

Shocklach Oviatt and District Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 9th MAY 2019 AT 7.30PM, SHOCKLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Present: Cllrs Marcus Chaloner, Greg Bowles, John White, Andy Brown, Mike Wilson.

In attendance: Cllr Paul Roberts (Farndon Ward Councillor), Chris Gray, Iain Carr

1. OUTGOING CHAIRMANS ANNUAL REVIEW.

Cllr Chaloner gave an overview of the work of the Parish Council over the last 12 months.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN.

The Chairman called for nominations for Chairman. Cllr Marcus Chaloner was nominated by Cllr John White, seconded by Cllr Mike Wilson.

No further nominations were put forward.

Resolved: that Cllr Marcus Chaloner is appointed Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year. All agreed.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE.

Cllr Chaloner signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office; all new Members signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed and countersigned by fellow Councillors. All Councillors completed and signed a Notification of Members Interest form.

Resolved: Noted.

4. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN.

Resolved: not to appoint a Vice Chairman of the Parish Council for the forthcoming year.

5. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk.

Resolved: that the apologies be noted.

6. GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME.

Iain Carr raised the problem of slow broadband in the area. Discussion ensued outlining the steps already taken to resolve this and noting that there had been little progress – council continues to approach all relevant parties to bring about improvement. Ward councillor Paul Roberts mentioned that he has complaints from all the rural areas that he serves and will do all he can to help. He suggested that messages from affected local residents may help by showing that many people are involved. Council felt that, instead of increasing speeds to areas with adequate coverage, funds would be better spent on improving provision to poorly served areas.

The chairman indicated that he would mention broadband problems in his annual address to the Village Meeting next week.

Council resolved that the clerk should write again to B.T., mentioning that slow broadband is damaging to the development of rural businesses, with a copy to Cllr Paul Roberts.

7. POLICE UPDATE

Police representatives were not in attendance but it was hoped that they would attend next week's public meeting.

8. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Ward councillor Paul Roberts was congratulated on his recent election success. He said that, although new to the job, he would be keen to hear from parish councils of any local concerns e.g. potholes and drains. He would be happy to include any problems of general interest in his newsletter "Focus".

9. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations of Interest were made.

10. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 21ST February 2019 be confirmed as a true record and be signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr White seconded by Cllr Bowles.

11. MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that work had been done to clear the grids of roadside drains but since then flooding had occurred in Soughans Lane so council wondered if any pressure washing of the actual drains had been undertaken.

Clerk to write to CWAC to clarify, with a copy to Cllr Paul Roberts.

12. APPROVAL OF STATUTORY DOCUMENTS.

Resolved: that Shocklach Oviatt and District Parish Council Standing Orders be approved without amendment. Shocklach Oviatt and District Parish Council Financial Regulations be approved without amendment and that the Risk Assessment be approved without amendment. The current Code of Conduct adopted by CWAC Council be readopted.

Proposed by Cllr Chaloner seconded by Cllr Brown. All agreed.

13. ANNUAL INSURANCE.

Resolved: that insurance will be renewed with Zurich at a premium of £170.49. All agreed.

14. PLANNING. APPLICATION:19/01019/FUL 1 Dog Kennel Farm, Shocklach Hall Lane, Shocklach Oviatt, Malpas. Erection of stable block with manege, agricultural shed and conversion of storage building into 2 dwellings. Comment deadline extended until 23 May.

RESOLVED: Council welcomed this development but were keen that the accommodation would be maintained for rural workers under Essential Rural Workers Dwellings DM25 provisions – (5.2.39/40/41) and not sold on as regular housing. The public right of way must be maintained.
Clerk to respond, with a copy to the chairman for approval first.

APPLICATION:19/00475/FUL Shocklach Oviatt School, Green Lane, Shocklach. Proposed extension to rear of school.

RESOLVED: No objections. Council welcomes development to our small parish school.

APPROVAL: 18/04642/FUL Demolition of existing outbuilding (with permission to be converted to residential annexe under consent ref 18/00392/FUL) and rebuilding on same footprint and to same size as existing.

RESOLVED: Noted.

15. ACCOUNTS.

Resolved: that the payment of salaries and expenses, the payment of invoices for goods received and services rendered be approved and the receipts and balances be noted.

Resolved: that it be noted that the Annual internal audit for 2018/19 has been carried out by Hacker Young.

Resolved: that the Annual Statement of Accounts Part 1 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: that the Annual Statement of Accounts Part 2 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

Resolved: that the Chairman sign the Exemption from external audit form.

Resolved: that Hacker Young be reappointed as internal auditor for 2019/20.

Proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Chaloner.

16. STANDING CONSIDERATION OF HIGHWAY MATTERS.

Issue with badger activity Bishop Bennett's Way. No action so far.

Resolved: Clerk to follow up.

Broken drain at bridleway. No action so far.

Resolved: Clerk to follow up.

17. CORRESPONDENCE.

ChALC Affiliation fee renewal received.

Resolved: noted and agree to renew.

Letter re ditch at Oak House.

Resolved: noted

Letter from National Grid re works at site off Purser Lane.

Resolved: noted.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Council is keen that public use of the school grounds for recreation as presented in the deeds, when land was given for construction of the school, is not eroded. There is some protection in that it has been used without hindrance for more than 20 years so there is precedence.

Cllr Wilson mentioned that more volunteers for the speedgun rota were needed.

Arrangements for Village Meeting on 16th May confirmed.

19. DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING.

Resolved: that the date and time of the next meeting will be on Thursday 18th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.