

SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY 8TH September 2004

Open Forum:

No topics were raised

Present:

Cllrs. Richard Hewlett, Mary Boughton, Robert Langran, Robert Cornish, Charles Errington, Brian Lavelle, Gillian Maxfield, John Epplestone and David Smith

In attendance:

County Councillor Ron Coatsworth (part time), District Councillor Mark Parsons (part time) and three parishioners.

212. Apologies:

District Councillor Mark Parsons sent his apologies, since he would be delayed due to a clash of meeting with Burton Bradstock PC. Clerk was asked to write to the Burton Bradstock Clerk giving him our meeting dates and asking again that they do not have meetings on the same day as Shipton Gorge PC.

213 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last PC meeting (14th July) were approved and duly signed by the chairman.

214 Clerk's Report

1. Audit Annual Return has been approved with no comments. The Clerk asked that the Annual Return be approved by the Council. The Council approved the Annual Audit unanimously.
2. Quotation for £1151 ex vat to supply electricity to the playing field has been received. MB asked for a copy for her files.
3. Update has been given about the facilities at the playing field to National Playing Fields.
4. Salaries for Clerks has been agreed at Government level for this financial year and next. (The level set is within the provision allocated in the precept.)
5. Questionnaires have been placed on the notice boards and at the New Inn relating to bus service/ring and ride.
6. A risk assessment has been started and will be distributed before the next meeting

215 Matters Arising

1. Margaret Fisher is the LEA governor for Burton Bradstock School.
2. There has been a notice put out, by the Village Society, with the BVN reference the New Inn. Suggestions are requested from Parishioners on how to make the pub more viable. It is not known whether the current landlord is prepared to stay on. A meeting between the landlord, Tim Woodrow of Palmers, Ed Buck representing the Village Society and Richard Hewlett representing the Parish Council is planned for the 14th of September.
3. RC had asked for a key to the Village Hall. RH stated there was already concern on the number of keys and asked that RC borrow a key when required from Jo Warren or John Bredemear.

4. BL had discussed with Blair Turner the poor performance of the PMU. Blair had replied and stated that other priorities had intervened. Councillor Ron Coatsworth again offered to take the matter up since generally the PMUs are considered successful but the Bride Valley seems to have got a poor service. **BL** to copy correspondence and list of tasks sent to Blair Turner for Councillor Coatsworth.
5. RH stated that we have had a complaint from Richard Stubbs reference lack of progress on the 30mph signs for the village. Letters will go out in the next two weeks relating to positioning of the signs. Action **RH**
6. CE had found the Parish Council's comments on the Local Plan. He had established that the comments had in essence been incorporated in the draft plan. There is therefore no need for the PC to attend the public inquiry.

216. Parish Plan

No progress had been made since the last meeting due to pressure of work. The Dorset Strategic Partnership has allocated some funding for Parish Plans. Village Design Statements (VDS) are being phased out and Parish Councils are being encouraged to incorporate them into their Parish Plans. It was agreed that the Lodgers' VDS could be used as a template. Action **RH** to arrange a meeting to progress the Parish Plan.

217. Port Lane/Shipton Lane Junction

BL stated he had several near misses at this junction and believes a mirror would assist visibility. He has asked the Highways Department on the possibility of providing a mirror. They have stated it is against their policy since at night they can cause a hazard. However BL was advised that if the County Councillor were to give his support the request would be looked upon more favourably. Ron Coatsworth agreed to look into the possibility of getting a mirror at the junction.

218. Bonfire Night

The Village Society has enquired whether the Parish Council is going to organise a bonfire/firework party this year. The Clerk stated he had contacted the insurers and that their conditions were the same as last year. It was unanimously agreed that such a party would be organised by the PC. Councillors RH, CE and DS offered to organise the event again.

219 Request for funding "Ring and Ride"

RH read a letter from Bob Driscoll asking for funding to ensure the "ring and ride service" continues. It was agreed that the PC fully supports this initiative but any funding can only be established later in the year. Clerk to write to Bob Driscoll.

220. Reports.

Planning

1. Application No. 1/W/04/000763 – Home Cottage, Brook Street. - The WDDC Development Control West Committee considered this latest application on the 15 July 2004. The application was refused. The applicant has subsequently appealed against this decision (Appeal lodged on 19 August 2004). The PC authorised BC to send a letter he has written to the inspector with some comments incorporated if he considered appropriate.

2. Application No. 1/W/04/000914 – 14 Rockway. - Erect garage extension. Approval was granted on 15 July 2004.

3. Application No. 1/W/04/001044 – 1 Peas Hill. – Erect two-storey extension and modify existing vehicular access.

Application withdrawn by applicant on 02 August 2004.

4. Application No. 1/W/04/001146 – Field North of Bucklers Bid, Shipton Lane. –

Erect barn for use as stables, and ménage. Modify existing vehicular access. –

Application refused by WDDC on 12 August 2004.

5. Application No. 1/W/04/001167 – The Nook, Chapel Street. – Renewal of

1/W/1999/0599 – demolish extension and erect new extension.

A planning committee/public meeting took place on 14 July 2004 to consider the above application. It was agreed that due to insufficient details/plans being available on the night, a site meeting would be arranged at a later date once full details had been obtained. The site meeting was held on the 23 July and the committee were happy to recommend renewal of the application.

Approval was subsequently granted on the 06 August 2004.

6. Application No. 1/W/04/001553 – 1 Peas Hill. - Erect two-storey extension and adjust existing vehicular access.

A planning committee/public meeting took place on 08 September 2004 to consider the above application and recommended approval.

General Finance

A spreadsheet of the 2004/2005 accounts was tabled.

New cheques issued since the last meeting are: -

CHEQUE No	RECIPIENT	AMMOUNT
362	OHE Horticulture	£305
363	Mystic Signs	£20.46
364	Travis Perkins	£106.80
365	M Boughton (m/day)	£16.37
366	HLB AV Audit	£58.75
367	The Decorator Centre	£119.43

The clerk pointed out that once £450 had been transferred to the replacement equipment account and Grayham had been paid there was only £75 remaining in the funds allocated to the playing field.

Playing Field

1. Maintenance Day- This proved to be a real community effort with around 30 people and lots of children attending. As a result of everyone's efforts the seats, slide, basketball post and hoops were all painted. The roundabout was partially dismantled and some painting completed. A general tidy up of the paths and other areas of the field was completed. MB has placed a notice in the BVN thanking all those who took part.
2. Memorial Trees- Matthew Thompson's son David recently visited the field to view his father's tree and plaque. At the time the plaque was missing and subsequently his mother has sent £30 for a new plaque. The memorial plaque for Matthew Thompson has now been found with the help of a metal detector. The money will be used towards refurbishing the plaque. The tree for Ralph Mansell has been identified but the plaque does require refurbishment. The third tree is believed to be for a Mrs Smith. Grayham may have further information on Mrs Smith.

3. Maintenance General- Due to Grayham Rosamond's work the field looks better now than it has for many years. His work is greatly appreciated. A new trimmer has been purchased. **Clerk** to ensure it is covered by insurance. Grayham has made a jig for making new sections of the roundabout. District Councillor Mark Parsons was thanked for donating a basketball hoop.
4. Football "Little Court" Garden- The problem of children and adults going into Little Court garden without permission persists despite new notices been put up. Mrs Hunt has written to RH. **RH** agreed to set up a meeting with the Hunts. MB stated the provision of a five-a-side goal would be considered when the playing field budget is discussed in October.
5. King George's Field Information- MB passed around copies of a document from National Playing Fields about King George Fields. Clerk would place a copy in the archives

DAPTC

JE gave a spirited account of the last two DAPTC meeting he attended.

Rights of Way

RL stated that the new markings for the altered rights of way near Sturthill Farm should be in place but he has not checked them.

Village Hall

RH reported that a jumble sale would take place on Saturday 9th October. It is hoped to visit each household beforehand for jumble. A one-man show on travelling through South America is taking place on 13th October. Other events will be advertised soon.

Highways

Recently a tree, having been hit by farm machinery, came down at Innsacre. BL asked that any blockages of drains be reported to him.

Village Website

The Village Society update for the website is outstanding. MB passed to the Clerk a draft history of St Martins for the secretary of the PCC to update.

221. Correspondence

MB requested some correspondence. RH stated he had a copy of the draft Licensing Policy

222. Dates of next Meetings

The next meeting will be on **10th November 2004**