

# ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

ON 21 September 2015

### **Present:**

Sam Shepherd	Chairman
Bryan Wright	Vice Chairman
Carol Cole	Councillor
Maureen Harnett	Councillor
Richard Ceaser	Councillor

### **In attendance:**

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
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### **Apologies:**

Simon Read	Councillor
Christopher Coats	Councillor

### **COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION**

32. Eight members of the public were present, including PCSO Shona Maycock and Cllr Carol Slater, Chair of Shrewton Parish Council.

33. The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and outlined how the meeting would be conducted. There were no questions from the public.

34. PCSO Maycock gave an update on the current A360 roadworks and diversions. Additional signage had proved useful and the police had attended on a number of occasions. There had been a casualty outside Appleford School but the driver did not stop. There was now a 2 week period when the A360 is open, a further 2 weeks of it being closed and then a week of night closures. POC for the contractors is Daniel Ward – 07812238291. Crime statistics for Orcheston this year were good – one theft from the Caravan Park and a warrant had been served for a drugs offence.

35. Cllr Slater, Chair of Shrewton Parish Council, gave an update on the Shrewton Neighbourhood Plan (NP). She thanked Orcheston PC for agreeing that the Recreation Grounds could be included in the Designated Area of the Shrewton NP. The NP Steering Group (NPSG) had been set a number of questions which were still to be answered, as a result the plan was currently in abeyance. A social housing needs survey had been conducted. In the event that a referendum is necessary, as the final part of the NP consultation, it will be funded by Wiltshire Council

### **COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION**

36. **Approval of the minutes of the meetings held on 20 July and 10 August 2015.** The minutes of the meetings held on 20 July and 10 August 2015 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

37. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** Nil.

38. **Declaration of interests.** No councillors declared any interests.

39. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman and Clerk had attended the CATG meeting on 2 September 2015 in order to try to mitigate the standard contribution of 25% of the cost of implementing a 30mph speed limit on Elston Lane and in Orcheston, arguing that the 25% was introduced relatively recently and we had been trying to get the speed limit for over 3 years. The Chair of the CATG noted that Orcheston is a very small parish but also that the current precept is amongst the lowest. Cllr West suggested that Orcheston contribute 15% and the Chairman of the CATG approved this as an exception. Mr Shepherd accepted this decision. The Clerk is to confirm in writing to Wiltshire Council that Orcheston has agreed to pay £450. In addition Wiltshire Council is applying to the Department of Transport for a 3.5 tonne weight restriction (except for loading) on the roads through Shrewton – in order not to compromise the Shrewton weight restriction it is proposed that a similar weight restriction be applied to Orcheston and Elston Lane. There would be no adverse effect on vehicles conducting business in the village. A majority of councillors agreed the restriction. The Clerk is to inform Wiltshire Council.

40. **Councillors' Reports.** Cllr Wright noted the current traffic disruption but advised against attempts at vigilantism or jumping in front of or on to vehicles.

41. **Finance** The auditors had sent their report. There were minor technical issues on the audit form. The main comment was that local councils are required to account for fixed assets at purchase cost. This had not been brought to our attention in the last 3 audits and will be actioned next year. Some negotiation will be necessary since it is impossible to value some of the fixed assets eg the bus shelter. The conclusion of audit form has been displayed on the noticeboard for the last 3 weeks. Five cheques were signed:

a.	£105.88	Clerk's salary
b.	£26.60	Tax on clerk's salary
c.	£80.00	Hire of village hall
d.	£5.00	Hire of playground
e.	£70.00	Grass cutting

42. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications** – Appleford School beech tree T15 was due for felling. There were no objections from the Parish Council but the immediate neighbour had asked for 7m to be left standing in order to protect her privacy. It had been agreed that 3m would be left standing. An application had been received for a dug out parking space at Fairways, The Hollow. There was precedent for this on that road and it lies within the Shrewton boundary. There were no objections.

b. **Highways and Byways** – Cllr Wright asked that riparian owners be reminded of their responsibilities to keep watercourses clear (before the wet weather arrives).

c. **Village Maintenance** – it was recognised that Elston Lane had suffered damage as a result of diversions and reparations would be undertaken at the end of the period of diversions.

43. **Date of next meeting** 16 November 2015 at 7:30pm.

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S Shepherd Chairman