

**SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
WEDNESDAY 10TH MARCH**

Open Forum:

Anne Thompson was concerned on the amount of debris on the roads and asked what could be done. RH stated that the question was opportune since the new Highways Maintenance Units will be discussed later in the meeting. Pamela Graham asked for a copy of the council members. **Clerk** to action.

Present:

Cllrs. Richard Hewlett (chair), Mary Boughton, Robert Cornish, Charles Errington, Robert Langran, Brian Lavelle, Gillian Maxfield, David Smith

In attendance:

County Councillor Ron Coatsworth, District Councillor Mark Parsons, Frank Rogers (Homewatch), Sue Anders (Community Partnership Development Officer), +3

165. Apologies:

John Epplestone

166. Minutes of last meeting-14th January:

These were agreed by the council and duly signed by the chairman subject to Para 154 item 2 being clarified to read that BT pay Mrs Mitchell wayleave BT did not state Mrs Mitchell owns the land. **Clerk** to amend minutes.

167. Clerk's Report

1. Playing Field fence and door have been done. Frame to be sealed by Grayham Rosamond under private agreement with John Bright.
2. John Bright has been paid
3. Insurers have paid for door less VAT and excess
4. Insurers have agreed security measures. Door plus two iron bars. Excess will then revert to £75.
5. The Forge in Bridport have completed all the piece parts for the bars but the unavailability of a portable welder has put installation back to late next week at the earliest.
6. Mower is available to be delivered next week.
7. All agreed charities have been paid
8. Criminal Record Bureau check on Grayham Rosamond has been sent off. Cost £41 not £15 as stated at last meeting.
9. Letter to Mr Mitchell has been sent stating the Parish Council are making their own investigations
10. VAT to be recovered as soon as the mower invoice is received. If there are any bills that carry VAT could the clerk have them ASAP.
11. Letter written stating Councillor Brian Lavelle is focal point for the Maintenance Units for Shipton.

Matters Arising

RH stated that although it was not an agenda item the vacant governor position should be addressed. CE and GM had expressed interest at the last meeting but both had decided not to take it further. It was decided that the position should be advertised in the BVN and on the notice boards. **RH** to contact Mike Southgate outlining the situation. (Post meeting note: Margaret Fisher (retired teacher) approached RH after

the meeting and expressed an interest in the vacancy. Mike Southgate has since discussed the vacancy with Margaret and her interest is being progressed.) RH stated the Village Hall Committee are happy with the maps being put on the hall walls but would want to see them before giving final approval. RH stated the stones outside Periwinkle will be removed once the wall is repaired. No progress had been made on the 30mph limit. There have been a few instances lately where a Burton Bradstock meeting clashes with the Shipton PC meeting. **Clerk** to contact Burton clerk in order to minimise such clashes.

168. Parish Plan

The **Clerk** to write letters to interested parties.

169. Village Website

The new website is now live. More information is required such as old photographs and stories. The heading for Shipton Gorge in the BVN should carry the web site address. **MB** to action. **Clerk** to add the website address on all letters.

170. DCC Highways Maintenance Units update

BL stated that he had had a very useful meeting with Blair Turner, with the clerk in attendance, on the scope of the units. There was obvious confusion as to why the overhanging trees in Cuckoo Lane/Chapel Street are of concern to the DCC. Councillor Parsons offered to investigate. BL stated that the Council would scrape Icen Lane in order to attempt to clear some of the mud.

171. Code of Conduct Registration of Interests

The clerk stated that correspondence had arrived stating that if a Councillor was a Freemason or a member of a political party then they should register their interest. County Councillor Coatsworth stated the situation is more far reaching and also relates to charitable donations. The **Clerk** undertook to talk to Alan Muir (WDDC Legal Services Manager)

172 Reports

Planning

Application No. 1/W/03/001633 – Bonscombe Farm. Application is still undetermined.

Application No. 1/W/03/002056 – St Lukes Farm. Approved 16 January 2004.

Application No. 1/W/03/002475 – Home Cottage, Brook Street. Application withdrawn.

Application No. 1/W/04/000335 – Home Cottage, Brook Street. New application to erect a two storey extension. Neighbours (Part time) either side of Home Cottage have been contacted and informed of these latest plans. Committee/Public meeting organised for 17th March to discuss this application. PC to respond to WDDC by 26 March 2004.

Application No. 1/W/04/000323 – Dairy house, Shipton Road. New application to make alterations to convert redundant farm buildings into four units of holiday accommodation.

Construct new vehicular access. Committee/Public meeting organised for 10th March to discuss this application. PC respond to WDDC by 26 March 2004.

Application No. 1/W/04/000054 – Wayside, Brook Street. Committee/public meeting held on 2nd March. Copy of PC reply to WDDC below.

‘The Shipton Gorge Parish Council Planning Committee have given careful consideration to the revised plans submitted for ‘Wayside’ and after lengthy discussions make the following comments:

1. It is felt that the minor alterations made to the plans, do not address the previous concerns made by the Parish Council or those made by the WDDC in their refusal. As such it remains contrary to Policies SP1, L1,CD1 and CD5 of the West Dorset Local Plan adopted 06/11/1998.
2. The committee were divided over the plans, mainly due to the prominence and overall mass of the proposed building. Some members remained adamant that permission should not be granted, with emphasis on its location within a Conservation Area.
3. The majority did agree that the proposed development was over fussy and not in keeping with the main residence. However, following further deliberations, including discussion with Christopher Fearn, the agent acting for the applicant, it was agreed that if the Dormer window was deleted from the plans, doing away with a window altogether on the west elevation, and the first floor level brought down to 9.80m (the level of the existing garage) from the proposed 10.7m, the overall impact of the building would be further reduced, thereby having a lesser impact on the area in question.
4. Appropriate landscaping of the site would be essential to ensure any development blended suitably into the surrounds.
5. There were concerns that at a later date an application could be submitted for a change of use of the premise, to that of an accommodation annex to the main residence. The committee would be totally against any such move.
6. The final decision on this application must rest with the WDDC.

It was observed that Site Sections Drawing No. 3746/2 is incorrect. Section B – B, shows the garage as single storey as per the original proposal. If drawn for the latest proposal it would show the true scale of the front elevation’.

Revised plans for Wayside had just been received and it was agreed that the revised plans would be discussed on the 17th March

Finance General

Ten cheques have been raised and signed since the last meeting: -

CHEQUE N ^o	RECIPIENT	AMOUNT
000339	J A Fisher (clerks wages)	£475.06
000340	PCC of Shipton Gorge	£100
000341	Shipton Gorge Village Hall Trust	£150
000342	CAB Bridport	£25
000343	Air Ambulance Trust	£50
000344	BVN team Council	£25
000345	DDC (CRB check)	£15
000346	DDC (CRB check)	£26
000347	John Bright Fencing	£399.01
000348	John Bright Fencing	£719.79

The overall financial position is, given the money back from the insurers, that the PC will approximately break even over the 2003/2004 period.

Playing Field

Since the last meeting the post and rail fencing has been completed along the Shipton Road edge and this also has wire attached.

Sturdy new doors are now fitted to the shed. It is hoped the security bars can be fitted soon. At the same time welding repairs to the climbing frame and a modification to the gate latch will be carried out. £220 is estimated for this work.

Additional security measures are being considered such as an alarm, which should cost about £50.

Western Power has been approached for a quotation for getting a power supply to the shed.

It is important that the mower is delivered as soon as possible so that Grayham can get the first cut done before it gets out of hand.

The first service for the mower has been negotiated for free, saving about £125.

The Charity Commission Annual Return has been completed.

RoSPA inspection is due soon.

There are additional pages for the playing field check book with enough sheets to the end of August.

DAPTC

BL attended a recent meeting where Gareth Jones gave a presentation on Dorset Rural Renaissance. He explained how to get grants, which BL thought was complicated. Grants of a minimum of £5000 are available but must be matched by the PC though it can be in kind.

Allowances were discussed at the DAPTC meeting. Shipton has no provision for allowances in their budget and historically Councillors have not claimed them.

Right of Way

RL had nothing to report. CE stated the Woodland Trust do annual safety checks but they will respond to problems if they are advised. Saunders Richardson Wood comes under the Woodland Trust.

Village Hall

RH stated the next event is on 24th March and would be Richard Derrington in "Shakespeare's Other Anne"

Highways

BL stated this was dealt with in item 170. Should there be any problems BL requested that he should be contacted.

173. Community Planning Partnership – Sue Anders (Community Partnership Development Officer)

Sue gave a brief outline of her role and the aims of the Partnership. She outlined the background of the partnership and explained her role was initially a three-year post. (Refer to letter Community Planning Partnership dated 15th January 2004.) RH stated that the Shipton Parish Plan is at an early stage and did not think it was worth the Councillors meeting with Sue until the plan had progressed more. He did think that the partnership was a useful resource in helping with some of the initiatives that the PC receives.

MB/CE to contact Sue with a meeting date. Sue asked that the meeting be before May.

Clerk to send Sue the Agenda for the next meeting

RH thanked Sue for her presentation.

174. Parish Meeting

It was agreed that the meeting would take place on 21st April. **Clerk** to write to PCC, VHT, Village Society, Homewatch, Head Teacher BB school and Bridport police inviting them to the meeting and asking if they would give a brief résumé of their activities during the last year.

Kerb side recycling, Jurassic Coast and Parish Plans were discussed as topics for the main speaker(s). **RH** to organise the speaker(s).

175 Correspondence

RH and CE asked if the correspondence log could be marked in such a way that it was obvious what mail had arrived since the last issue. **Clerk** to action. . The Clerk stated a letter had just been received from John Bredemear thanking the PC for their gift. The Clerk stated that due to the high level of correspondence he anticipated that the log would for the coming financial year be split into four volumes

176 Date of Next Meeting

WEDNESDAY 12TH May 2004

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