

THE SHELSLEYS PARISH COUNCIL
Meeting held on 9th September at 7.00pm in the year 2014

Present: Mr A N Champion Chairman, J Stinton, W Sutherland, B Hart, T Taylor, Mrs H Webb, D Styles and D Bates.

In Attendance: Councillor Dr Pollock, 3 members of the public and the Clerk (Mrs J Speyer).

3.1 Apologies: C Roberts and District Councillor Farmer.

3.2 Declaration of Interest: D Styles for item 8

3.3 Councillor for Shelsley Beauchamp: Mr Dave Bates was welcomed.

3.4 Minutes: The minutes of July 8th 2014 were signed as a true record.

Public Question Time:

Q. Had a letter regarding the Village Hall and Social Club been circulated as per minutes of July 8th?

A. With the current situation between the Social Club and VPMC this was not deemed necessary at present.

Q. There is an apparent surge in the frequency of the Shelsley Walsh hill climb events. This has given rise to an increase in traffic and to some extent noise. The traffic increase and speed is of particular note especially at the event held weekend before last.

A. see 3.6

Q. Electrical supply disruption. A. Advised contacting supplier.

3.5 County Councillor's Report:

Dr Pollock gave his report. He gave some suggestions about the problems with traffic at the hill climb.

The Scrutiny Panel meets next week to discuss Broadband. He mentioned the lack of preventative maintenance by BT. From September 1st Bus Route changes with regard to Clifton and the numbers employed in Worcester Regulatory Services.

3.6 Safer Roads Partnership:

An email has been received advising that placing a van to carry out speed enforcement would be difficult due to the nature of the roads and may add to the problems but that the local policing team will pay special attention and also the Road Policing Unit will be contacted. They will be able to use marked and unmarked cars and motorcycles to give the area attention on the relevant days.

3.7 Highways, Footpaths and Lengthsman:

There was no Lengthsman's Report or worksheets.

Progress report at Leys, no progress, Clerk to investigate.

Collapsed drain in Pard House Lane ref 6259878, notification received of a road closure for repair of the drain.

The dislodged inspection cover at Kingswood junction has again been reported but no report received from WCC.

B4203 poor road surface reported. Advised by WCC that a routine inspection will take place to identify any problems with the road surface.

Batteries for VAS. The purchase of batteries, the cost to be shared between four parishes was agreed to the sum of £40.00.

The improvement to the hedges bordering the quarry was commented on. The PC is grateful for the extensive work carried out.

3.8 Planning:

There was one outstanding planning application. Cllr Styles left the room for the discussion. 14/00973/HOU Willow Barn The Green Stanford Bridge. Proposed one-bay single oak

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framed garage. The Parish Council recommended approval.

Cllr Styles returned.

MHDC decisions.

14/00346/LBC The Green. Application withdrawn.

Notification of an appeal at Pound Farm, this was for information only.

3.9 Clerk's report on urgent decisions.

In consultation with all members the following decisions were made.

14/00782/S73 Redhill. Parish Council recommended compliance with conditions of 13/01596/FUL

14/00992/HOU Old Rectory Shelsley Beauchamp. Parish Council recommended approval.

3.10 Correspondence and Consultations:

Parish and Town Council conference 23rd October 2014. Clerks and Councils direct. All other correspondence circulated.

3.11 Finance and Audit:

External Auditor's report. Two matters arising. Council Tax Support Grant of £144 should be included in Box 3. Box 2 should read 4856 and box 3 2391.

It appears that the internal auditor may have been involved in preparing the figures for the annual return. The internal auditor should not be requested to undertake tasks that may compromise his independence.

The Clerk explained that the internal auditor had overwritten some of the figures in red pen so that it appeared he may have inserted them This was not the case.

One payment was approved. The VAT element on the last payment to the Lengthsman was omitted. This amounted to £64.00

3.12 Village Hall Management Committee:

The Vice Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting with the Chairmen of the VHMC and Social Club where a discussion had taken place about the possibility of the Social Club taking on a longer term lease with similar payment arrangements and paying off the back rent. It is understood a VHMC meeting is to take place next week, the content to be reported at the next Parish Council meeting in November.

3.13 CALC: Councillor Training. Training details are attached with all CALC correspondence as per the Update circulated weekly.

3.14 Councillors' Reports and items for future agenda.

Hill climb. A representative from the hill climb will be invited to the next meeting to address the concerns of the Parish Council and local residents.

Clifton Hunt Ball at Stanford Bridge.

Report from VHMC re Social Club.

3.15 Meeting Dates 2014 November 11th 2014

3.16 Date of next Parish Council meeting:

November 11th at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting concluded at 7.50pm

Jan Speyer September 13th 2014

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