It was agreed in principle that the Parish Council should contribute to the Grower’s Greenhouse fund.
   2. It was agreed that the waste bin on the green should remain in situ and the commemorative plaque should be moved.

The meeting closed at 8.48pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21st September at 7.30pm.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Parish Steward List**



**ATTACHMENT 2**

**Balances following Meeting.**

1. **Current Account**

Payment Receipt Balance

|  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | **Balance after meeting of 18 May** |  |  | **24381.17** |
| 20-Jul-23 | assembly refreshments | 198 |  | 24183.17 |
| 20-Jul-23 | hall rental | 100 |  | 24083.17 |
|  | **Balance after meeting of 20 Jul** |  |  | **24083.17** |

1. **Deposit Account**

Payment Receipt Balance

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 31-Mar-23 | Interest |  | 2.2 | 2595.09 |
| 28-Apr-23 | interest |  | 2.03 | 2597.12 |
| 30-Jun-23 | interest |  | 2.46 | 2599.58 |

1. **CIL Account**

Opening Balance - £5784.06

Swing for playground - £4286.72

Balance - £1497.34

1. **Commitments**

Subsidy to Shalbourne Connect - £1090

Jubilee Tea Party - £125

1. **Bank Balances**

Current Account at 5 July - £24557.97

Deposit Account at 5 July - £2602.10