

SHREWTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Shrewton Parish Council Held at the Methodist Hall on Wednesday 2nd October 2019 at 7.15 p.m.

Present: Councillors

Richard Harris (Chairman), John Berry (Vice Chairman), Beth Dunlop, Dave Hassett, Ron Lock, Den Parrett and Anne Woodman. Colin Pope joined the meeting after his Co-option at 7.38pm.

In attendance: Parish Clerk Nikki Spreadbury-Clews and three members of the public.

Public Participation.

Resident asked for the bushes to be cutback by the bus stop. Asked what was happening at The George. Resident raised further concerns over the volume, speed of traffic and military traffic using London Road. Resident thanked the Parish Council for raising in Arrowhead etc. concerns about dogs worrying sheep.

Meeting of the Council commenced at 7.34pm

19/121 Acceptance of apologies for absence. Resolved: Roy Flint

19/122 Minutes. The minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th September 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

19/123 Dispensations and Declarations of interest. Resolved: None

19/124 Notice of Vacancy in Office of Councillor. Members noted the resignation of Darren Henry from Shrewton Parish Council. The vacancy was advertised on the 27 September, if by 17 October 2019 (14 days after the date of the notice) a request for an election to fill said vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer by TEN electors from the Parish of Shrewton, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option.

19/125 Co-option of new member. Two Councillor vacancies exist (prior to the resignation of Darren Henry). An application for co-option to Shrewton Parish Council had been received from Colin Pope. Cllr Hassett proposed co-option of Colin Pope, seconded Cllr Woodman, voting unanimous in favour. Colin signed declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

19/126 Report from Traffic Working group. Cllr Harris's report attached.

19/127 Update on items from previous meetings. Clerk advised: -

- i)** Report of Military vehicles using the High St and London Road are being regularly received and forwarded. 95% are from units who are on exercise, there is a military meeting on Monday where the matter will be discussed and hopefully come up with a solution.
- ii)** Traffic survey requests for Tanners Lane, London Road, Homanton and Salisbury Road have been submitted.
- iii)** Highway improvement request submitted for corner of Salisbury Road. Agreement has been received to white line the area, but not kerbing, this would possibly be CATG. Forwarded to traffic engineer.

- iv) The George. Activity by authorities has taken place, no more can be discussed as it may jeopardise any legal proceedings that may take place.
- v) Emailed Wiltshire Council regarding the concerns over the poor state of the road surface, particularly outside the Co-op, no response to date. Clerk will follow up.
- vi) Emailed Shrewton Primary School asking if they have a current travel plan and if so to send a copy, no response to date. Clerk will follow up.
- vii) Lorry Watch. The scheme coordinator had been in touch with the volunteers on Wednesday 2 October. The volunteer team leader will liaise with her regarding the suitability of a site. There are seven volunteers.
- viii) A reply had been received from Director of Highways following our letter of 16 July, prompted by a letter from a resident of 6 June.
- ix) Response received from owners of land at Co-op regarding the branches overhanging onto footpath. They had no objection for them to be pruned/removed at Council expense. Clerk to advise it is their responsibility and their expense.
- x) Overgrown trees at The Limes, no response to date, Clerk to send follow up letter.

19/128 Councillors reports received:

- a) **Chairman.** Cllr Harris reported following the successful selection to be prospective parliamentary candidate for Broxtowe on behalf of the Conservatives, Unitary Councillor Darren Henry had resigned from Shrewton Parish Council. On behalf of the Parish Council he thanked him for his time he had given to the Parish Council and wished him every success in his new venture.
On 25 September Shrewton Running Club held a 'plog' (a combination of a run and litter pick), several bags of litter were collected and sorted for recycling. Cllr Harris thanked the running club for helping to keep the village tidy.
- b) **Flood Warden.** Cllr Parrett reported the preparation for the repair to the ford is continuing. He will be attending a flood seminar next week.
- c) **Parish Steward.** Cllr Parrett has a list of jobs, please continue to send.
- d) **Village Hall & Recreation ground.** Cllr Berry reported the fitness trail is almost complete, one more piece to be fitted, residents have started to use it, they hope to have an opening ceremony. There has been interest in the community garden, first stage is to clear the area, second stage plan what goes where. The planning for the village hall development has been sent to 'The Friends' for comments, then quotes will be obtained.
Members discussed the request from the village hall for the four waste bins to be emptied and paid for by the Parish Councils contractor, Cllr Hassett proposed acceptance, seconded Cllr Woodman, voting unanimous in favour with Cllr Berry declaring an interest and ineligible to vote.
- e) **Report from Neighbourhood Tasking Group (NTG) meeting.** Cllr Berry's report attached.
- f) **Report from A303 Community Forum meeting.** Next stage of A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down is 2 April Secretary of State decision. There is a lot of 'fake news' circulating.
- g) **Rights of Way (ROW) Liaison.** Cllr Flint sent following report, he had walked SHRE29, 4-inch stones have been used as the 2-inch stones previously used sunk into the mud. Footpaths have narrowed over the years, a great deal of work and expense required to rectify. Queried who is responsible for stiles, as some are deteriorating. Clerk to enquire to Wiltshire Council ROW officer regarding all these matters. The state of SHRE 18 was raised, Cllr Parratt is meeting with the Rights of Way officer and will walk up there with him.
- h) **Report from Amesbury Area Board.** Cllr Berry's report attached.

19/129 Proposed planning Shrewton Retreat. Some members, along with the owner and their planning consultant, visited the site where proposed planning is to be sought for holiday lodges. Members expressed concerns from residents and themselves, which included flooding and increased traffic. The Clerk is to write and thank them for their time.

19/130 Planning Applications Discussed:

(Please note: in planning matters the Parish Council acts as consultee of the Principal Authority, the Principal Authority being the deciding Body)

19/08642/FUL Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and replacement with larger, solid roofed conservatory. Ladyclose, Salisbury Road, Shrewton, SP3 4EQ. Cllr Woodman proposed no comment, seconded Cllr Dunlop, voting unanimous in favour.

19/131 Planning Decisions from Wiltshire Council Noted:

19/05103/FUL Removal of Original Retaining Wall, Rockery, Concrete Path and a Small Area of Grass Bank Replace with New Retaining Wall and Steps to Create Parking for Two Vehicles on Permeable Stone. Render Garage Wall Adjacent to New Steps. Windermere, The Hollow, Shrewton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 4JY. Wiltshire Council – Approved with conditions.

19/06596/FUL Erection of a 4-bedroom dwelling Greyholme, Chalk Hill, Shrewton, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP3 4EU. Wiltshire Council – Approved with conditions.

19/132 Accounts for Payment. It was resolved the following cheques were approved, Cllr Hassett proposed, seconded Cllr Parrett, voting unanimous in favour.

Payments authorised

Clerks Salary September	001174	£474.67
Clerks expenses	001175	£33.84
HMRC PAYE September	001176	£ 2.00
Hugh Harris Ltd t/a Fresh-Air-Fitness	001178	£7022.54

Receipts

Interest	£2.46
Precept	£10,000.00

The members authorised for a transfer of monies from Lloyds Bank savings account to the current account for £7,000.00, the authorisation was signed by Cllrs Berry and Woodman.

19/133 Approval and signing-off of Parish Accounts for 30th September 2019. Previously circulated, along with budget year to date. The clerk reported Bank balances for 30th September 2019 were: -

Treasurers account	£ 3,332.22
Business Interest account	£60,965.31
	£64,297.53

Clerk advised and apologised she had not made arrangements to transfer funds from savings account to current account prior to issuing large cheque of £7,022.56, which was subsequently returned unpaid twice incurring two fees of £15.00 each. Cllr Harris transferred £7,000 on 23 September and the cheque was re-issued.

Cllr Lock proposed acceptance of the accounts, seconded Cllr Berry, voting unanimous in favour. The Chairman and the RFO signed the accounts.

19/134 Footpath Accessibility, Bus Stop, High Street, Shrewton. A resident has raised concerns over the footpath being very narrow at the bus stop and not passable with their mobility scooter. Suggestion to move the railings back and widen the footpath. After consulting with Wiltshire Council this would need to be raised through CATG. Cllr Parrett proposed the issue is raised with CATG, seconded Cllr Lock, voting unanimous in favour. Clerk will proceed with raising the issue.

19/135 VE Day Commemorations. SSAFA, the Armed Forces Charity, have communicated plans to celebrate and commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. The Early May Bank Holiday has been moved to Friday 8th May 2020 to allow for a weekend of events. (see Shrewton.com for planned national activities). Many local organisations will be planning events and it is felt some local co-ordination of these may assist. The Clerk will write to local organisations advising them of the national plans and to establish interest in running events and forming a subcommittee.

19/136 Shrewton Showcase. Due to the VE Day events it was decided not to hold a Shrewton Showcase until later in 2020.

19/137 Internal Audit Report update. Clerk continues to work on the recommended actions.

19/138 Your Local Area Priorities 2019/20. From Wiltshire Council Area Boards -The needs of our local community are at the heart of what we do. We want to make it easy for everyone in Wiltshire to participate and engage in their community and influence decisions that will affect their local areas. Please help us to get a positive response so we can be sure we understand your views and those of your friends, families, clients and colleagues. Follow this link and complete the short survey.

<https://surveys.wiltshire.gov.uk/snapwebhost/s.asp?k=156838465703>

The results from this survey will be used to help inform local priorities for the next 3 years through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and the Wiltshire Area Boards.

The Survey ends on 13 October 2019

19/139 Correspondence: WI chased their enquiry about the placing of a planter at Highfield Rise, Clerk to ask Wiltshire Council about the suitability of the site.

19/140 Future Partnership meetings:

- **CATG** – 18 October 9.30am – Amesbury (members noted change of date from 14th)
- **World Heritage Site Committee** – 6 November.

The Clerk had recently attended Dementia Friends session which teaches you how to become a “Dementia Friend” which helps you to understand a little bit more about the disease and provides ideas for how you can help local people to live well with Dementia. The members felt this would be a good session for Shrewton, the Clerk will arrange.

19/141 Date of next meeting.

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th November 2019 at 7.15pm in The Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.56pm.

Approved by the Council as a true record.

Signed.....Chairman Date.....

Attachments: Reports from Traffic Working Group, Neighbourhood tasking Group (NTG) and Cllr Berry’s Amesbury Area Board report.

Reports are on the Website www.shrewton.com or available from the Clerk on request.