

Shipton Parish Council

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Minutes of General Meeting

Held in the Reading Room on Thursday 17th November 2022, 19:30

Councillors present: Cllrs Chalklin (Chairman), Kealy and McKinna
Attendees: 8 members of the public

221117/1 Chairman's Opening Remarks

Cllr Chalklin introduced members of the Council. He reported that Cllr Hawley was stepping down due to other commitments. Cllr Chalklin confirmed that the meeting was quorate with three councillors being present, but voiced concern that the Parish Council was potentially at risk in the long term if there were not enough councillors in the Village. As an aside, Cllr Chalklin mentioned that Hampen could be represented if a resident there wished to be co-opted onto the PC. *Please note that more members of the current Parish Council maybe stepping down in April, and new councillors need to be recruited to ensure the Village retains autonomy at a local level.*

221117/2 **Apologies:** Apologies were received and accepted from GCC Cllr Paul Hodgkinson and Cllr Griffiths.

221117/3 **Declarations of Interest:** None for this meeting.

221117/4 **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Minutes of the General Meeting held on 21st July 2022 were approved by all and signed by Chair Cllr Chalklin.

221117/5 Public Session:

5.1 Outline planning application for Birchwood. The outline planning application for Birchwood was of concern for most attendees due to over development, increased traffic and safety, the impact on trees and landscape as well as drainage. At the time of the meeting, 17 comments had been submitted to CDC about the proposal, 15 of which were objections. *Please note that SPC will not comment on planning applications unless they are against planning policy or are perceived as being controversial. Council encourages all residents to submit their own comments in support or objection of any planning application in the Village directly to CDC.*

5.2 A reminder about the Tractor procession through the Village on 23rd December. Council agreed that they would fund the opening of the Reading Room on this evening, plus the supply of hot chocolate, cakes/ nibbles, mulled wine and the Village Christmas Tree. Jane Spiller agreed to market and communicate the event in advance.

5.3 Shipton Oliffe Website. Andy Gibbs voiced concern that some areas of the Website were out of date and volunteered to take responsibility for the site after he retires in January 2023. He would like to get the walking group mentioned and regularly updated. Cllr McKinna to discuss this further with Andy Gibbs.

5.4 Parish Plan. A request was made by a resident for the Parish Plan to be updated. SPC will investigate this.

5.5 Dog waste and general bins in Shipton Oliffe. Cllr Chalklin outlined his desire to improve waste bin usage in Shipton and duly described the format and location of bins currently in use. He suggested that the poo bin on the green is converted into a normal bin and potentially re-located near to the Reading Room. Cllr Chalklin explained that resources were stretched at CDC, but that changes were possible with CDC's agreement and support. The number of collection points would need to stay the same, as would the overall weight of waste collected from the Village.

221117/6 **Planning Applications:**

221117/7 **Finance Update:** Cllr Griffiths reported that the Parish Council were following GAPTC's recommendation to hold the one year's annual precept in reserve. There were no major impending expenses due apart from the purchase of dog poo bags in October (c.£400) and the final payments this year for grass cutting. Monies are available for use on capital projects, and £5k has been allocated to improve the Village green. It was suggested that the Parish Council discuss projects further at a future meeting.

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Review of correspondence:

8.1 Request from a resident to review the football ground deeds and contract with Charlton Rovers about ad hoc use of the grounds for a helicopter pad. *ACTION: Cllr Kealy to discuss with CR personnel and conduct a fact-finding conversation.*

8.2 Informal request from Charlton Rovers for PC funding to support the installation of new gates and a high restriction barrier at the golf club/sports ground entrance. *The Parish Clerk confirmed that this was an exploratory and informal request. This agenda item is for information only at this stage.*

8.3 Request for support from a resident in Hampen for the installation of a defibrillator. *The Parish Clerk is liaising with residents about a suitable location for this item as well as applying for grants to support this initiative.*

8.4 Riparian ownership and the maintenance of the watercourse in Shipton. *Residents who have a watercourse running through their garden are reminded to maintain the water banks carefully and to ensure that cut vegetation is not disposed of in the brook. Residents downstream have complained to the Parish Council about this occurring and causing congestion lower down.*

8.5 Shipton litter picking kit – where do we put this for use by willing residents?

It was agreed that this would be placed in the telephone box once the recycling project had ended.

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Date of next meeting – March 2023 time TCB

Meeting closed at 19:50

Signed: *Harry Chalklin*

Date: 17.3.23