Shute Parish Council

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The Councillors were summoned to attend a meeting of the Shute Parish Council held at Whitford Hall on Thursday, January 14th 2016 starting at 7.30pm. The following matters were discussed.

Those present Councillors Paddy Magrane, Bill Marshall, Richard Orsman, John Pearce, David Plowman, Peter Rugg (Chairman), Ella Sweetland, Rick Wood with Ian Chubb (EDDC) and Andrew Moulding (DCC). Carol Miltenburg (Clerk) and Mr Alan Simpson (Shute School).

Minutes

1 Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Iris Morton, Church Warden, St Michaels Church, Shute.

2 Minutes of the last Parish Council Meeting to be agreed. Amendment to last minutes – apologies for absence were received for the meeting of 3rd December form Cllr Pearce. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters arising from the Minutes. Cllr Chubb advised he is looking into the reports of a domestic bin being used for commercial waste. The Church Warden is getting a quote for the work to be carried out on the Churchyard gate.

4 Public Forum. No comments made at this point.

5 Burial Ground.

Cllr Sweetland declared an interest in this item (member of PCC).

To confirm fee structure. It was agreed to accept the fee structure agreed at the sub-committee meeting of December 9th 2015 and to review charges annually. Proposed Cllr Wood and seconded Cllr Magrane. Clerk to circulate charges to the local funeral directors etc.

Arrangements for the next meeting of the sub-committee for terms and conditions recommendations – it was agreed to meet on February 2nd at 2.30pm at Cllr Orsmans home. The Clerk advised that Mrs Hussey of Potters Funeral Directors has kindly offered to come to the meeting to give advice on running a burial ground. Clerk to contact Mrs Hussey.

To agree repayment strategy of burial fees owed. It was agreed that the proposal from the meeting of December 9th 2015 should be put forward to the Church. Clerk to send letter to the Church. Proposed Cllr Wood seconded Cllr Magrane.

It has been suggested that the burial ground be properly mapped to allow for its use in the future and define accurately the number and sites of burial plots. Cllr Plowman offered to do this.

Clerk to investigate the insurance position with reference to usage of the burial ground.

Clerk to contact Mr Roy Wareham to ascertain the cost of him continuing the maintenance of the burial ground for the next year – ie cutting grass etc 6 times and maybe supply topsoil to fill graves when needed.

6 Parishes Together. Spending of c£600 balance of original grant – this needs to be used by March 2016. Colyton PC have suggested the area at the entrance to Lilylake Farm but it was felt by the Councillors and Cllr Moulding that this should have been resurfaced as part of the previous work. Cllr Moulding is taking this up with DCC Highways. Clerk to write to DCC Highways. It was considered that the money would be better used in Lodge Lane, Shute. The landowner to be contacted to discuss work. Clerk to contact Mr Bowman who has looked for the culverts in the area.

7 Correspondence received.

8 Highway Matters.

Clerk to contact Robin Gundry with a view to clearing ditches near Whitford Bridge which has been causing flooding.

The Clerk reported that the Landmark Trust have expressed an interest in a meeting about a car park in Shute. It was agreed to approach the local landowners and that the best way forward was a joint letter from the Council, Church and School. Clerk to draft letter and circulate for agreement.

9 Planning. New 15/2855/FUL – Land south of Hill Farm, Dalwood – No objections. Cllr Rugg declared an interest in this application;

Commented on since December meeting:- 15/773/FUL Bridge Meadow, Whitford Rd, Kilmington; 15/2738/FUL -Whithayes Farm Colyton.

Other planning matters - To discuss actions to be taken concerning barn on land adjacent to Square Acres, Shute. The Council feel completely let down by EDDC on this matter which the Parish Council have been commenting on since the building was erected. Cllr Moulding has already contacted the head of planning at EDDC for an explanation. He felt that we should wait for a reply before any further action is taken. The Council felt that the local press should be informed and possibly the Local Government Ombudsman but agreed to wait until the end of January.

10 Finance. Payments to be made:- £25 Mr A Gosling - internal audit; £25 Mr M Prideaux -maintaining war memorial; £100 W G Potter (funeral directors) – refund of burial fee; £50.00 Axe Valley Ring & Ride – donation; and any others at the discretion of the Council. Payments proposed by Cllr Orsman and seconded by Cllr Sweetland.

11 Precept 2016/17. The Council agreed to set the precept at £4,800, the same amount as in 2015/6. Proposed Cllr Wood seconded Cllr Sweetland.

12 Any Other Business.

The Clerk reported on the sorry state of the noticeboards in the centre of Shute and Whitford. Cllr Orsman agreed to research the cost of replacements. Cllr Orsman reported that the EDDC footpath officer had e mailed to say the footpath from Deep Cut will be repaired as soon as the weather permits.

13 Date, time & place of next meeting - Thursday, February 25th at Shute School starting at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 9.37pm