

## SHUDY CAMPS PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD, SHUDY CAMPS.**

Present : Councillors Anita Kiddy (Chairman, Paul Malins, John Haine and James Gordan

In attendance: Jackie Dockerill (Parish Clerk), Councillor John Batchelor

Members of the public: 2

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

A member of public at the meeting raised the issue of flooding and noted that the ditches opposite their property were not sufficient to carry water during the heavy rain in the summer. They also mention the trees overhanging the road and being clipped by large vehicles including buses which use the road

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

Apologies were received from Dave Elliott and Henry Batchelor

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2021 be approved as a correct record.

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

##### Minute 4 The Stackyard, Mill Green

This issue has been carried over from the previous meeting minutes and was mentioned by AK at the Combined Parishes Planning Meeting (Tues 30<sup>th</sup> Nov) to Julie from the Planning Department, who was familiar with the case. She suggested the best plan of action was to ask for a new notice to be served, requesting that the parking spaces and verges are cleared. AK will contact Julie to see who we contact to request a notice to be raised

**ACTION AK**

##### Minute 4 Greater Cambridge Planning Consultation

The parish council have put together some feedback to support the decision and also re-emphasise the initial concerns of drainage / sewage, transport and the rural impact. This was submitted by the Clerk to Cambridge Planning via email, they responded asking for it to be submitted via the portal, but it is not clear which section and where it needs to be submitted. Councillors JB will forward a link to the clerk with details of where to add the feedback

**ACTION Clerk**

#### **5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

REPORTED: None

#### **6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 2021 (previously circulated to Councillors)

REPORTED:

- COVID update: current positive tests are around 600 out of 100,000 in South Cambs. The 1<sup>st</sup> case of the new Omicron variant has been recorded in South Cambs. There has been a small increase in Covid hospital cases, but with the usual winter admissions Addenbrookes and Peterborough hospitals are now full
- Greater Cambridgeshire Partnership Transport Consultation is currently online, with its proposal and option to add comments. Interestingly for those villages off the A1307, there is a proposal for a new more regular bus service that serves the smaller more rural villages.
- The Local Plan Consultation is still open for comments until 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021
- Some good news for the area, 3 refugee families have been rehomed by the council and are settling in well

## 7. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

REPORTED: that the balance of £7839.22 in the Treasurer's Account at 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

REPORTED: Following expenses have been made since the last meeting

Netwise Website Hosting and Domain 26/9/21 to 25/9/22	360.00
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REPORTED: Following expense was approved for payment

Payments/Receipts for authorisation at this meeting

SSE Streetlighting Energy Oct 21 – offset against credit balance	13.13
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SSE Credited current balance to bank 17/11/21	361.07
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Clerk's Dec 21 Wages (includes Tax Refund)	899.23
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**ACTION Clerk**

REPORTED : the balances of £158 in the Social Club Account and £8794.35 in the s106 account on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Clerk also confirmed that the parish council was now in credit with HMRC in respect of PAYE/NI by £148.01, a refund has been requested to be made at the end of the tax year 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 via Red Shoes.

## 8. CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

NOTED: that summaries of key points in the bulletins issued by South Cambs DC continued to be posted to the Parish Council website and circulated to WhatsApp groups in the village.

## 9. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Yew Tree House, Main Street, Shudy Camps, CB21 4RA - 21/04711/HFUL

Reported : The parish council support the application, just noted that site vehicles need to parked on site and does not need to be referred to planning committee **ACTION Clerk**

(ii) Applications on hand @ 29/11/21

- S/2314/19/CONDA – Riverdale, Main Street – Submission of details of materials for condition 3 - INFORMATION ONLY
- 21/02235/FUL – The Oaks – replacement of existing dwelling with 2 bungalows – applied for 14/05/2021

AK raised this issue at the Combined Parish Meeting with Julie from planning, noting there is still no decision on this application and questioned what the issue is. Julie was not aware of anything, therefore AK forwarded the information following this meeting and Julie will look into it and get back to the Parish Council with an update.

(iii) 21/03972/FUL – Park Lodge stables permission granted

(iv) Carter's Farm Barns – Drainage

AK also raised this at the Combined Parish Meeting. It was suggested to film any future flooding / drainage issues, so the evidence can be forwarded to the relevant bodies. The only other way this could be resolved / investigated further is if the home owners in the properties take up the issues with the solicitors who performed the conveyancing when the properties were purchased.

## 10. HIGHWAYS AND RELATED MATTERS

i) Nosterfield End telephone box- update

- DE / PM are still working on the sale, although PM spoke to a contact who could be interested in purchasing the phonebox for around £1500 and would also remove the phonebox from its current location as part of the purchase. **ACTION DE / PM**
- JG also confirmed that the contract of the sale from BT only forbids the sale of the asset to a competitor, which is unlikely to be an issue.

ii) Jubilee Green

- Vice Chairman J Gordan is still completing the application to apply for Green status, so item carried forward to the next meeting **ACTION JM**

iii) Mobile Speed sign

- Rachel Wirrmann and JH sent a report the parish councillors to summaries their findings and it was agreed that the parish council would prefer to purchase the more expensive model at around £3000
- The clerk has looked into the option of a loan to purchase the machine via the Parish Council's bank and it is very unlikely that the amount of £3000 would be lent to the PC due to size of the loan in comparison of its annual income / precept.
- JH also investigated whether the PC can obtain and loan, the parish council would need to get approval from the Secretary of State when getting finance
- The parish clerk also just received a feasibility summary for the LHI, it was concluded that the staff and construction costs shown would not be applicable as the new device would use existing posts and brackets. It was also not clear if the device supplied would be that selected by the Parish council or CCC. PM and the clerk will liaise with the Highway department in respect of this report and respond by the deadline of 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**ACTION PM / Clerk**

iv) Footpath bridge needing repair

- PM has reported the issue again with the details supplied by HB but not further update on a repair. PM will report back at the next meeting with further news

#### v) Recent Flooding

- Maciej from the Highways department has communicated to JH about the Flooding issues reported in Main Street. It was noted that the gullies need clearing (which is already on order), as well as ditches/culverts north side of the road need maintaining. The last are landowners responsibility. I have noted that certain culverts (from Jasmine House towards Bartlow) have water marks indicating blockage or excess silt in the culvert between Jasmine House and Bangs Close. Flyers were posted to parish residents in April 21 reminding them that it is the responsibility of land owners to clear ditches of debris. It was concluded the specific details of areas with issues should be correlated so a more detailed plan could be drawn up.

#### vi) Village Sign – Signs of wear

- PM has been speaking to Gary and he should be in the area in early 2022 and will hope to repair the sign then.

#### vii) Drainage – The Meridor, Mark Dewell

- On 30 April 2021 a letter concerning the problems of flooding and riparian responsibility (prepared by Shudy Camps Parish Council) was distributed to all residents in the village. A copy was posted on the website for record purposes. In that document the following statement was made 'A stream runs the full length of Main Street from a spring in the grounds of Shudy Park; the flow being augmented by run-off from the road and other properties. Just behind "Meridor" a larger stream joins it carrying run-off from Mill Green and in particular the land drains from these fields. '. Mr Dewell from "The Meridor" contacted the parish council on 1 May 2021 to point out that this was technically incorrect and that "the small stream running along the back of "The Meridor" in fact carries on past the property and joins the larger stream/land drain to the rear of October House". Unfortunately, due to an administrative oversight Mr Dewell was not copied in to the Parish Council's response. He sent a follow up email on 14 November 2021. The parish council have now discussed this matter and, in view of the error, have agreed that this will be amended in any subsequent versions of this letter.

#### viii) 2 Greater Cambridge Partnership consultations

Enhanced Travel in Cambridgeshire – closing date 20th Dec 2021

Cycle/walk ways along Newmarket Road – closing date 22nd Dec 2021

- it was noted that the 2 consultations have no direct impact on the parish therefore it was not deemed necessary to make a response.

### 11. BUDGET 22/23

- The amended budget was presented and was agreed to be published with no further adjustments
- Therefore the paperwork for the 22/23 precept can now be submitted to SCDC (the deadline for applications is 24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022)
- The following points were raised at the last meeting and further information sourced
  1. Defibrillator, there is no maintenance to be carried out on the machine but the pads have an expiry date on them and the battery need to be replaced every 4 to 5 years. The clerk will look into these issues further and also contact Nigel at Glebe House with regards the guardian of the machine **ACTION CLERK**

2. Tax base figure used in precept calculation has reduced to 145.3 which differs from previous years, this was queried with SCDC and explanation given.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022 7.30 pm

**17. MEETING ATTENDED/FORTHCOMING AND TRAINING ATTENDED**

Clerk's The Knowledge 12th + 19th Jan 2022 – place booked  
Combined Parish Meeting 30th November 2021 – attended by AK  
No other meetings attended since the last meeting

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.05 pm