

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHRIVENHAM PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, SHRIVENHAM
ON MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2009**

PRESENT: Councillor Mr R Bartle
Councillor Mrs S Day
Councillor Mrs C Dawson
Councillor K Downton
Councillor S Howell
Councillor Mrs P Mullin
Councillor G Tidmarsh (Chairman)
Councillor B Watson

In attendance Mr D Pratt Clerk to the Council

APOLOGIES: Councillors P Saunders, S Spencer and C Holman

1824 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

1825 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on the 5th May 2009 were approved and signed.

1826 MATTERS ARISING

1808/1786/1767/1756/1747 Planning Matters Longcot Road. The Vale Enforcement Officer had investigated the matter and was of the opinion that no planning regulations had been breached. Some Councillors were concerned that cars parked close to the new entrance steps would prove a hazard to oncoming traffic negotiating the right angle bend. It was agreed that a response be sent requesting a view from the Highways Authority.

1786/1758/1752 Bugs Alley Lighting: No further communication.

1795 BUS SHELTER: In response to Council's request to change the Bus Shelter with the one opposite, the County replied that there were insufficient funds and that once the existing shelter had been reversed, the situation would be monitored .

1801 POT HOLES: Councillors were disappointed with the reply to their enquiry regarding the method for reporting and dealing with potholes. The Chairman proposed that the Highways Authority be asked for a repairs programme for the Village and Cllr Bartle was appalled at the state the High Street surface.

1812: GRANT FOR THE MEMORIAL HALL TRUST: Having spoken to the Charity Commission, Cllr Mrs Day clarified the position regarding the spending of the Trust's reserves. Only items classified as capital expenditure may be taken from the reserve thus, for example, work on the Hall roof was classed as repairs and maintenance and not capital expenditure.

At this point, the Chairman proposed that standing orders be suspended to allow CPSO Pack of Thames Valley Police to address Council.

1827: POLICE REPORT: The Faringdon Area Police team were formulating a response to the proposed re-siting of the Kebab Van. There had been a recent increase in theft of tools from allotments in Longcot and, the White Horse Nursery had experienced two separate instances of thieving. There were as yet no arrests with regard the recent burglary in Farleigh Road. Cllr Watson enquired whether there had been more House Burglaries in the area as his House Insurance had increased by 25% with the excuse that there had been an increase. The CPSO replied that whilst there were more Burglaries than she would like, it was still in single figures. The more likely

explanation was the SN post code. The Chairman thanked CPSO Pack for her attendance and for keeping Council informed.

1828: ACCOUNTS

The Accounts and payments for May were approved.

1829: ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2008/2009

The Clerk explained that the Accountant had wrongly credited the Trust's Staff pay as an income and an expense and following a discussion with the Internal Auditor that morning it had been agreed that the figures would be adjusted. In all other respects, the Accounts were correct and agreed by the Internal Auditor. Councillors unanimously gave approval for the Chairman and RFO to sign off the Accounts as and when the amended figures were made available.

1830: REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS ATTENDING MEETINGS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL

The Chairman had attended a meeting of the WVV Consortium regarding the Swindon Eastern Expansion. Whilst he was pleased to see the detail of the planned construction, there was a major weakness in the lack of detail with regard to transportation. In particular the vague indications of access points onto the A420. Cllr Bartle agreed and was disappointed that at the recent Bourton Exhibition, there had been no apparent improvement to the A 420

1831: KEBAB VAN: Council had received a letter from the Vale Licensing Officer requesting views on a request to site a Kebab Van on "Hazells Lane adjacent to Giottos Restraunt". Councillors were aware that Vale Officers had visited the area and that the favoured site was outside the Treatment rooms. Considerable opposition had been voiced from residents of the High Street and the Clerk was instructed to draft a response to include Council's wish not to allow street trading within 5 metres of a residential properties. Cllr Howell proposed a more positive response by indicating that the Council would have no objection to street trading outside the Village boundary, for example at the junction of Penny Hooks Lane and Faringdon Road.

1832: Meetings Calendar 2009/2010. The Calendar was approved with the following amendments where Bank Holidays exist.

Tuesday 6th April and Tuesday 4th May.

1833 AFFORDABLE HOUSING:

The date for the opening of Glebe Close was agreed as June 24th. 3pm at Glebe Close with afternoon tea at the Memorial Hall. The Bishop of Reading would be our guest and asked by the Chairman to formally open the development. Sovereign Housing to be asked whether they wish a representative to speak at the opening ceremony. The Clerk was instructed to contact Messrs Bloomfields to cater for the event. It was also suggested that a tree should be planted to commemorate the event and Council will seek Sovereign's views.

The Chairman brought Councillors attention to the remaining shared ownership three bed roomed house and on the proposition of Watson seconded by Cllr Downton it was unanimously **resolved: to** write to Sovereign approving the transfer of the house to the rented sector.

1834 POWER OF WELLBEING: An invitation to send representatives to a briefing session to learn about the "Power of Well being" at Carterton on Thursday 11th June had been received and Councillors, Bartle, Watson and Tidmarsh will attend.

1835 Village Plan Group Report: Cllr: Watson hoped that a draft would be ready for circulation at the end of June with a launch at the Village Fete. The survey results had been analysed and action plans formulated by the various groups. Consultation had commenced with ORCC and would shortly start with the District Council Cllr Howell proposed that the draft be presented at the July meeting with formal adoption in September.

1836 SWINDON EXPANSION: The Chairman reminded members that individuals were urged to respond to the proposals but asked Councillors to consider a response from this Council. Cllr Bartle was concerned about the effect on the underground streams in the village caused by additional rain run off from the proposed built development. Cllr Downton agreed particularly as the proposal was to develop right up to the A420. The Chairman was sure plans had been drawn up to provide flood water storage tanks as part to the development but Cllr Bartle believed this would only alleviate flooding in the new development. The Chairman agreed stating that the development could have consequential effects on the Village. Cllr Watson was sure that the Environment Agency would look seriously at the technical side of the flooding problems but felt this Council should be concerned about the provision of Buffer Zones. Cllr Howell agreed saying the Council should support Bourton and draw attention to the Environmental impact in terms of noise, light pollution and flooding. He also reminded members that as part of the Village plan, they intended to confer with Swindon Borough Council. Cllr. Bartle in the light of the ludicrous responses received regarding non improvements to the A 420 and the reliance on the “Rapid transit System” proposed that these areas be highlighted in the Council’s response.

1837 PLANNING MATTERS:

No applications had been received during May.

Decisions.

20816	Land adjoining Savernake Brake Longcot Road	Conversion of redundant Farm Building to dwelling	Permit
4775/3	28 Stainswick Lane	Erect rear conservatory and install new side window	Permit

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1838 COUNCILLORS DETAILS: The e-mail addresses of Councillors are already available on the Web Site and it was agreed to draw attention to this information in the Parish Jottings.

1839 COUNCIL EXPENDITURE SUB COMMITTEE: Cllr. Bartle drew members attention to the April meeting where a sub-committee had been formed to look at Council expenditure. He was concerned that no meetings had been called and asked when the Committee would meet. The Chairman explained that he knew Cllr.Holman had been extremely busy in his personal Business and that he had no doubt that on his return from holiday, he would set about convening a meeting.

1840 HERITAGE CENTRE: Cllr Watson drew members attention to the official opening of the Village Heritage Centre on 21 July by Prof. Richard Holmes. It was the intention to open the Centre every Tuesday for half a day manned by Volunteers. There was plenty of work to do in the Centre before it is up and running such as cataloguing, archiving as well as projects such as the Oral History archive.

1841 GOOD NEIGHBOURS: Cllr Howell was impressed with the way some residents had worked on the grass verges outside their houses. Some had cut back the verges to reveal the extent of the pavement which also had the effect of improving the appearance of the Village. He suggested that the Council congratulate these hard working residents through the Parish Jottings which could also encourage others to follow suit.

1842 MARTENS ROAD CAR PARK: Cllr Tidmarsh had noted that residents of the new houses at the back of the Car Park were regularly parking vehicles on the Car Park despite having designated car parking beside the houses. The Clerk will investigate the right of way agreement.

1843 TOWNSEND ROAD SPEED SIGN: The Chairman had noted that the VAS was still not working and the Clerk reported that the County Street lighting department had contacted the manufacturers to either repair or replace the sign.

1844 DOG BINS: The Chairman indicated that Council had to be careful in respect of a recent e-mail concerning dog bins, not to give the impression that a resident only had to raise a concern for the Parish Council to act in accordance with their wishes – the issue raised had to be in the interest of a significant majority. In the case of the Dog Bins, this was the case. The Clerk informed the meeting that the District Council were to inspect the area and would contact the organiser of the recent petition.

1845 WROUGHTON SCIENCE MUSEUM, The Chairman brought to members attention that the Library and Archive at the Museum were now open and could be visited with 24 hours notice.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm