

**SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Open Forum - One parishioner present – no issues brought to Council's notice**

Item		Action
21.49	<b>Present:</b> Cllr Mary Boughton (MB), Cllr Hilary Cunningham (HC), Cllr Christine Huxtable (CH), Cllr David Bass (DB), Cllr John Porter (JP), One member of public attended - Tony Mallett (for Gigabit), and Dorset Councillor Mark Roberts.	
21.50	<b>Councillor Mark Roberts (MR)</b> Report – Apologies re notes for November meeting. MR talked about bringing councils together, increases in Adult Servicers Expenses, PLACE Services (previously Environment), managing the SEND budget, rise of Transport costs, small increase in Children's Services, NHS renting South Walks building on a 20yr lease. MR asked if Shipton could do a survey or some sort on housing needs. HC queried money for rural transport and the £10 extra on the Police precept. HC to contact Police Commissioner for clarification. MR agreed to some more comprehensive notes from this meeting to share with the Council.	<b>Mark Roberts</b>  <b>Agenda next meeting?</b>  <b>HC</b>
21.51	<b>Apologies</b> were received from Cllr Diane James and Cllr Andrew Fry.	
21.52	<b>Declaration of Interests:</b> None	
21.53	<b>Minutes of November Meeting</b> – These were unanimously agreed as correct. Pro CH, sec JP and signed by the Chairman	
21.54	<b>Matters arising that are not covered by the agenda:</b> None.	
21.55	<p><b>Gigabit Report.</b> <i>Tony Mallett informed the meeting that he had received <b>53 (now 79)</b> expressions of interest from owners of properties interested in the voucher scheme, up from 20 at the time of the Gigabit meeting. He thought additional properties would need to sign-up for the application to succeed but could not put a number on this. It was his intention to submit the application at the end of the month.</i></p> <p><i>Since the meeting he had used a price comparison website to compare the cost of fibre and conventional superfast broadband in two Shipton post codes. Although this covered only a limited number of suppliers, it suggested that the cost of both options was quite comparable.</i></p> <p><i>Finally, he commented that it was unclear how broadband would be delivered in future if the application was unsuccessful as the village postcode was currently not included in Openreach plans to introduce fibre when the copper-based telephone system was "retired" from 2025 onwards.</i></p> <p>It was confirmed that the Council would, in principle, sign the business contract when all had been agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked Tony for his report and the hard work put in towards organising the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January.</p>	<b>All councillors to continue to encourage parishioners to commit to the Gigabit Voucher Scheme</b>
21.56	<p><b>Chairman's Report</b></p> <p>May I start by wishing everyone a very Happy New Year. I'm sure we all hope that it will be a fresh start and a better year for everyone!</p> <p>I have had various discussions with Tony Mallett regarding the Gigabit Meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup>, which of course will be before our meeting, and Tony will be giving a brief report on it at the meeting. As discussed, we printed flyers about the meeting, and these were kindly inserted in the Bride Valley News by Linda and Eddie Buck and I would like to thank them for doing this for us. We also</p>	

Signed.....Chair.....Date.....

	<p>printed some extra copies that Tony either delivered or emailed to second home and holiday homeowners. The meeting was also promoted on the village Facebook Page and via the community email group – so everyone should have seen notice of the meeting.</p> <p>I have met with the clerk twice to consider the agenda for this meeting and also the RFO to finalise the precept.</p> <p>I have made the amendments to the Code of Conduct that we discussed in November, and this will be ready for approval and signature at the meeting.</p> <p>The deadline for articles to go into the February <b>Bride Valley News</b> was Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January, so as our meeting has been put back to the 19<sup>th</sup> I did a brief few paragraphs, mainly about litter, for this edition. Any items from our January meeting or anything else the council think should be circulated will go into the March edition.</p>	
21.57	<p><b>Clerk's Report</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. Continued to forward/delete many emails as appropriate. Update Computer.</i></li> <li><b><i>2. Any thoughts on new Councillors? We really do need some more councillors to help spread the load.....</i></b></li> <li><i>3. Continued thanks to Cllr Cunningham who checks defibrillator and various newsletters.</i></li> <li><i>4. Councillor Mark Roberts following up land for allotments from Dorset Council.</i></li> <li><i>5. DC Governance Review –With the agreement of the Leader of the Council, a report will be taken to a meeting Full Council on 14 December seeking agreement to an amendment to the Community Governance Review timetable as follows:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Draft recommendations to Full Council – 15 February 2022</i></li> <li><i>Public consultation on draft recommendations – 28 February 2022 to 23 May 2022 (12 weeks)</i></li> <li><i>Final recommendations to Full Council - 14 July 2022</i></li> </ul> <p>Initially it had been proposed to bring draft recommendations to Full Council on 14 December, but a significant number of submissions have been received and in order for the Working Group to consider these fully and undertake any necessary site visits and obtain further information, a short amendment to the timetable is considered appropriate. As any changes to governance arrangements agreed by Full Council will not take effect until the next scheduled elections in May 2024, it is not anticipated that this 3 month delay will cause any issues.</p> <p>A link to the Full Council report will be when the report is published.</p> </li> <li><i>6. Heart Foundation Training. Awaiting suggested dates from HC in 2022. New pads for defibrillator purchased Oct 2021.</i></li> </ol>	<b>Cllr MR</b>

	<p>7. <i>Clue Badge proposed Parking Charging Strategy report has been finalised and forwarded to councillors. Comments have been asked for from councillors.</i></p> <p>8. <i>There was one investigated vehicle crime in Shipton in September with no arrest.</i></p> <p>9. <i>I had sent reminder about the suitable surface for Port Lane to the Highways department also asking what and when it will be done. Tracking No 1168312 This road was considered for surface dressing, but it was pulled from the programme due to the further deterioration of the road. I have forwarded this road to be considered for next year's programme of resurfacing. This will be dependent on the budget that we are given which has not been confirmed as yet. We will continue to monitor the road for safety defects. However, if defects do occur, please report these on Dorset for You.</i></p> <p>10. <i>Footpath signs. These have now been received by Wally Axford.</i></p> <p>11. <i>Projector borrowed from Puncknowle PC for Gigabit Meeting on 12 January. Letter of thanks to be sent.</i></p>																										
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21.59	<p><b>To consider final Budget/Precept for 2022/23.</b> RFO Cllr C Huxtable went through the final Precept. It was discussed and agreed to reduce the Climate Group to £100.00 to bring the precept in line with the last years. All present unanimously agreed. Pro CH and sec HC.</p>																										
21.60	<p><b>NALC draft Code of Conduct.</b> The three changes suggested at the last meeting had been approved by the Monitoring Officer. MB to amend document and clerk to send copy to all councillors and put copy on website</p>	<p><b>Cllr M Boughton/ Clerk</b></p>																									
21.61	<p><b>Village Appraisal</b> – work still in progress.</p>	<p><b>Cllr MB/CHewlett</b></p>																									
21.62	<p><b>Date for Great British Spring Clean</b> – Agreed Shipton would organise their spring clean for 9<sup>th</sup> April. Clerk to set up usual arrangements. MB to put in BVN in March and again in April.</p>	<p><b>Clerk/MB</b></p>																									
21.63	<p><b>Comments on consultation re Blue Badge Scheme</b> – there were none to report.</p>																										
21.64	<p><b>Queens Green Canopy and Beacon for Jubilee 2022.</b> AF has ordered 135 trees. English Oak, Silver Birch and Wild Cherry. AF to collect during February. Arrangements for planting to be arranged and there had been several volunteers to plant trees on their land. Thanks recorded in AF's absence?</p>	<p><b>AF Clerk MB</b></p>																									

	Chairman explained the various options for a beacon to commemorate the event and after some discussion it was agreed that the option of a beacon on Shipton Hill would be too complicated and difficult and that the alternative suggestion of a gas beacon on the church tower be pursued. This was agreed as a better option as it could be combined with a community event to commemorate the jubilee that the whole village could get involved with. MB would pursue this with the rector of St Martin's and the other village organisations. It was agreed that a gas beacon be purchased using funds from the council's reserves at a cost of £490+VAT. Should the church tower not be viable then it was felt that other suitable sites might be found. Noted that the beacon could also be used for any future similar events.																										
21.65	<b>To set/confirm date of Parish Assembly</b> - It was unanimously agreed 27 <sup>th</sup> April. Usual arrangements	<b>CH/DB</b>																									
21.66	<b>Proposed dates for 2022.</b> 9 <sup>th</sup> March, 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 13 <sup>th</sup> July, 14 <sup>th</sup> September, 9 <sup>th</sup> November and 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>Clerk to book hall</b>																									
21.67	<p><b>Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Website/Gallery</b></p> <p><i>Website: DB and MB had a brief 'informal subcommittee' chat about the website at the end of last year (venue = Burbitt Lane!). We tentatively decided that we would continue the current relationship with ICT in Exeter, as DB is planning to work with them to develop a website of his own, and as part of that process learn more about the technical aspects of site maintenance and updating, which can then be used for the benefit of the Shipton Gorge website. We can review this stance in the 19.1.22 SGPC meeting as required.</i></p> <p><i>Gallery: Various options now exist for source of images that could be used for the front page of the website. These images could cycle on a periodic basis, from a gallery of images that are made available on a dedicated page of the website. Some discussion required about which images to use for this, bearing in mind some sensitivities and potential conflicts of interest with 'ownership' and other uses of images. A brief discussion about this at the PC meeting would be useful.</i></p> <p>Discussed and DB will progress getting gallery started and on the website.</p> <p><b>Playing field:</b> No report. MB still to contact Townsends. MB reported that the refuse bin the field hadn't been emptied for over a month which JP would look into.</p> <p><b>Resilience:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Highways:</b> Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Planning:</b></p> <table><tr><th>Application Reference</th><th>Location</th><th>Reason</th><th>Council view</th><th>Dorset Council Decision</th></tr><tr><td>WD/D/20/002078</td><td>Off Milvers Lane</td><td>Erection agricultural dwelling</td><td>Supported with access reservation</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>WD/D/21/000018</td><td>Land near Brook Cottage</td><td>Use of land for caravan, holiday usage</td><td>Supported</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>WD/NOTP/2021/00736</td><td>Penfold</td><td>Notification of demolition</td><td></td><td>Decision given</td></tr><tr><td>P/HOU/2021/01234</td><td>The Croft</td><td>Rear and side extension</td><td>Supported</td><td>Granted</td></tr></table>	Application Reference	Location	Reason	Council view	Dorset Council Decision	WD/D/20/002078	Off Milvers Lane	Erection agricultural dwelling	Supported with access reservation		WD/D/21/000018	Land near Brook Cottage	Use of land for caravan, holiday usage	Supported		WD/NOTP/2021/00736	Penfold	Notification of demolition		Decision given	P/HOU/2021/01234	The Croft	Rear and side extension	Supported	Granted	<div><b>DB</b></div> <div><b>MB</b></div>
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P/FUL/2021/01961	Lynch Farm	Replacement agricultural building	Supported	Granted
P/CLP/2021/02270	7 Rosamond Ave	Rear extension, conversion of garage	Supported	Granted
P/LBC/2021/02475 and 6	2 Port Lane Cottage	Replace conservatory roof	Supported	Granted
P/HOU/2021/02475	2 Port Lane Cottage	Replace Perspex with slates to match conservatory roof	Supported	Granted

#### **Rights of Way – Wally Axford**

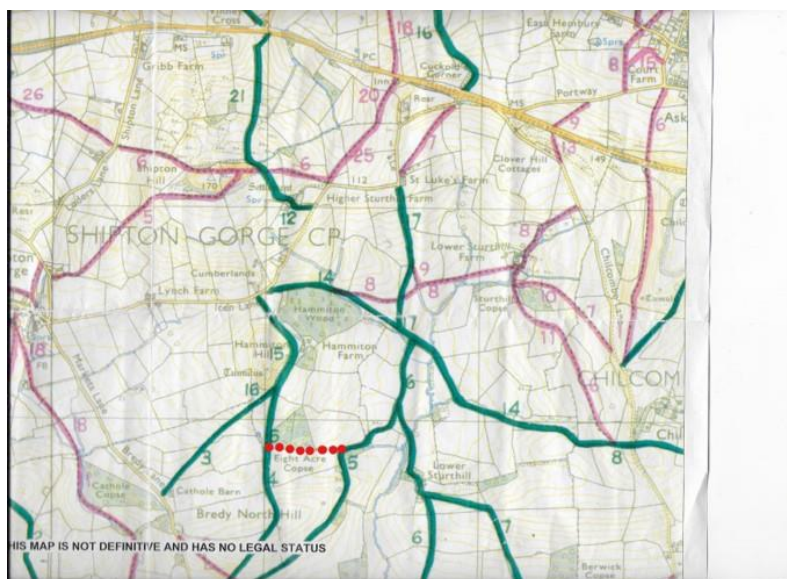
No progress on issue of Milvers Lane in last report.

I have had a number of 'concerns' from walkers regarding the boundary of Eight Acre Copse, south of Hammiton Farm. Apparently, they have assumed there is a footpath between bridleways 4 and 5 running along the southern boundary of the copse (see red dots on the attached map).

There is no public access along this edge (the Dorset For You interactive map confirms this), and this may explain why the landowner sometimes gets a little annoyed! I think the confusion arises because it is the route of the Parish boundary and Ordnance Survey maps show it as a dotted line!

I have given the landowner some bridleway signs to help clarify matters.

If anyone knows of signs that need replacing, please let me know.



**Defibrillator:** this has been checked regularly. Another set of pads will be needed in Feb 2022.

	Meeting ended at 21.45	
	Dates of next meetings: 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Council Meeting, 9 <sup>th</sup> April – Litter Pick, 27 <sup>th</sup> April – Parish Assembly	