

SHUDY CAMPS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2023 AT 7.30PM IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD, SHUDY CAMPS.

Present : Councillors Justin Plumb (Vice Chair), Simon Powell, Sharon Kell, Paul Malins

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

Members of the public: 0

1. OPEN FORUM

A resident of Mill Green has contacted AK in January about the issue at Stackyards, Mill Green, that being various objects are placed along the grass verge outside the site. AK replied to confirm that this issue had been raised again last year and the enforcement officers had responded saying that if the items are off the Highway their powers to act are very limited, but the parish council will raise the issues at the forthcoming joint parish council meeting at the end of February when the planning office will be present.

Following the initial Councillor training session for JP SK and SP, the Clerk has been asked to provide the Financial Regulations, Standing orders, Data Protection Policy and Code of Conduct for SCPC

ACTION Clerk

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Henry Batchelor and Anita Kiddy

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th JANUARY 2023

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 5th January 2023 approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

No matters were arising from the minutes.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made

6. DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

RECEIVED: Jan 23 (previously circulated to Councillors) and Feb 23 to follow

The District and County council has set its budget for 23/24. The County Council will be passing on a 5% increase on council tax which is around £73 for a band D property and the District Council will be adding £5 per year on a band D property which is around a 3.5% increase. Plus the rent for social housing is confirmed to increase by 7%

The district council has won £4.5 million for 30 houses for Ukrainian and Afghanistan refugees and it was confirmed that the district houses over 700 Ukrainians.

The parish council asked for clarification on the traffic management on the further coming project on the A1307 at the Deanes Road and Bartlow Road Junctions. JB will forward the map

showing the divisions and this will be published on the WhatsApp group

ACTION Clerk

7. **FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

REPORTED: that the balance of £9668.60 in the Treasurer's Account at 27th January 2023.

REPORTED: The following payments were made since the last meeting

SSE Nov 22 : 24/12/22 DD	18.27
Domain Renewal for shudycamps.org.uk (2 years)	45.60

REPORTED: Following expenses were approved for payment

Payments/Receipts for authorisation at this meeting

Castle Camps Village Hall 2022 - support running costs	250.00
Cambridgeshire ACRE Membership 2023	60.00
SSE Dec 22 charge - 26/01/23 DD	19.12
Open Spaces Annual Membership 2023	45.00

REPORTED : the balances of £8 in the Social Club Account and £8794.35 in the s106 account on 27th January 2023

- Internal Auditor

The clerk has spoken to J Pledger who is based in Hempstead and carries out work for Castle Camps Parish Council. She has confirmed that she will be able to carry out the next Audit for SCPC but does not provide Payroll services.

SK recommended an Accountant in Haverhill who may be able to carry out payroll services, the clerk will look into this further.

ACTION Clerk

8. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- i) Riverdale Main Street Shudy Camps, 22/04413/HFUL : Detached single storey residential annex and extension of residential garden boundary.

The parish council submitted its response after the last meeting and it was noted that this application has now been withdrawn.

- ii) Mill Green Meadow, Mobile Home Mill Green Shudy Camps, 22/05512/CL2PD : Certificate of lawfulness under S192 for the development of the site in accordance with Planning approval ref. 22/04259/S73

It was noted that this application has now been withdrawn

- iii) Mill Green Meadow, Mobile Home Mill Green Shudy Camps, 23/00110/CLUED : Certificate of lawfulness under S191 for confirmation that development has commenced in accordance with planning approval ref. 22/04259/S73

This application is for information only, therefore the parish council are unable to comment and the decision is still pending

- iv) Shardelows Farm Mill Green Shudy Camps, 22/05000/FUL : Retention of Existing Highway Access to/from the existing agricultural barns and fields, and new timber post and rail fence.

This application has now been approved.

- v) Park Lodge New Road Shudy Camps : 22/04450/FUL - Replacement Dwelling

The planning application is still pending.

9. HIGHWAYS AND RELATED MATTERS

- i) Jubilee Green

Following the January meeting the application for the Jubilee Green has been submitted to the County Council and receipt has been acknowledged, no further communication received to date

- ii) Approval of cutting down the sycamore tree on Jubilee Green

AK contacted RJG to confirm that the work is to be done and the invoice to be sent to Shudy Camps Parish Council.

The date for the work to be carried out is 24th Feb 2023

- iii) Overhanging Trees on Blacksmith Lane

This items is carried forward to the next meeting, JP to forward the letter template to SK and once drawn up posted through the door of the property in the Park.

- iv) Bus Stop incident on Main Street

Mr Bagley contacted AK in January to confirm that the police have now closed the case (35/82501/22) after speaking to the other resident and no further action to be taken at this time.

- v) MVAS software issues

JH of the speedwatch team has communicated to the Parish Council that the software issues of the device has deteriorated, previously JH was the only person able to download the data from the device but now even he cannot carry out this task. Steps are being taken to try and rectify this issues by contacting the manufacturer but given that the device is around 5 years old it would seem the changes in the software in that time is the main factor for the issue. SP will try and find out the current situation and report back at the next meeting.

- vi) Mill Green – Trees close to power lines

E Gladman reported to AK that the trees at Mill Green are very close to power lines, AK advised EG to contact UK Power Networks direct, this has been done but no response at the time of the meeting.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thursday 2nd March 2023 7.30 pm

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

Councillor Training : SP SK JP attended the first session on 1st Feb via Zoom and raised a point which is noted above in the open forum and there are 2 further sessions Wed 8th + 15th Feb

The Joint Parish Meeting was Thursday Jan 26th at Balsham and Bradley from the Highways Department attended.

SK represented SCPC at the meeting and various points were sent to councillor HB prior to the meeting and all of these were raised.

Some of the other parish council raised similar issues, mainly the conditions of the roads / verges and also the effects of the tipper lorry traffic.

Following on from that meeting a website link was sent out to the parish councils to report pots holes and other issues on the highways, this was then posted by AK onto the SC WhatsApp pages.

Work has already started to rectify the holes reported and Bradley would be visiting SC in the new week to see the issues raised.

HB has been actively pursuing the Environment Agency following meeting, to see if there is a licence to covering the lorries tipping at the site at Castle Camps. It was again confirmed it has no power to stop the lorries on the Highway if there is a valid licence in place.

SK reported back that the District Council Highways budget is very limited with regards the renewal of road line painting at junctions, with a total of 10 projects per year and the same number for road sign repairs

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