

FOREST HILL WITH SHOTOVER PARISH COUNCIL

A meeting of the Forest Hill with Shotover Parish Council was held in the Village Hall on Thursday 6th August 2015 at 7pm.

Present: Mr A Waite Brown (in the Chair)
Mr M Leeding,
Dr A Boylston
Mr A R Tolley
Ms L Wiggins
Mrs C Massey (Clerk and RFO)
Anne Purse (County Councillor) for part
John Walsh (District Councillor) for part

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Miss G Blomley, Mr C Goffey

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Malcolm Leeding - Village Hall and Garden Club.

71. PUBLIC FORUM

It was noted that the planters at the entrance to Mickle Way have been cleared but it was queried why it wasn't possible to remove the planters and replace with a bus stop. The council replied that the cost of removing all of the waste that would be made from knocking them down was very high so was not considered a cost-effective option.

Concerns were raised with the cycle path which crosses the bottom of Church Hill as cars come off the A40. Bikes are supposed to give way to cars but the markings aren't clear and it is hard to see cars approaching from behind if you are travelling from Oxford to Wheatley. There has been at least one incident at this junction.

ACTION - Clerk to write to Highways and ask if improvements to signage can be made.

72. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 6th AUGUST 2015 -The minutes had been circulated and were taken as read and signed as a correct record

73. MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Siding out footpath to Stanton St John - Stanton Parish Council will look at the issue and discuss at their next meeting.

War Memorial - Chris Goffey had tried to cut back the hedge in front of the war memorial but it was a much bigger job than thought.

ACTION - Get quotes for this to be done professionally

Police response to speeding cars on Mickle Way - The only response was that the speed actually needs recording. It was suggested that those who are concerned should just have a gentle word to the individual highlighting their worries.

Purchase of strimmer for burial ground - Ron is happy to use a strimmer to tidy the older graves.

ACTION - Get quotes for strimmer.

74. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT CHURCH HILL - The designer was present and showed interested residents the proposals. The issues raised by residents were the sensitivity of the neighbouring conservation area and listed properties. The narrow road which cannot take more traffic. The lack of a footpath to allow pedestrians safe access up or down the hill. The fact that 9 units was thought to be too dense for the space available. Issues with parking for that many units. Problems with drainage as it isn't on mains drainage. The worry of the modern appearance of the proposed buildings. Concerns with the financial impact on neighbouring properties.

They are proposing this as a rural exception site which means that the properties would be rented to people with a link to Forest Hill and also 2 houses sold at market value. In order to progress they need a housing association to be interested. So far SOHA have turned them down and they are still waiting to hear from another 2.

75. OCC / SODC MATTERS

OCC are holding a meeting on 21st September with parish councils to discuss devolving some services. Malcolm Leeding will attend and report back.

OCC are consulting on closure of some waste recycling centres, a consultation on Children's centres is due out shortly.

76. BUS SERVICE / TRANSPORT ISSUES

a) Update from bus service meeting with Anne Purse and Horton Cum Studley - At the meeting called by Anne Purse only 2 parish councils were represented and no new information was gained, the parish councils response to the consultation remains as voted for at the last meeting. No representative from this parish council attended the Horton cum Studley meeting but it is understood there was more talk about options should the service be lost.

b) Meeting with Heyfordian - Heyfordian have a contract until June 2016 and don't have plans currently for what to do after that until the results of the consultation are known.

77. RECREATION GROUND

Request for bins, bin bags and an outside broom in changing rooms. All agreed to provide these.

ACTION - Clerk to provide

A request was made to replace the 5-a-side nets

ACTION - Clerk to source

78. VILLAGE HALL

Replication of Village Map

ACTION - Andrew Waite Brown to chase photographing the map

79. PLANNING REPORT

a) SUBMITTED - NONE

b) DECISIONS -

- i) P15/S2297/PDH Proposed single storey side and rear extensions. Depth: 8m Overall height: 4m Height to eaves: variable. Monks Farm Cottage, Shotover OX3 8TD. Application for permitted development. - AGREED
- ii) P15/S2681/LB The relocation of a rooflight from the position granted consent in application P14/S2786/LB. This application is to be read in with a new application for Non Material Amendment to Planning Permission P14/S2785/HH Minchin Court Stanton Road Forest Hill OX33 1DT - GRANTED

- c) PENDING - iii) Solar Farm in Elsfield
- d) Planning enforcement issue - Breach Farm properties. It was noted that the Breach Farm properties which have conditions in their planning approval that they are rented to farm workers are being advertised for rent on the open market. Planning enforcement are following up.
- e) Update from Neighbourhood Planning Conference - Malcolm Leeding attended and reported that cost and time is still the main concern to getting a plan done. Ginette Camps-Walsh from Beckley is interested in exploring the possibility of Beckley, Stanton St John and Forest Hill doing a joint plan.
- ACTION - Lisa to give the clerk's details to Ginette Camps-Walsh

80. FINANCIAL ISSUES

BALANCES at bank

Current A/C	as at 28 Aug 2015	£ 13,396.80
Deposit A/C	as at 30 Jun 2015	£ 2,243.66

- a)Accounts for payment -
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| Clerks Pay and expenses | £413.97 |
| Signs and first aid kit for changing rooms | £95.92 |
| BGG - Grass Cutting disputed Jul Invoice | £396 |
| BGG Grass Cutting - August invoice | £156 |
| Electricity bill 8 Jul - 8 Aug changing rooms | £20.68 |
| Riki Grandi - new cemetery gates | £154.00 |
| SODC - Uncontested Election fees | £100.00 |
| Dog Bin | £172.80 |
| Robinsons Trees - relocating waste in cemetery | £234.00 |
| Lincoln College - Village Hall rent | £50.00 |
- A discussion was held regarding the disputed July cut and the contractors explanation was read out. 4 councillors agreed to pay the invoice.

- b) Requests for donations or annual subscriptions
- Wheatley Park School prizegiving - It was unanimous to give £50, the same as last year. It was requested donors be acknowledged at the event.
- South and Vale Carers Centre - It was agreed by 4 votes in favour and 1 abstention that a donation of £50 be made.

- c) Receipts -

VAT refund (inc in above balance)	£6293.67
2nd half of precept (not inc in balance)	£6750.00

81. ALLOTMENTS

A request was made again that the fence be repaired

ACTION - to raise at next meeting when Chris Goffey will be present

82. BURIAL GROUND

a) Signs for compost - all agreed to a budget of £50 to purchase signs

b) Overhanging trees - these have not been done

83. OALC / NALC

OALC are now in their new office at Wallingford Town Hall.

84. POLICE MATTERS

From 1 Jul - 30th Aug there was 1 theft, 1 theft of cycles and 5 miscellaneous crimes reported in Forest Hill.

It was reported that Wheatley Neighbourhood police seem unaware that Bayswater Mill and Farm areas are in our parish.

ACTION - Clerk to ensure they are aware and will respond to crimes.

85. PARISH RISK ASSESSMENT

Church Hill - the surface still remains a hazard particularly on the speed bumps

ACTION - Clerk to report again

86. INFORMATION / CORRESPONDENCE

a) Clerks and Councils Direct Sep 2015

b) Came and Company Council Matters Autumn 2015 - circulated on email

c) The clear door on the notice board at Shotover has frosted making it difficult to read parish notices.

ACTION - Clerk to ask Riki to replace it.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 5th November 2015 7:00pm