**Minutes of Shalbourne Parish Council Meeting**

**Held on Thursday 23 September 2021 at 7.30pm**

**Present:** Mike Lockhart (Chairman), Andy Dolan, Bob Walker, Emma Verey, Carolyn Bartholomew, Susan Jamieson.

1. **Introduction**

The Chairman welcomed those present.

1. **Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Carole Fisher, Dianah Shaw and Nicola Tait

1. **Declaration of Interest**

None.

1. **Formal Business**

None

1. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2021 were considered. It was proposed, seconded and agreed by the Council that the Chairman be authorised to sign them.

1. **Wiltshire Council Report - Stuart Wheeler**
   1. Councilor Wheeler informed the meeting that the plan for late cutting of verges was underway. It had the added benefit of slowing traffic in narrow lanes! Wiltshire Unitary Council were starting to work up their budget for 2022/23.
   2. The Council expressed its concern that it seemed to be powerless in influencing decisions on the cutting down of trees in the conservation area. The Chairman undertook to write to Clr Wheeler setting out the problem.
2. **Wiltshire Police Report**

There was no police report. A report to the Pewsey Area Board was noted. It had little of relevance.

1. **Matters Arising**

None

1. **Vehicles in the Village**
   1. **HGV Survey**

A traffic weight survey has been applied for via the CATG. All surveys have been subject to significant delay.

* 1. **Speed Limits in Oxenwood/Fosbury**

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting.

1. **Ash Die Back**

The presentation to the Area Board was noted. This highlighted the danger from diseased trees. It was noted that some occurrences of the disease were treatable. It was agreed that an article should be put in the magazine on this.

1. **Committee Reports**
   1. **Planning** 
      1. The Council’s responses to **PL/2021/06691; PL/2021/07551; PL/2021/07870; PL/2021/07441; PL/2021/07442; PL/2021/7601 were noted.**
      2. The following applications were considered:
         1. **PL/2021/08614; As this proposal involves the felling of mature trees without third party justification the Council will object, Attachment 1.**
         2. **PL/2021/08960: As this proposal to fell an orchard of mature apple trees will have a significant adverse impact on the street scene and contradicts assurances given by the developer at the time planning consent for the house was given, the Council will object, Attachments 1.**
   2. **Rights of Way**
      1. It was agreed that Nicola Tait should take over responsibilities for Rights of Way and Carolyn Bartholomew would take over responsibility for education.
   3. **Highways and Surface Water**.
      1. It was reported that Wilts Council have yet to cut any grips along the A338 and grit is still being washed down to the Mill House.
      2. The Parish Steward’s Issue Log was agreed, Attachment 2.
   4. **Local Transport**
      1. Nothing to report.
   5. **Police Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch**
      1. Nothing to report.
   6. **Education**
      1. See 11.2.1.
   7. **Environmental Matters**
      1. Nothing to report.
   8. **Shalbourne Club.**
      1. The Classic Car show had been a success.
      2. The new swing for the play area had been installed.
2. **Finance**
   1. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Council should contribute £100 towards the running costs of PCAP.
   2. It was noted that rental for the pub sign on the Green had been received and that rental from the Gliding Society was expected
   3. The balances after the above, Attachment 3, were noted.
   4. It was noted that the galleon in the play area was in need of repair. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that the Council should re-imburse the Shalbourne Club for the cost of such repair.
3. **Correspondence and Any Other Business**
   1. It was noted that there would be celebrations for the Queen’s Jubilee next year. The Council will take the need for a grant towards this into consideration when setting the budget for next year.
   2. The dates for next year’s meeting, Attachment 4, were agreed. It was also agreed that the meetings should start at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th November 2021.

**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Responses to Planning Application**

PL/2021/08614 – Carvers

The Council objects to parts of this proposal and would request that, if its concerns regarding the oak (3) and silver birch (2) are not met then appropriate protection (a TPO) be given to them. Taking the trees individually:

1. Overgrown Leylandii – no comment.
2. Fell silver birch – object. This is a prominent tree visible from all around. It does not overhang significantly into the neighbour’s garden. If it is getting too large then work could be done to shorten it.
3. Fell oak – object. There is no expert evidence that this is causing harm. There is no evidence that any harm could not be avoided by cutting back the tree. If the tree, in the view of an expert, is posing a danger that cannot be avoided then this objection would fall away.
4. Fell dead hawthorn and coppice hazel. The wording is a little obscure but if this is what it means then no objection.

PL/2021/08960 - Orchard

The council objects to this proposal and would make the following comments:

1. This apple orchard plays a significant role in the street scene in the area
2. This was recognised by the developer of the house named the Orchard who, in their design and access statement, undertook to preserve the orchard.
3. This was also recognised by the Planning Inspector in his final report.
4. There is no third party evidence that the trees are damaged beyond recovery. Such evidence is essential particularly as the trees have been stressed over the last three years during construction.
5. If the trees are damaged beyond recovery they should be replaced on a like for like basis, replacing with an ash tree, in any circumstances, is unacceptable.
6. Dealing with windfalls can be a nuisance but it is no more than that. It cannot be a justification for overriding the points above.
7. We would also point out that some of the trees on the plan are mislabelled.
8. It is not immediately obvious from the planning map but it appears that a TPO extends over some or all of the trees in this orchard. Even if it applies only to some, the apple trees provide a context.

**ATTACHMENT 2**

**Issues Log**

Table

Description automatically generated

**ATTACHMENT 3**

**Balances following Meeting**

1. **Current Account**

Payment Receipt Balance



1. **Deposit Account**

Payment Receipt Balance

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| 30-Jul-21 | Interest |  | 0.02 | 2583.57 |
| 31-Aug-21 | Interest |  | 0.02 | 2583.59 |

1. **CIL Account**

Opening Balance - £5784.06

Swing for playground - £4286.72

Balance - £1497.34

1. **Commitments**

CATG, Mill Lane turn signage - £156.75

Loop at Village Hall - £1000, included in figures above.

1. **Bank Balances**

Current Account at 3 Sept 21 - £21652.83

Deposit Account at 3 Sept 21 - £ 2583.59

**ATTACHMENT 4**

**Meeting Dates 2022**

* 6 January (subject Wilts Council budget setting timetable;
* 24 March;
* 21 April (Parish Assembly);
* 19 May (Annual Meeting);
* 21 July;
* 22 September;
* 24 November.