

Shilton Parish Council Meeting

7.30 pm Wednesday 19th February 2020 at Shilton Village Hall

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Present Councillors: David Cuthbertson- Chairman, Jon Holloway, Harry Metcalfe,
Chris Parker, Sarah Royle

- 1. Apologies:** Nick Field Johnson, O.C.C. Councillor
- 2. Declarations of Interests:** None
- 3. The minutes** of the SPC December 2019 meeting had been previously circulated and approved by all. Cllr J H proposed and Cllr S J R seconded.
- 4. Matters arising** from this meeting not on the agenda; None

5. Report from O.C.C. Councillor Nick Field Johnson

Following a resident and business consultation, the proposed O.C.C budget aims are:

Social Care

- To reduce neglect, ill-health and social isolation. It includes community support for vulnerable people and struggling families, to help reduce the number of children going into care
- Provide increased funding of £30 million for children and adult social services which will increase next year to include by an extra £8.1 million from the Government

County Infrastructure

- An extra £50 million provision for new and existing schools over a ten year period
- O.C.C. proposes to spend £30 million in 2020/21 from its capital budget, on repairs to roads, bridges, drainage and footways across Oxfordshire towns and villages
- A proposed £3 million per year of new funding to improve local road safety and accessibility. This is to include new pedestrian crossings, improved junctions and better bus stop facilities

Climate change

- Proposals to support sustainable travel by improving park and ride services on the A40
- Replacement of over 50,000 streetlights with energy-efficient LEDs.

Full details of his report can be found at shiltonparishoxon.co.uk

Report from W.O.D.C Councillor Alex Postan

Cllr A P reported that W.O.D.C had balanced its budget over the last 12 months.

He detailed that W.O.D.C had a new member on its team who is a specialist in Environment and Climate change.

His responsibilities will include:

1. Overseeing the sustainability of trees
2. Reducing the amount of single use plastic and the creation of a working group to investigate the problem
3. Preventative measures to reduce river pollution.

Cllr A P reported that Mr Liam Walker had been appointed as a new cabinet member whose responsibility will be to oversee Highways.

Signed

David Cuthbertson, Chairman

6. A Presentation on Major Environmental Issues

Mrs. Veronica Barry and Mr. Andy Bray gave a short presentation concerning two of the big environmental issues of our time; climate change and loss of biodiversity.

They discussed how these issues can be addressed.

Cllr David Cuthbertson thanked both for their informative and thought provoking presentation. He observed that collectively, the Shilton community could both help individually and collectively towards improving the local environment.

He suggested that a new Environment addition could be added to the agenda whereby a list of actions could be investigated e.g. a Carbon Neutral Village Hall.

7. Planning applications (new and updates)

7.1 Shilton Edge Farm application had now been approved by W.O.D.C.

7.2 Westfield Farm retrospective application had now been approved by W.O.D.C

7.3 Manor Dairy Farm retrospective application

SPC agreed that this should not be used for accommodation and would comment

7.4 Westerfield Solar Farm application.

SPC had commented to W.O.D.C that the trees and landscaping on the site needed to be managed more effectively in order that the Solar Farm could extend its life by an additional 11 years.

8. Finance Report including account balances & payments to be agreed.

The Treasurers account: £9,663.54

The Flood Defence Fund: £8,365.06

9. Update from Neighbourhood Watch.

9.1 Cllr S R reported that there had once again been a series of thefts in the area including tools stolen from vans. Cllr S R underlined the importance of keeping cars and vans securely locked and their contents out of sight.

9.2 Cllr S R informed the floor that a Neighbourhood Watch member had recently reported an attempted theft on Ladburn Lane between 8 and 9am in the morning. A bike had been taken from an out building and then subsequently abandoned on the property.

9.3 Cllr S R commented that during the Christmas period, wreaths had been removed from two graves causing distress to families.

10. Traffic signage update in the Parish.

10.1 Hen N Chick Lane -Proposed 30mph Speed Limit.

Cllr J H reported that funds had been agreed by O.C.C. This project is now on Highways action plan of works.

10.2 Speed limits at the Dip

Cllr J H said this was proving a lengthy process to resolve . However, progress was now being made. Funds towards the project had been agreed. This will now go to Consultation. A date is yet to be set.

Signed

David Cuthbertson, Chairman

11. Parish maintenance update

11.1 Concern was shown by residents over flooding at the pond. Cllr H Metcalfe reported that he had managed the flow of water by restraining the flow rate at the upper bund and thus resulting in a slower release downstream. This appeared to be working and had contributed to less flooding than usual.

Cllr D C thanked Cllr H M for his work.

11.2 Concern was shown over the welfare of three horses, homed permanently in a field designated not to be used for year round grazing. It was agreed that this should be reported to both the Police and RSCPA. It was agreed that Shilton Parish Council would send a letter also demonstrating their concern for the welfare of the animals.

11.3 Cllr J H confirmed that the Annual Litter Pick would be held on Saturday 29th February.

11.4 A request had been made by Peter Edwards, who manages the wild life flower bank, to extend the flower range by one metre. He commented that the trees had spread considerably from when the flowers were originally planted.

Cllr D P proposed acceptance Cllr J H seconded the motion.

12. Matters the Chairman views as urgent, not on the agenda. None.

13. Date of next meeting SPC : April 15th

Signed

David Cuthbertson, Chairman

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