

ORCHESTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

HELD AT ORCHESTON VILLAGE HALL

on 19 March 2018 at 7:00pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

John Badgery	Clerk to the Council
Darren Henry	Wiltshire Councillor Till and Wylve Valley

Apologies:

Christopher Coats	Councillor
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COUNCIL IN INFORMAL SESSION

70. Five members of the public were present.

71. Mr Jeremy Damrel, a consultant with Acorn, Mace, WSP (AMW) gave a presentation on behalf of Highways England on the proposed Stonehenge Tunnel/A303 improvements. The context is that the A303 should become a dual carriageway from Amesbury to the junction with the A358 and then on to Taunton to join the M5. In our area a primary aim is to remove the deleterious effects of traffic travelling through the World Heritage Site (an area much larger than just the stones).

72. Questions were raised on additional "A303 noise" from the viaduct over the River Till (an SSSI) which would be closer to Shrewton than the present road. This issue and whether the approaches to the tunnel should have vertical masonry sides or planted banks are still subject to consultation.

73. Concern was expressed that "out of gauge" loads would be diverted to avoid the tunnel from the re-modelled Countess junction via Larkhill/Rollestone Cross to the re-modelled Longbarrow junction. The tunnel would be sufficiently wide/high to accommodate any vehicle that could currently use the motorway system eg tank transporters and it was anticipated that there would be only single figures of out of gauge loads each year.

74. Occasional closures would be necessary for cleaning. The tunnel would be two separate bores which would enable closure of one at a time eg in case of an accident or cleaning.

COUNCIL IN FORMAL SESSION

75. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018.** The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 had been circulated. There were no comments and they were signed as a true record.

76. **Matters arising from the Minutes.** At paragraph 64 the correct name is Shrewton Recreational Charity not "club".

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

78. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman spoke about an ongoing debate of how to reduce rat running traffic through Shrewton. The possibilities of a build out in the area of the Grain Store and making London Road eastbound only had been discounted as "not workable". Another option that had been put forward by Wiltshire council was to make the area "Access only". This was thought to be unworkable, as it would only be possible if the whole area covered by the current "Loading Only" was included. This was thought to be too large an area to police.

79. **Councillors' Reports.**

a. Cllr Cole raised the subsidence at the crossroads. The Clerk had reported it on the Wiltshire App. Separately Cllr Wright had reported it and both Highways and Wessex Water had inspected it but it would be dealt with as "non urgent".

b. Cllr Read questioned whether it was possible for individuals to set out cones when they knew there were traffic problems. Traffic control measures are a matter for the Police or Highways and are not a matter for individual initiative.

c. Cllr Harnett reported that the Chairman of the Shrewton recreational Charity had resigned but the former Treasurer was holding the reins. New trustees and committee members had come forward and there was a general air of confidence about the organisation. A local builder had inspected the building and felt that there were still years of useful life in it. All users, including Orcheston Parish Council (OPC), would be represented on the re-formed committee. Cllr Harnett agreed to be the OPC representative.

80. **Finance and Correspondence.**

a. Two cheques were issued – Clerk's salary £106.08, tax on salary £26.40.

b. (i) Councillors' Briefing Notes 341 Public Spaces Protection Orders, 342 Chargeable Collection of Waste, 343 Proof of Address at HRCs, 344 Housing Land Supply Statement had already been distributed.

(ii) January 2018 re-issue of the County of Wiltshire (Various Roads, Orcheston and Shrewton) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 2018.

(iii) Invitation to the Amesbury Area Board launch of Dementia Awareness week on 21 May 2018.

(iv) Notable annexes to the WALC Newsletter

(aa) Parliamentary Briefing – Data Protection Bill – NALC continues to argue that PCs should be exempt from compulsory Data Protection Officers. Their guidance contradicts Government advice.

(bb) L02-18 Reporting Personal Data Breaches (when GDPR is introduced on 25 May 2018).

(cc) L01-18 Financial Assistance to the Church – conflict between general and specific legislation as to whether PCs can support churches.

(dd) PC06-18 National Planning Policy Framework – a series of questions on which opinions are sought by 20 April 2018.

(ee) PC05-18 Review of Local Government Ethical Standards – questions requiring responses by 27 April 2018.

81. **Standing Agenda Items**

a. **Planning Applications**

(i) Camirece – tree application – comments submitted.

(ii) St George's Rectory – tree application comments in by 20 March 2018.

b. **Highways and Byways** The “developing” pothole at the crossroads had already been mentioned.

Footpath 12. Cllr Wright was concerned that the north end of Footpath 12 had been compromised by agricultural machinery exiting Manor Farm yard. The Chairman noted that pedestrian access was not impeded. The Clerk had raised the issue with Mr Grant who was investigating laying hardcore in the better weather in order to prevent the ground from being churned up. After further discussion the Chairman and Cllr Wright were unable to agree whether Footpath 12 was incapable of being walked.

c. **Village Maintenance** The Parish Steward is due on 29 March 2018 but at present is limited to tidying up after snow and filling potholes.

82. Date of next meeting 21 May 2018 at 19:15 for the Annual Parish Meeting.

May 2018

S Shepherd Chairman