Shute Parish Council

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A meeting of the Shute Parish Council was held on June 25th 2015 at the Whitford Hall in Whitford.

The following Councillors were present:-

Cllr Peter Rugg (Chairman), Cllr Bill Marshall, Cllr John Pearce, Cllr David Plowman, Cllr Ella Sweetland, Cllr Rick Wood; Cllr Andrew Moulding (DCC).

Also present were Mary Thomas & Carol Miltenburg (Clerks); Mr Derek Loud & Mr Paddy Magrane.

**1 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr Richard Orsman and Cllr Iain Chubb (EDDC) – due to holidays.

**2 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting**

The circulated minutes of the Meeting of Shute Parish Council held on 14th May 2015 were approved by the Council and duly signed as correct by the Chairman.

**3 Co-Option of new councillor**

The Councillors unanimously agreed to co-opt Mr Paddy Magrane as a Parish Councillor, to bring the Council to its full compliment. (Proposed by Cllr Rugg seconded by Cllr Wood). The Chairman welcomed Cllr Magrane.

**4 Matters arising from the Minutes**

 Telephone Box. We are awaiting update from BT.

Workplace Pension. The Clerk has now registered as the point of contact (all that is required at present) and will be updated by e mail as the new regulations are implemented before 2017.

Parish Council Website. The Clerk reported that the website has been started and will confirm the address shortly.

Burial Ground. It was agreed that monies received from burials in the Burial Ground owned by the Parish Council should be made direct to the Council and those for the Dioses should go to the Dioses as separate payments. Mrs Iris Morton (Church Warden) is awaiting information and will advise the Council shortly. The Clerk is to advise Mrs Morton of the Councils e mail address.

Travellers in Shute Woods. Cllr Moulding advised that the DCC Gypsy Liaison Officer visited the site in late May and there were no extra vans on the site and it was in very tidy condition. He advised that unless a court order is obtained travellers cannot be moved without it, it is also unlikely to be granted unless an alternative location is available. At present there are no suitable sites for travellers to be moved to, but EDDC is investigating sites (possibly near the new Cranbrook development) which could provide 22 pitches within 5 years. Cllr Ian Chubb is investigating and both he and Cllr Moulding will keep the Council updated. Clerk to contact Cllr Chubb.

Cess Pit at Seaton Junction. This is still causing a problem as is the wall. Clerk to contact Cllr Iain Chubb.

**5 Reports from meetings attended**

DALC meeting Boundary changes. Cllr Moulding reported on the meeting recently held in Axminster. The proposals are being contested by many DCC Councilors and the meeting felt the parishes mostly have more in common with their local ‘market town’ than they do with each other. The proposed new Newbridges and Whimple ward covers a large swathe of 21 village parishes which presently have few if any links. The meeting felt that the new boundaries should be drawn using the main towns as a hub with their neighbouring village parishes. Population calculations are being undertaken at the moment and Cllr Moulding will update the Council in due course.

DALC Axminster New Councillors training. Cllr Plowman reported that the recent training he underwent was very useful.

**6 Parishes Together**

**2015-16.** An e mail from the Clerk of Colyton PC indicates that there is £625.17 of the grant remaining. The Council feel no decision should be made on spending this until the resurfacing work at Yardbury and Lilylake has been completed by DCC. The money does not have to be spent until March 2016. The Clerk is to contact Colyton PC to advise and request that some of the funds could be used towards the safety equipment purchased by our Road Warden.

**7 Correspondence**

Wedding. A letter has been received concerning a local wedding which is due to take place. The Clerk has spoken with the parishioners concerned and reported to the Council. It was agreed the Clerk should seek advice on what actions would be felt appropriate for the Council to take and a decision would be made after this was done.

**8 Highway Matters**

Emails have been received from the Umborne Hall committee and Cllr Wood expressing concern that highway repair work is presently being undertaken on several very minor lanes in the area yet nothing has happened between Yardbury and Lilylake. Cllr Moulding explained that this was because much of this section will be a complete rebuild of the carriageway from its base to its surface rather than just being patched. The work is scheduled for this financial year but no date has yet been allocated it will depend on the availability of specialist machines and workteams. Clerk to liaise with Colyton PC, DCC Highways.

Clerk to notify DCC Highways of a branch overhanging the road at Finching Fields in Shute. Clerk to request update from Cllr Chubb.

**9 Public Forum.**

No questions were put forward.

**10 Planning**

 15/0993/LBC - Shute House, Shute. Replacement roof cover.

 Application withdrawn.

 15/1130/LBC - 4 Beagles Row, Shute. Replacement window.

 No objections.

 15/1102/FUL - Land west of Solway Cottage, Whitford. New dwelling.

The Council considered the new information submitted but feel that their original objections especially relating to the size and footprint of the building still apply.

**11 Finance**

Final salary for Mrs Thomas (outgoing Clerk). Due to problems with the PAYE software these cheques will be raised in the following week – the total being £645.98.

Safety equipment for Mr R Brain (road warden). This to be raised shortly. Clerk to investigate if charges can be reimbursed by DCC or via Parish Together grant. £71.95

**12 Any Other Business**

Clerk to investigate costs of tree carving.

**13 Date, time & place of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 30th 2015 at Umborne Hall starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50

The meeting was followed by a presentation to Mrs Mary Thomas – retiring Parish Clerk, and Mr Derek Loud – retiring Councillor. Cllr Andrew Moulding thanked both Mary and Derek for their long service to the Parish Council, 21 and 40 years respectively, and presented each with a long service certificate of thanks. Cllr Rugg presented both with a gift to show their fellow councillors appreciation for all their hard work and service to the Council. This was followed by a celebratory drink and buffet.