MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHOSCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JULY 2024

Present: Ian Cannock (Chair), Fiona Crockett, Tricia Wastvedt, Fred Chaytors, Mary Bon and Jean Fossaceco (Clerk)

Also Present: Members of the public and Fiona Gourley (Ward Councillor)

- 1. Apologies: Lisa Coles and David Cradock
- 2. Declaration of Interests for this meeting: None Declared
- **3. 10 Minutes public participation:** Following receipt of proposed plans for the management of the Rec, discussions took place. These included; any possible restrictions with regard to dogs following concerns raised about both the detrimental effect of dog mess and those from dog owners not wishing to lose the space for exercising their pets, whether there is a grass cutting timetable, the potential effect of suggested rotavation on existing ancient wildlife and the risk to any historical artefacts. It was confirmed no decisions would be made as these proposals will be raised at the next Village Hall Management Committee and it was acknowledged no works would be likely to begin this year.
- 4. Minutes of the last meetings: All in order.

5. Clerk's Report	ACTION	TIMELINE
As distributed. As mentioned, the dog mess issue will be discussed at the		
VHMC meeting with Local Authority Guidance being considered. It was		
acknowledged different Councils have different rules. The clerk will ask		
DC about the grass cutting timetable. The Council agreed in principle to	JF	ASAP
both the offer from Somerset Miners of a plaque to be attached to the		
outside wall of the Village Hall – the clerk will ask Bryn Hawkins for		
clarification of wording - and the offer of a metal miner to be installed in		
Shoscombe (at no cost to the Council). It was agreed a preference for a		
lighter shade would be communicated to Mr Hawkins with the issue of	JF	September
location in the village being considered. This will be mentioned in the		agenda item
next newsletter to garner residents' thoughts. September agenda		
item****		
6. Ward Councillor Report		
FG highlighted consultation exercises this summer - Creating Sustainable		
Communities in North East Somerset, and the Active Travel Masterplan and		Request
renewing of restrictions on street drinking. The links to comments on these	JF	Facebook
will be put onto the Everything Facebook page to give people the		admin to
opportunity to respond as there is no newsletter in August. The notification		publish
of the A36 road closure, which will impact people's travel arrangements, has		consultation
already been published. Radstock Town Council are pressing for a progress		details
report on the Co-op site in Radstock. FG will keep us informed.		
7. Financial Matters		
Clerk's Salary - £1000.00 HMRC - £250.00 – Expenses £59.33 plus McAfee		
£109.99 and ICO £40.00 = £209.32		
Hamilton Terrace Com/ Fund Donation (already agreed) £200		
All in favour – proposed-IC and seconded-FCh		
Money received - £92.00 Public donations/£2,825.00 Active Way Grant		
and £72.00 Table Top payments for the Finger Posts – noted.		

	8. Planning		
Consul	Itation of Creating Sustainable Communities in North East Somerset,"	JF	ASAP
	e "Active Travel Masterplan" – details of the consultation links will be		
	ed on the Everything Shoscombe Facebook page		
• •	314/FUL Lower Shoscombe Farm, Rag Hill – following discussions, it		
	cided the Council would not submit any objections to this plan		
	al but would raise the issue of the potential impact on dark skies with	JF	By Monday
	to bats and moths. The clerk will be able to submit these to B&NES		15 th July
-	ng after gaining an extension to comments deadline.		
	9. Climate, Nature and Sustainability Working Group		
Manag	gement of the Recreation Ground – TW clarified the reason why		
the Ma	anagement of the Recreation Field is listed under this agenda item		
	als with maintaining existing ancient wildlife as per the Parish Plan		
	lists the importance of this resource for the benefit of the		
	unity; 94% of residents are in favour of protecting birds, insects		
	ildlife in the hamlets and Recreation Field whilst also striking a	JF	***Note-
	e between this and the encouragement of sporting activities.		next agenda
	many ideas proposed would be welcomed, the rotavation		Ŭ
	tion causes concerns. The History Society is also aware the ground		
	protecting from any invasive activity. It was generally		
	wledged a compromise is needed. It was agreed an update on the		
	gement of the Rec will form part of a regular agenda item of input		
	he VHMC. ***Agenda Item		
	10. Councillor Reports		
A)	Village Hall - Dog mess, the plaque, the metal miner and		
	proposed plans for the Recreation Field already covered. It was	JF	ASAP
	confirmed the PC does own the freehold of the Rec in Trust from		
	the Somerset Miners. Receipt of all Village Hall accounts was		
	formally acknowledged and the draft Safeguarding Policy was	JF	ASAP
	deemed fit for purpose. The clerk will inform the Chair of the		
	VHMC. It was agreed the school's present informal and		
	occasional use of the Rec does not constitute 'change of use'.		
B)	HELAA/Local Plan – consultations will be forwarded soon.		
C)	PROW – report distributed by FCh. Mr Procter, our B&NES PROW		
	inspector, has undertaken a 'walk round' of footpaths and sent		
	the report to us. Many of the issues have or are being addressed	JF	Friday 12 th
	either by B&NES, the Ramblers or the landowner. The clerk will		July
	thank him for his prompt reaction to concerns raised.		
D)	School – The Head Teacher is very grateful for the excellent		
	community links between the school, the PC and the residents		
	and asks if there is anything more they can do to contribute. A		
	local resident, Steve Causer, kindly regularly undertakes work in		
	the school grounds; the latest one being the construction of		
	flower and vegetable raised beds in the playground provided at		
	no cost. Also, KS2 pupils attend the Souper Tuesday lunches on a		
	regular basis to help out.		
E)			
F)	Church and Burial Board – receipt of all financial reports from the		
r)	previous clerk was acknowledged. Following her resignation, the		
	Chair of Wellow PC will looking after these until a new clerk can		
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	be appointed. It is thought a precept will be required from both		

11. Restoration of Finger Posts including Action Points, Risk		
Assessment, updates and authorisation to commence letter to		
Somerset Forge and ownership		
Sufficient money has now been raised with the Council's approval for		
any excess funds to be ring fenced for maintenance, a schedule for this		
will be created. The Letter of Appointment, which was approved and	JF	Friday 12 th July
adopted by the Council, will be signed by the PC clerk, scanned and sent		
over to Somerset Forge to allow work to commence. DW and JD have		
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been liaising with George Bottin at B&NES together with hedge and		
landowners over the cutting back of foliage to allow this to move		
forward. The Working Group are keeping informed via social media; it is		
thought the work will take approximately 2 days. A maintenance policy		
will be compiled to sustain control of the vegetation.		
12. Proposal to move/add to Village Signs		
MB reported suggestions that some signs in the Village were not in		
appropriate locations. Any additional signage, for example signage for		
the five hamlets, would need to be carefully considered as there have		
been qualms raised about the volume of signs already in place. A sign at	JF	ASAP
Hang Hill/Stoney Littleton is need some repair, the clerk will report this.	51	//0//1
13. Record of people from the Village who have given their lives in		
wars		
This was an item suggested by FCh who had to leave by 8.30 p.m. so will		***Agenda
be an agenda item for September.***Agenda Item	JF	Item - Sept
14. Request to Install a Metal Miner		
Already discussed.		
15. Expression of Interest in Allotments		
Two people have expressed an interest, one of which has a plot at		
Braysdown Lane together with five others. The waiting list here is short		
with Shoscombe residents welcomed.		
16. Asset Register Review		
As distributed. Some small amendments were suggested; these will be		
completed by the clerk. It was decided the renovated Finger Posts would	JF	ASAP
not be added at the moment as they will technically still belong to		
B&NES, this will be reviewed should the Council be asked to take		
ownership. Also, the litter bin at Applecroft should remain.		
Dates of Next Meetings:		
7 th September – ALCA – TBC		
12 th September – Parish Council meeting		
18 th September – Parish Liaison		
7 th November – Parish Council meeting		
9 th January 2025 - TBC		
6 th March 2025- TBC		