Shute and Whitford Parish Council

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The Councillors were summoned to attend a meeting Shute Parish Council held at Umborne Hall on Thursday July 30th 2015 starting at 7.30pm, where the following matters were discussed.

Those Councillors present were Peter Rugg (Chairman), Bill Marshall, David Plowman, Ella Sweetland and Rick Wood also Clerk & Secretary Carol Miltenburg. The meeting was also attended by 4 members of the public.

Minutes

1 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Paddy Magrane, Richard Orsman, John Pearce and Andrew Moulding (DCC)

2 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting

The Chairman signed the copy of the minutes as a true reflection of the previous meeting. Proposed Cllrs Marsall &Sweetland.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes

Burial Ground – The Clerk advised that she had not managed to research this item yet but will shortly and advise the council in due course.

Website – The Clerk advised the website is up and running. Copies of minutes will be added as they are approved and previous minutes will be added when the computer records are received from Mrs Mary Thomas. Cllr Magrane has agreed to oversee the continuity of content on the site.

The website address is:- http://www.hugofox.com/community/shute-parish-council-7877

4 Reports from meetings attended

Cllr Sweetland reported on a meeting with a PTA member of Shute School. She learnt that due to the popularity of the school more children were joining which would result in a further 12 cars dropping children off every day. The school has gone to great lengths to stagger drop off and collection times but parking is still likely to be a problem. As this matter has gone on for many years with little result, it was agreed in due course for the Council to meet the new head, MP at the school. Prior to this the Clerk was asked to write to the National Trust and the school to see if there is any way ahead.

5 Parishes Together

E mail from Colyton PC. Colyton PC have agreed that £80 of the Parishes Together Grant can be used towards the safety equipment for the Shute PC Road Warden, Mr Richard Brain. An electronic transfer will be made shortly.

6 Correspondence

Proposed Heritage Project in Umborne Valley. The Council wanted more information. Clerk to obtain this from the AONB and circulate to the Councillors before sending a letter of support.

A Thank You card has been received from the previous Clerk, Mrs Mary Thomas.

In response to an e mail thanking her for all her work at Shute Community Primary School Mrs Amanda Graham sent an e mail thanking the Council and wishing the school a prosperous future.

The Council has received an invitation to a Flood Resilience meeting to be held at DCC, Exeter in September. Cllr Marshall expressed interest and it was suggested that it may be beneficial for Richard Brain as Road Warden to be invited.

The Council received copies of various e mails concerning recent damage to the Armada Beacon on Shute Hill. The Council did help with rebuilding several years ago. Clerk to contact Mr Tucker & Mr Lavender.

The Clerk advised details of the Devon Social Enterprise Network.

7 Highway Matters

Traffic through Shute

Ms Kerry Richardson spoke to the Council concerning the speed of traffic in Shute by the entrance to Shute Barton. She commented she was aware of at least 3 residents have been clipped or nearly clipped by vehicles passing too fast and close, she has also recently had her cat killed on the road. It was agreed that the Council should ask for more speed checks by the Police and also contact Cllrs Chubb (EDDC), Moulding (DCC) and DCC Highways dept. to try to start a dialogue to find suitable traffic calming measures.

Councillors commented that the reduction of hedge cutting by DCC was resulting in hedges and verges encroaching on the lanes and narrowing them even further and also hiding ditches at the side of the road. It was agreed for the Clerk to place a request for people to cut back their hedges and clear gullies in the parish magazine.

8 Public Forum

Cllr Sweetland raised some issues on behalf of a resident. Clerk to investigate.

9 Planning

15/1544/LBC – 1 Shute House. Internal modifications. The Council has no objections.

15/1612/LBC & 15/1682/FUL – 4 & 5 Shute House. Installation of solar pv panels and solar thermal panels. The Council had no objections.

15/1574/FUL - Land nr Jasmine Cottage Whitford (site meeting held 22/7). The Council objected to this application

15/1666/FUL – Land east of Square Acres (Opp Shute Garage) Shute. The Council objected to this application.

10 Finance

Account signatories. The Councillors present completed the forms to become signatories on the account.

No payments were required.

11 Any Other Business

Meeting calendar and possible new location. The provisional calendar of meetings was approved and it was agreed to accept the offer of using Shute School as a venue for meetings in the future. Clerk to organise suitable dates.

12 Date, time & place of next meeting

The next meeting will be at Whitford Hall on 10th September 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm