

## SHUDY CAMPS PARISH COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM IN ST MARY'S CHURCH, CHURCH ROAD, SHUDY CAMPS.**

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

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

Members of the public: 2

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

There were 2 issues raised in respect of the footpaths around the village by a resident.

The footpath in the meadow behind the Village Sign off Main Street : the slope is very slippery and making it impassable for some. It was requested if a hand rail could be put up to assist walking this section of path. PM will look into this and contact both the land owner and the 'Footpaths' department at the council to see if anything can be arranged.

The steps next to Granary Cottage are also in a bad state of repair (next to the rail). PM will contact the landowner and see if some repair can be carried out.

**PM**

Grit Bin: it has been suggested by a resident that a sign should be attached to the bin to make it clear that the contents are for general use. A laminated sign will be made and attached to that effect.

Grit can be ordered via the SCDC website and this was done in late 2023 although the current levels are tbc.

**JP**

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

No apologies were received.

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 approved as a correct record.

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

The Defibrillator battery has been replaced in the unit in the church porch.

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

No declarations of interest were made

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

RECEIVED: Mar 24 (previously circulated to Councillors and uploaded to SCPC website and Phonebox)

The two planning applications for biodigesters in our area, Acorn in Haverhill and Streetly End Farm in West Wickham, are edging closer to a decision. Both projects have been asked for additional information and a decision is expected in the summer later this year.

Both the County and District Councils have set their budgets for the forthcoming municipal year. Both opted to raise Council Tax, which means, in real terms, this equates to:

County Council – increase of 4.99% on band D properties - £76.98 per year  
South Cambridgeshire District Council - £5 per year on Band D

## 7. **FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS**

REPORTED: that the balance of £10703.85 in the Treasurer’s Account at 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

REPORTED: The following payments/receipts were made since the last meeting and authorised by the Parish councillors

SSE Dec 23 charge DD 27/02/24	14.03
SSE Jan 24 charge DD 04/03/24	14.03
Defib Battery @ Church Porch	267.60
Castle Camps Parish Council – Camps Review Mar22 to Dec23	461.70

REPORTED: Following expense were approved for payment

Clerk Wages Jan24 to Mar24	892.45
HMRC Paye Qtr 4	18.55
Red Shoes Payroll Charges Qtr 4	43.20

REPORTED : the balances of £8 in the Social Club Account and £8794.35 in the s106 account on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2024

## 8. **PLANNING MATTERS**

- i) 23/04023/HFUL Proposal: Erection of a 3 bay garage and upgrade to existing boundary fence : Cedar View Mill Green Horseheath.  
Original application deadline Dec 23 (no submission). Revised application rec’d Jan 24, submitted 09/02/24 and granted permission 14/02/24
- ii) 23/02626/CONDB : Bangs Close, Shudy Camps – awaiting decision  
This planning application was rec’d in respect of information only but was a revision of 23/02626/CONDA (Condition 3 – Drainage) which was previously rejected and the revision should have been resubmitted and approved prior to any building work being started.  
The revision submitted includes a shallow soak away on site and revised pipe in the bridge over the stream.  
During the recent heavy rain, water from the site and stream which has a bottle neck at the bridge caused a substantial increase in water flowing into Main street

and also raised the issues of possible flooding and properties close by. It also washed a lot of debris in to the drains, blocking them.

AK will contact the planning department to raise the SCPC concerns of the water flow and drainage from the site and the recent events detailed above. Plus get an update from the compliance team who have or will be visiting the site.

**AK**

## **9. Highways and Related Matters**

- Jubilee Green Application : no further correspondence rec'd. SP to contact again before the next meeting to see if there is any update.

**SP**

- Flooding Nosterfield End

There was an onsite meeting 28<sup>th</sup> Feb which was attended by Angela Sills, her son and the tenant farmer, as was 2 representatives from the county council, 1 from Highways and 1 from flooding. Paul Malins Parish Councillor, Henry Batchelor and 2 residents.

The outcome of the meeting:

- The landowner has agreed to clear the ditches
- The Council agreed to jet the drains
- Once this has been done, they will use mini CCTV cameras to check the drainage pipes and culverts under the road to decide if repairs need to be undertaken
- In order to do this, the council will need to shut that stretch of the road, the application process to do this can take 8-10 weeks.
- They will notify the Sills of the date, so that they can take advantage of the road closure to complete the ditch clearing

- Bangs Close - see section 8 ii)

- LHI 2324

Delivery of the device is yet to be confirmed.

Plus one of the new posts installed near Parkway is to be repositioned due to its proximity to a telegraph pole (making hedge maintenance impossible)

- Defib Grant

The proposed additional unit in the Main Street Telephone Box is still in the planning stages with the Electric source still tbc and condition of the box covered below

- Telephone Boxes

Main Street : SCPC has been made aware by a resident that the telephone box is no longer water tight causing water damage to the contents. It was proposed to clear the contents out of the phone box, carry out any repairs needed and at the same time liaise with the electrician to confirm if there is a source in the phone box and possibly investigate the light which no longer seems to work.

**JP**

Nosterfield End

It was been noted the Telephone Box is being used as local Library, this has raised concerns that the door is opening onto the road. SCPC has not been approached with regards to its current usage and if it is safe as it was proposed to relocate it away from the highway close to its current location. The clerk will investigate further.

**Clerk**

- Lawnmower Repair / Replacement

It was decided that the current machine is probably beyond repair and not cost efficient anymore. PM will gain quotes on a replacement machine for the next meeting

**PM**

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

"Unlocking the Potential of Your Parish: How the Planning Team Can Support You as a Parish Clerk." – Wed 17<sup>th</sup> April at Cambourne Chambers FOC : Clerk has signed up

There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 8.30 pm