

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday 11th May 2022

Open Forum – No issues raised by parishioners

Item		Action																										
21.86	<p>Present: Cllrs Mary Boughton, Chair (MB), Hilary Cunningham (HC), Christine Huxtable (CH), Diane James (DJ), David Bass(DB) and John Porter(JP). Dorset Councillor Mark Roberts (MR) The Clerk was absent.</p>																											
21.87	<p>Allan Evans and Eleanor Evans were duly co-opted as Parish Councillors and welcomed to the Council by the Chair.</p>																											
21.88	<p>Councillor Mark Roberts (MR) reported the following items of interest: Dorset Council applied for additional funding from Central Government and have been allocated an extra £10million. SEN needs – this budget is overspent by £67million and has been offered £47million by Government, i.e. 2/3s of debt written off. New SEN provision in Sherborne will give a welcomed increase in suitable capacity. Dorset gets no rates support grant, but hopefully this will change after discussion with Minister. Housing supply – need a robust 5-year plan. It is accepted that villages cannot sustain hundreds of new houses. Dorset Farming estate – 42 farms.</p> <p>Issue raised by councillor – As Dorset Council has declared a Climate and Ecological emergency why are plastic notices used and secondly frequently left after road works etc. The plastic notices that were placed after Boscombe Lane was resurfaced have never been collected.</p>	MR																										
21.89	<p>Apologies for Absence: Clerk to the Council, Paula Biss Councillor Andrew Fry</p>																											
21.90	<p>The following were appointed to positions of responsibility:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="360 1312 1026 1877"> <tbody> <tr> <td>Chair</td> <td>Mary Boughton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vice Chair</td> <td>Hilary Cunningham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Financial Responsible Officer</td> <td>Christine Huxtable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BLAP</td> <td>Mary Boughton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>DAPTC</td> <td>Vacant</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Highways</td> <td>Eleanor Evans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning</td> <td>Hilary Cunningham</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playing Field</td> <td>John Porter Deputy - Allan Evans</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Playing Field Committee</td> <td>Allan Evans, Diane James, Andrew Fry</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Resilience</td> <td>Mary Boughton</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Footpaths</td> <td>Wally Axford</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Website Co-ordinator</td> <td>David Bass</td> </tr> <tr> <td>WATAG representative</td> <td>Vacant</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Chair	Mary Boughton	Vice Chair	Hilary Cunningham	Financial Responsible Officer	Christine Huxtable	BLAP	Mary Boughton	DAPTC	Vacant	Highways	Eleanor Evans	Planning	Hilary Cunningham	Playing Field	John Porter Deputy - Allan Evans	Playing Field Committee	Allan Evans, Diane James, Andrew Fry	Resilience	Mary Boughton	Footpaths	Wally Axford	Website Co-ordinator	David Bass	WATAG representative	Vacant	
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21.91	<p>There were no declarations of Interest.</p>																											
21.92	<p>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 March 2022 were signed by HC as a correct record of the proceedings. Proposed by CH, seconded by DJ.</p>																											

21.93	<p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>a. GIGABIT Application</p> <p>Tony Mallet informed the Council that an initial estimate of £322,000 has been received from Openreach to bring FFTP (fibre to the premises) to Shipton Gorge. This reflects the amount of engineering work (including road closures and trench digging) needed to run fibre optic cable to all properties in all parts of the village *. Openreach estimates Shipton comprises 186 premises, giving a cost of around £1,700 per property. However, given that only 80 expressions of interest have been received from the village, this works out at around £4,000 per household - way above the level of funding offered under the government's voucher scheme. The company is re-examining these figures, which are valid until 10th June, but as of 28th April no revision was available. As Openreach has stopped accepting new community applications (- due to a high number of community applications) it is not clear what will happen after that date. I am trying to get more information on this. (* Apparently it was not known by Openreach that FFTP was available already in two village locations: DT6 4NJ – St Catherine's area; DT6 4PP – Icen Lane. It should be noted that Burton Bradstock application was oversubscribed.</p> <p>b. Housing Needs – none reported following request in BVN.</p> <p>c. Letter to the MP regarding the lack of mobile phone reception in a large area of the village – still to be done. Mobile phone suppliers state that we should receive good connectivity as there is a mast on the north side of the A35, but this is not the case.</p>	MB & Clerk
21.94	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Litter Pick Day in April was very well supported as usual with many people turning out to help clean and tidy the village. It is encouraging to see how many people want to help to keep our village looking good! Thanks to them have been put into the Bride Valley News.</p> <p>You may have seen that this month is now also known as "No Mow May" with many open spaces up and down the country being left unmown to allow wild flowers to bloom and attract pollinators. In support of this the Orchard is not being mown this month. As the Village Green is normally mown at the same time, it also will be left during May. It will be interesting to see what flowers come up as a result. I hope that the Council is supportive of us taking part in this initiative.</p> <p>The Playing Field will continue to be mown as normal because as a play area it needs to be kept tidy and suitable for play. It will be having a special tidy-up at the end of the month ready for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>I have spent a great deal of time in the past few weeks on things to do with the village's event for the Queen's Jubilee, and particularly to do with the Jubilee Beacon, which has now arrived and is being kept and tested by John Porter. There is an agenda item regarding the proposals for it that will be considered and discussed at the meeting.</p>	
21.95	<p>Clerks Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continued to forward/delete many emails as appropriate. Updating Computer. 2. Councillor Mark Roberts to send comprehensive notes on bringing councils together and follow up request for any land available for allotments from Dorset Council. 3. Heart Foundation Training. Awaiting suggested dates from HC in Autumn 2022. New pads for defibrillator purchased Oct 2021 and Feb 2022. 4. Letter of thanks sent to Mrs West for the donation of the young oak tree which has been planted on the triangle at the end of Bonscombe Lane. 5. I need to update the Village Contacts List – I will bring present list to meeting and pass around for any alterations you are aware of please. 6. I also confirm I will be resigning my post as Clerk before the council elections in 2024. 	
21.96	<p>Finance report</p> <p>CH presented the bank balances 2021/22, the bank reconciliation 2021-22 the current account breakdown and end of year 2021-22 report.</p>	

	<p>Acceptance of Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021/22 Form 2 was proposed by AE and seconded by EE. It was approved unanimously.</p> <p>Cheques.</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>1032</td> <td>03/04/2022</td> <td></td> <td>Derek Smith</td> <td>170.00</td> <td>Mowing March</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1033</td> <td>03/04/2022</td> <td></td> <td>Bridport Town Council</td> <td>39.00</td> <td>contribution</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1034</td> <td>14/04/2022</td> <td></td> <td>21CC Group</td> <td>588.00</td> <td>Jubilee Beacon</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1035</td> <td>cancelled</td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>1036</td> <td>14/04/2022</td> <td></td> <td>P Biss</td> <td>93.70</td> <td>March expenses + D</td> </tr> <tr> <td>D/D</td> <td>15/04/2022</td> <td></td> <td>ICO</td> <td>35.00</td> <td>Subs Data Protectio</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1037</td> <td>03/05/2022</td> <td></td> <td>Derek Smith</td> <td>170.00</td> <td>April Mowing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1038</td> <td>05/05/2022</td> <td></td> <td>C Huxtable</td> <td>93.18</td> <td>Village Assembly</td> </tr> </table> <p>The above cheques were unanimously agreed and were proposed by HC and seconded by DJ</p>	1032	03/04/2022		Derek Smith	170.00	Mowing March	1033	03/04/2022		Bridport Town Council	39.00	contribution	1034	14/04/2022		21CC Group	588.00	Jubilee Beacon	1035	cancelled					1036	14/04/2022		P Biss	93.70	March expenses + D	D/D	15/04/2022		ICO	35.00	Subs Data Protectio	1037	03/05/2022		Derek Smith	170.00	April Mowing	1038	05/05/2022		C Huxtable	93.18	Village Assembly	
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21.97	<p>Use of Playing Field for Jubilee event on 2 June.</p> <p>Village Society requested use of playing field and this was agreed. The Council will need a copy of the Village Society's public liability insurance.</p>	MB																																																
21.98	<p>Queen's Green Canopy Update – full report not available as AF not present. All 145 saplings from NFU have been planted.</p>	AF																																																
21.99	<p>Jubilee Beacon</p> <p>Gas canister – only one canister promised from parishioner. It was decided to purchase two canisters. Proposed by DB: seconded CH. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Placement of beacon. Both our and the church's insurers have been contacted and have no objections. Risk assessment guidance received, and risk assessment completed. All councillors accepted the Risk Assessment and thanked MB for arranging its completion. It was noted that the 2m distance required is complied with on the tower roof.</p> <p>Volunteers are being sought to carry the equipment up the church tower.</p>	JP																																																
22.00	<p>Parish Assembly went well with much debate and produced a project to check all the Rights of Ways (ROW) in the Parish. There are some anomalies such as a bridle way that goes nowhere due to the change of alignment of the A35. Wally Axford has maps of all ROW and parishioners will be asked to walk all these routes via the BVN. The walkers will be encouraged to take photos for the website. The maps will be held by CH and DJ and given to parishioners on request.</p>																																																	
22.01	<p>Defibrillator Training. It was agreed that we need trainers to do this. 2 sessions are required. Suggested date – Oct 2022</p>	B /F																																																
22.02	<p>Village appraisal – covered in Chairs report</p>																																																	
22.03	<p>Reports:</p> <p>Website/Gallery – Village archive kept by Sally Parker on laptop. Need to select images for our website. Storage – DAPTC has access to cloud storage which is thought to be cost effective. DB to investigate.</p> <p>Climate Action Group – No report</p> <p>Playing Field – Roundabout bearings are getting worse. Large goal post is rusty – need to cost replacement. Small goal posts – one requires new net at a cost of £20. Proposed by CH and seconded BD. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Swings – one swing seat has been removed as it fell apart. Swing stanchions are rusty at the top corner and bottom. To check costing of replacement swings.</p> <p>ROSPA annual check is due shortly.</p> <p>Resilience – No report</p>	<p>DB</p> <p>JP</p> <p>JP</p>																																																

	<p>Highways – Drains blocked especially in Barr and Smacombe Lanes. To contact Dorset Council for clearance. MR to assist.</p> <p>Planning - planning application P/HOU/2022/02205 Proposal: Formation of a parking space, demolish existing porch and erect replacement porch with a flat roof to continue over the existing bay window. Demolish existing sunroom and erect single storey rear extension. Form raised terrace and steps. Remove existing shed and erect a garden room. Form new circular gable end window to North West Elevation. Location: 5 Gullivers Orchard, Shipton Gorge. This was supported by the Parish Council out of committee.</p> <p>Rights of Way – covered in 22.00</p> <p>Telephone Kiosk Book Exchange – Books were being placed on floor which is a potential H&S issue. Notices will be displayed stating that no books should be left on the floor and the kiosk will be checked regularly.</p>	DJ
Meeting ended: 21.30 Next Meeting 13 July 2022		