

## SHUDY CAMPS PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD AT ST MARY'S CHURCH, SHUDY CAMPS FROM 7.30PM TO 8.20PM ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2019.**

Present: Councillors John Haine (Chair), Paul Malins and James Gordon.

In attendance: Andrew Webb (Parish Clerk), Cllr Henry Batchelor.

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#### **1. OPEN FORUM**

(a) Mosaic Bench Project. Members of the Shudy Camps Ladies Group described a proposal for a venture to make a mosaic bench for the village to be located near the village sign in Main Street as a community project that would mark out Shudy Camps as a centre of distinctive creativity. While members of the Group would be able to meet part of the cost, they would also be seeking a contribution from the Parish Council. It was agreed in discussion:

(i) that the Clerk would establish position with regard to approval from the Highways Department for the project and

(ii) that the proponents would present a firm proposal with costings and more information about the installation and maintenance of the proposed bench to the next meeting of the Council.

(b) Neighbourhood Watch. The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator reported that she and the co-ordinator for Castle Camps were working together to promote NW and that it would be given publicity in the revived Camps Review. She was reconsidering whether to apply for new NW signs which the Council had previously agreed to part fund in view of reports from other parishes about their limited effectiveness, but would report back to the Council if she decided to proceed.

#### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dave Elliott and Anita Kiddy.

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 4 FEBRUARY 2019**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2019 be approved as a correct record of the meeting, subject to the following amendment:

Minute 4(c) - for "codes"; read "cones".

#### **4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

REPORTED:

(a) arising on minute 4(c) in relation to highways issues:

- (i) that the Highways Officer had requested a contractor to inspect and undertake repairs on the corroded manhole cover in Carsey Hill;
- (ii) the poor quality of the carriageway repairs in New Road;
- (iii) that some improvement had been made to the verge outside the Old Stack Yard;
- (iv) that the surface water drainage system installed at Carter's Farm, for which responsibility for maintenance now lay with the residents, did not match the approved plans.

(b) arising on Minute 7, the need for the verge and hedgerow contractor to deal sensitively with the bluebells and pruning of the wooded area surrounding the footpath at Mill Green.

RESOLVED:

- (a) that Cllr Malins draw the Council's concerns about the repairs to New Road to the attention of the Highways Officer;
- (b) that in anticipation of future disputes around the surface drainage at Carter's Farm, Cllr Haine remind the Planning Department of the occasions on which the Council had raised its concerns and opportunities for rectification while the contractors were on site;
- (c) that the Clerk draw the contractor's attention to the Council's concerns regarding the footpath at Mill Green.

## **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No member declared a conflict of interest in any item on the Agenda.

## **6. CONFIRMATION OF FUNDING FOR THE PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR**

REPORTED: by the Clerk,

- (a) that there was now some urgency to confirm the parish council's contribution for the defibrillator if it was to be installed before the "faculty" agreed by the Chancellor for Ely Diocese expired on 22 March;
- (b) that taking into account the cost of purchasing the equipment (£1500), architect's fees (£307.02) and electrician's quotation for installation (£643.21), the total project cost was £2450.23 inclusive of VAT. Taking into account the Council's previous agreement to commit residual Social Committee funds towards the cost of the project (£723.02) and the generous contribution made by Glebe House (£692.88), a balance of £1,035.33 was required of which £408.37 VAT would be reclaimable.

RESOLVED:

- (a) to approve expenditure of £1,035.33 from Council funds to enable completion of the defibrillator project;
- (b) that the Clerk arrange a suitable opportunity to celebrate and publicise the completion of the project;
- (c) that the Clerk clarify the position with regard to training in the use of the equipment

## **7. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

NOTED:

- (a) as at 28 February 2019, balances of £9042.45 in the Parish Council Treasurer's General Account, £723.02 in the Social Committee Account and £8794.35 in the S106 Account;
- (b) the payment of £134.48 for servicing of the footpath mower previously authorised.

RESOLVED: that the following payments be authorised:-

	£
• South Cambs DC -Streetlighting 1/10/17-30/9/18	423.40
• Cambs ACRE Payroll Service- Residual Payment	28.80
• Clerk's Salary - January-April 2019	558.41
• Payment to HMRC in respect of Clerk's Salary	139.60

## **8 CHOICES FOR BETTER JOURNEYS- CONSULTATION**

RESOLVED: that the consultation be publicised in the Information Point and on the website with residents being invited to place their views on the website.

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.20pm