

SHUDY CAMPS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2023 FOLLOWING THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING AT 7.30PM IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD, SHUDY CAMPS.

Present : Councillors Anita Kiddy (Chair), Justin Plumb (Vice Chair), Simon Powell, Sharon Kell

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

Members of the public: 2

1. OPEN FORUM

Mrs Mooring contacted the Clerk about an issue with debris on the footpath meaning she was unable to proceed on the path, with the help of Simon Powell the issue was resolved and Mrs Moorings confirmed she is now able to carry on her walk.

Another resident has made the parish clerk aware of a paving slab which is protruding upwards on Jubilee Green. JP or SP will investigate under the slab to see if it is an easy fix.

The annual salary increase for the Clerk has been announced by NALC and is effective from 1/4/23, it was agreed and will take effect on the next payslip in Dec 23 and will also include 6 months back pay

Following the planning application approved at Bangs Close, work has commenced, which led to the 2 following occurrences :

- One local resident has made us aware the final pipe which will be installed in the ditch on the entry to the site may not be sufficient to deal with the water flow. This has been noted and should be covered by the Building Inspector.
- Another resident Mr Spalls of Bangs Close contacted the Clerk expressing his dismay with regards the building works starting and questioning if the application had been approved and if the relevant notices were erected. It was confirmed that notices were placed adjacent to the site during the application process and it had been approved by the planning department.

The clerk contacted Castle Camps Parish Council in Sept 23 with regards the shared usage of the Speed Indicator Device from Cambridgeshire Police. Nothing has been heard, so we have assumed they don't wish to use the device at this time and no further actions required.

In the recent high winds a tree fell across Main Street, Graham Kiddy, even though not his tree, kindly moved it from the Public Highway.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Paul Malin, Councillors John Batchelor

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th OCT 2023

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2023 approved as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING ON THE MINUTES

Following the Oct meeting the Clerk contacted Glebe House to confirm the location of the daffodil planting this autumn.

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No declarations of interest were made

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

RECEIVED: Nov 23 (previously circulated to Councillors and uploaded to SCPC website and Phonebox)

HB summarised the November report

Bus service 19 has been funded by the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for at least another year. However, as ridership of this service is quite low, any encouragement that can be given to people to use it will go a long way to show that it's a vital service that should be permanently retained.

This year's round of Local Highway Improvement (LHI) bids are now open for parish councils to submit a proposal for funding for a small highway improvement project in our area.

Anaerobic Digestion Plant Proposals - In our area we have not one, but two live planning applications submitted to the relevant local authorities for bio energy digestion plants. These are plants that breakdown agricultural materials and turn them into energy. One being on the outskirts of Haverhill and the other in the parish of Streetly End.

Downing College are in the process of drawing up a possible planning application in our area for a new, very large, solar farm. There is very little detail at the moment but we do know that the potential area amounts to several hundred hectares. The current 'search area' for land is from the east of Balsham down to the north of Linton the over to the east of Fulbourn. If this whole area were to be turned into a solar farm, which is unlikely in our view, it would be the largest solar farm in Europe, by some way.

South Cambs DC are offering a voucher to purchase 6 trees for the parishes. The offer closes 22/12/23.

7. **FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

REPORTED: that the balance of £12594.76 in the Treasurer's Account at 3rd Nov 2023.

REPORTED: The following payments/receipts were made since the last meeting

SCDC Credit (Refund) for Bin Collections rec'd 20/10/23	480.00
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REPORTED: Following expenses were approved for payment

SSE Sept 23 Charge – 24/10/23	452.76
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REPORTED : the balances of £8 in the Social Club Account and £8794.35 in the s106 account on 3rd Nov 2023

8. PLANNING MATTERS

- i) 23/03107/S73 : S73 to vary conditions 2 and 3 of planning permission S/2826/17/FL + 23/03165/S19LB : S19 to vary conditions 2, 3, 8, 9, 17 and 19 of listed building consent S/2827/17/LB (Conversion of agricultural barns to two private dwellings with associated annexe accommodation new private drive to public highway)
The comments were submitted 15/9/23, no decision to report
- ii) Planning Application SCC/0045/23SE- Land to the north of Spring Grove Farm, Withersfield – Suffolk CC
Submitted the objections 13th Oct 2023 and again on 6th Nov 2023 and receipt confirmed.
- iii) 23/03890/S73 : S73 to vary condition 2 (Approved plans) of planning permission 20/04987/FUL (Erection of a dwelling with access off Carsey Hill) Substitution of one and a half storey chalet bungalow with a single storey dwelling
In summary the parish council objects to the application on the following grounds
- The new application for this site has a reduced plot size and the building backs directly onto the existing property garden / boundary
 - The footprint of the building is larger than the previous application but on a smaller plot therefore the proportions are compromised, with very little outside space
 - Some trees will be removed making the property more visible from the road
 - There doesn't appear to sufficient parking and it's a worry that there will be parking on the public road which is nearly opposite the junction to Hockley Close and restrict vision at the junction with Blacksmiths Lane

CLERK

9. **Budget 24 25**

Following the previous meeting the clerk obtained a quote for a replacement Lawn Mower, to replace the machine like for like a machine will be in the region of £2900, which was added to the draft budget and circulated prior to the meeting.

The budget was amended further at the meeting to adjust the current year figures to include charges still to be billed for the year 21/22, therefore giving a more realistic opening balance for the year 24/25

The precept is currently proposed at £12000

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10. **Highways and Related Matters**

- Jubilee Green Application
No further news to report since the last meeting
- Flooding Nosterfield End

During the month of October there has been extensive flooding at Nosterfield End and on the more recent occasions the road was officially closed by the Highways Department and a resident was unable to reach their property.

The parish council has been contacted as well as the Highways by 3 households at NE for help in resolving the issue which seems to be happening more often.

The Highways department has confirmed the course of action in the following order:

- The Land owner will need to clear the ditches
- The Highways department will then clear the drains with jets and inspect the drains and colverts to see if there is any damage present which needs to be rectified and hopefully alleviate the issue

The Highways Department has the power to enforce the clearing of the ditches and will contact them to ask for this to be done. The parish council has assisted by providing the details of the land owner.

HB also confirmed that he will help where he can to try and improve the current situation

- LHI decision + application 23/24

LHI 23/24 – there has been some further corresponding with regards the locations and the device brackets which has been confirmed with Highways.

Applications for 24 / 25 have now opened - the project which had been discussed was the reduction in the speed limit in Mill Green or Nosterfield End which is currently 40 to 30 mph. The Parish Council needs to clarify the current criteria for these types of projects and also the relevant data required to back up any application therefore increasing its chances of being successful.

HB also suggested that a Highways engineer could visit the proposed site and suggest solutions / ideas. HB will forward information to the clerk

CLERK

- Gigaclear Ultra Fast Fibre
The leaflet detailing the project was circulated to residents in Oct. No further details from Gigaclear to date and it may be sometime before we are contacted again.

- Defib Grant (£750 contribution and Electrician cost)

No further news on the grant application for a new unit and the clerk has made enquires to suppliers of solar powered cabinets similar to that in Cardinals Green.

The council will await the outcome of the grant before any further actions are taken, although actively looking for a local electrician who may be able to help in the future with this project.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Wed 6th December 2023

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

Clerk attended a meeting online discussing the LHI applications 24/25 @ 09/11/23

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 21.06 pm