MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SHRIVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, SHRIVENHAM, ON MONDAY 7th APRIL 2008

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs C Dawson
Councillor Mrs S Day
Councillor C Holman
Councillor S Howell
Councillor Mrs P Mullin
Councillor P Saunders (Chairman)
Councillor Stuart Spencer
Councillor G Tidmarsh
Councillor B Watson

In attendance Mr D Pratt Clerk to the Council

APOLOGIES: Cllrs R Bartle, K Downton

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND REQUESTS:

A number of the public were present, principally to urge the Trust not to introduce the "dogs on leads" policy. Their main concerns were that the responsible dog owners were being penalised for the minority of careless dog owners. They believed that there was sufficient legislation in place to allow the Council to penalise offending dogwalkers and if the policy were adopted, who would police the Recreation Ground. They were also concerned with the amount of litter particularly syringes and broken glass around the football pitch. There was some criticism of the wording in the Parish Jottings, which did not emphasise all the reasons for introducing this policy. Members of the Council informed the petitioners that there had been a number of complaints concerning dog fouling and uncontrolled dogs. As this was an agenda item for the Trust, it would be discussed later on in the evening.

Marten's Road. Mr Jones again questioned Council at the progress of the re-surfacing work, pointing out that the Highways Department had promised to carry out the work in the last financial year. The Chairman assured Mr Jones that there was regular correspondence between the Council, County Councillor and the Highways Department, and that the Clerk would follow up this matter as soon as possible.

High Street. Councillors' attention was drawn to the seedy appearance of a number of business premises on the High Street. The Chairman replied that Council had been in correspondence with some of these businesses but had not received replies or seen any action. He instructed the Clerk to carry out a follow-up exercise.

Road surfacing. Mr McDonough brought members' attention to potholes on Swan Hill and the High Street.

Trees. Mr Gay was concerned at the number of trees recently felled in around the village. Whilst he understood that in many cases it was necessary, he urged that owners replant trees as soon as possible. He asked the Trust to retain the trees to the north of the chestnut avenue.

1511 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 3RD March were approved and signed subject to the following amendment:

Minute 1502: alter "cars were parke" to "cars were parked"

1512 MATTERS ARISING

1500/1484/1469/1467 High Street Tree: The tree surgeon had not been able to visit the village to carry out this work and the stumps on the chestnut avenue.

1500/1475 Greengrocer's Van: The Clerk informed the meeting that the District Council had issued a licence for three spaces.

1500/1486 Cyberbus The Chairman stated that a grant of approximately £4,000 had been made to the Cyberbus project from the District Council's West of Vale Committee.

1500/1495 Commemorative Boards Members agreed to hold this item over until such time as the Village Heritage Centre was up and running. The board would need to be large enough to accommodate the names of future chairmen.

1500/1496 Armed Forces Housing As Cllr Bartle was not present, this item was held over.

1500/1497 Tree Felling. Cllr Tidmarsh enquired whether in planning applications where trees were required to be felled a Planning condition could be placed for replacement trees. The Chairman was sure that in the right circumstances this condition would be acceptable.

1502 Banking Arrangements. The Clerk reported that the transfer was in hand but had not been enacted.

1503 Station Road Traffic. No reply from the Police concerning this pressing problem.

1506 Bus Shelter. The Clerk reported that there were limited grant funds available from the County Council or it may be possible to obtain a redundant bus shelter from Oxford City. A new officer at the Transport Department would shortly be in post and the matter would be progressed further.

1513 ACCOUNTS

The Accounts paid in February and for payment were approved with the addition of the following:

Shrivenham Fencing	March	Allotment Fence	£365.00	2592

and the deduction of cheque 2587 for HR Services.

1514 PRECEPT

On the proposition of Cllr Holman, seconded by Cllr Howell, it was resolved to confirm the precept figure for 2008/2009 as £43,000.

1515 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF COUNCIL

The Chairman had attended a meeting at the District Council Executive where the consortium of local villages had requested a concerted approach with the District Council planning officers. The Executive felt there was insufficient officer time to allow for a closer collaboration with the group and that the District Council was unable to support pressure groups.

1516 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman also reported that he had seen a copy of the flood plain plan as well as the map circulated to members of the proposed infrastructure. Cllr Howell requested that the Council obtain electronic copies to publish on the website. It was also proposed that the plans be displayed at a suitable location in the Hall.

1517 STAINSWICK LANE

A letter from Mr Webb concerning possible traffic congestion for the affordable housing site was read. The Clerk had copied the letter to Sovereign Housing and members were assured by Cllr Holman that the contractor, Messrs Leadbitters, had shown concern for residents in their previous developments. *Since the meeting, Leadbitters have confirmed that they will deal with any comments regarding parking and heavy traffic.*

1518 WRVS GRANT

Members felt unable to support this cause as it was not solely concerned with the welfare of the parish.

1519 PLANNING

The following were considered during March

20455	4 Beckett Stables, Northford	Fist floor accommodation over garage	No Objections
20360/1	Land adjoining 15 Manor close	Development	No objections

The following planning decisions were received:

3752/8-CA	Barrington Arms	Amendment for part demolition and extension work	PERMIT
3752/9	Barrington Arms	Demolish existing outbuildings and erect bedrooms, dining area and conversion of garage to form bedroom	PERMIT
4982/1	18 Chapelwick Close	Front and side extension	PERMIT

Members expressed concern at the development behind Cherry Bungalow, Station Road, but had been informed by the Planning authority that this was permitted development.

The appeal for the Pennyhooks Farmhouse development had failed at the meeting of 31st March.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1520 Street Cleaning Schedule

Members were shown a schedule for village street cleaning as supplied by the District Council. It was proposed that it be displayed on the Website and that parishioners be encouraged to inform Councillors if the schedule was not adhered to.

The meeting closed at 8.10