

Shermanbury Parish Council

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Members of Shermanbury Parish Council are required to attend the Meeting of the Parish Council to be held **Monday 27th January at 7.00pm in the Peacock Rooms at the Royal Oak Pub in Wineham**. Members of the public and press are invited and are welcome to address the Council during the Public Open Forum item for a maximum of 2 minutes per person. Members of the public who wish to speak on specific Agenda items should advise the Chairman or Clerk at the start of the meeting.

Items marked * means supporting paper supplied

Minutes

1. Persons Present and Apologies for Absence

Present: Cllr V Harrison, Cllr C Whitton, Cllr T Brown, Cllr G White and Clerk D Langston.

Also present: Cllr L Barnard – WSCC, Cllr J Chowen – HDC,

Apologies received from: Cllr J Downs and Cllr R Clarke, HDC.

2. Declaration of Members Interests – None declared

3. Approval of the previous PC meeting minutes held on 09.12.2013

Minutes approved and signed by the Vice Chairman

4. Report from WSCC Cllr L Barnard – WSCC are spending £30 million on repairs and updates to unclassified roads which applies primarily to both rural locations and residential areas, despite Operation Watershed being hugely oversubscribed since it proved so successful that it will continue for the foreseeable future.

WSCC will have a new Transformation Director following the departure of the Chief Executive on 14th February 2014, this new role will be in place for a period of up to 15 months.

Cllr Barnard and Cllr Chowen discussed the possibilities of putting together a paper for residents which would confirm the duties and responsibilities of landowners with regards to both hedgerows and ditches. Any current enquires regarding responsibilities should be passed to Tim Boxall at WSCC.

Report from HDC Cllr J Chowen – Horsham District Council have a current housing issue resulting in their preferred strategy to place new houses on the sites north of Horsham, other options would be to put new housing into local villages however some of these rural locations are already oversubscribed, housing needs remains an ongoing issue and will continue to be a priority.

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Cllr Chowen confirmed that the staffing review is still in progress at HDC with a view to reviewing efficiencies, staffing levels and the management structure further details will be advised when changes occur.

5. Planning and Enforcement Matters –

Rampion Wind Farm – a meeting is planned for Wednesday 29th January 2014 which will be attended by Cllr Whitton who has compiled a list of relevant questions, once responses have been received Cllr Whitton will contact any residents affected by the plans. A request for £20,000 towards Community Benefits has also been put forward to Rampion and this will primarily be used towards the required Chapel repairs. **Action Cllr Whitton**

DC/13/1596 - Whitebridge Farm, Wineham Lane, proposed permanent agricultural workers dwelling to replace temporary dwelling. This application has been refused permission and will now go to appeal, following discussion Council confirmed that as previously advised it had no objections to the request providing the new building is situated properly and is built with a material in keeping to the locality and the structure is for agricultural use only.

Phoenix Place, Brighton Road, Shermanbury – Horsham District Council have confirmed that they will look into the complaint and that this will include an examination of the sites planning history and a site visit where appropriate.

6. Neighbourhood Plan update/Funding –

Cllr Whitton and Cllr Brown updated the meeting on the progress so far, see attached sheet for full details. Council agreed that we will be assisted in the creation of the Neighbourhood Plan by Mr. Dale Mayhew of DOWSETTMAYHEW. The contractual agreement allows that costs can be reviewed at each stage of the plan. The cash flow analysis demonstrates that there may be a shortfall between grants and invoices and it was agreed by the council that this will be met from Parish Council funds.

7. Parish Matters

7.1 Cemetery, Frylands Lane – Area for internment of Ashes, Chapel Refurbishment. - Council agreed to accept the quote for £414.06 supplied by Mr. S Neville-Clarke as there are several memorial stones in place the Clerk will contact relatives to confirm council's intention to move these. **Action Clerk D Langston**

7.2 Litter picking – Gardening For You locally based firms are happy to take on this task Council resolved to pay a flat rate of £300 for this with the possibility of another session later in the year. Cllr Harrison will confirm insurance is held prior to commencement of work. **Action Cllr Harrison.**

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7.3 Fun **Day 2014** – The annual Fun Day will this year be combined with the St Giles fare with proceeds being split 60/40 between St Giles and Shermanbury Parish Council.

7.4 Flooding – It was felt that generally there was less flooding than on previous occasions details of those areas worse affected have been sent to Horsham District Council.

7.5 Footpaths – Cllr Whitton has been in contact with the Area Ranger who will be walking all local footpaths in the near future and will deal with any issues.

8. Finance and Administration

Present cheques for signature

100028 £418.86 Invoice 8001004831 WSCC Clerks Salary November

100029 £418.84 Invoice 8001006866 WSCC Clerks Salary December

100030 £34.20 Clerks Expenses October/November and December

100031 £86.14 Rampion Wind farm – Liaison with E.ON expenses incurred by Councillor Whitton

100032 £232.27 Neighbourhood Plan Expenses incurred by Councillor Whitton and Councillor Brown in relation to initial consultation.

9. Vacancies

9.1 Councillor/s - **There** is still a need for an additional two Councillors and this item remains ongoing.

10. Members Questions and Comments – reports have been received of an abandoned car parked outside a house in Shermanbury, Cllr Whitton has reported to HDC with details being passed to the police. **Action ongoing**

White Iveco Van remains parked in Wineham Lane despite numerous complaints to both police and HDC. Action Clerk will contact HDC again for further information.

10. Date of Next Parish Council Meeting

Monday 7th April 2014 – 7pm in the Peacock Rooms, Royal Oak, Wineham.