

**MINUTES OF SHERSTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY  
11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.30PM, IN SHERSTON VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Chairman: Mr J Matthews (JM)

Councillors: Mr T Moody (TM) Mr P Cutcher – Vice Chair (PC) (AT) Mrs M Jolliffe (MJ) Mr S Magee (SM) Mr M Smith (MS) & Ms N Fisher (NF)

2 members of the public present

<b>01.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Apologies for absence</u></b></p> <p>Council received apologies for absence from Mrs T Burgess (TB) Mrs Lucy Suggett (LS) Mr A Tremellen &amp; Mrs T Van Rooyen (TV),</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> To note the apologies.</p>
<b>02.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Declarations of interest</u></b></p> <p>Members to declare any interest they may have in agenda items in accordance with the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None received.</li> </ul>
<b>03.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Exclusion of the Press and Public</u></b></p> <p>Resolved to agree any items to be dealt with after the Public (including the Press) has been excluded under Standing Order 3.D.</p> <p>N/A</p>
<b>04.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Minutes</u></b></p> <p>Resolved to confirm and sign as a correct record the minutes of Sherston Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019.</p>
<b>05.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Internal Audit</u></b></p> <p>Members reviewed and noted the internal Audit for 2018.19</p>

06.07.19	<p><b><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letter received from Simon and Karin Grainger noted.</li> <li>• Fish released into the Avon at Sherston, environmental agency now informed.</li> <li>• Phone box update, LS to liaise and make contact to start arrangements, suggestions made include a electric charging point and a book swap.</li> <li>• Email received regarding the minutes being displayed, advised a volunteer is currently displaying the minutes on the notice board.</li> <li>• Clock at the bus shelter not working, JM to has sought advice for replacing with a battery operated clock, JM to arrange disconnecting the old clock.</li> </ul>
07.07.19	<p><b><u>Clerks Report</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members received a written report from the Clerk.</li> </ul> <p>Resolved to send the donation of the Elizabeth Hodge Trust to the scout group.</p>
08.07.19	<p><b><u>Planning</u></b></p> <p>Considered and comment on all planning applications received.</p> <p>19/05118/FUL Mr Vince Osbourne 4 Tanners Hill Sherston Malmesbury Wiltshire SN16 0NB Two Storey Extension – No Objection</p> <p>19/05562/TCA Mr Wilson 1 Byams Farm Cottages Tetbury road Willesley GL8 8QU Fell one poplar tree– No Objection</p> <p>19/05598/TCA Mr P Knight 2 Byams Farm Cottages Tetbury Road Willesley GL8 8QU Reduce Cherry Tree to Previous Pruning points– No Objection</p>

09.07.19	<p><b><u>To hear Reports from Councillors attending Meetings of Outside Bodies to include Wiltshire Council Reports and Working Group reports</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area board rep JM advised that he had attended the area board meeting and points raised included. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Services for grass cutting and play ground inspections</li> <li>2. NHS planning to join Wiltshire and B&amp;NES into a clinical commission group.</li> <li>3. Clomnell bus service for 10 people available.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• Allotment working group – nothing further to report.</li> <li>• Sherston Sports field – Article had been placed in the Cliffhanger and Sherston What's Occurring asking for input by the end of August.</li> <li>• Wall Repairs – Nothing further to report.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:</b> That the reports are noted.</p>
10.07.19	<p><b><u>Outstanding Actions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Twinning – MS advised Malmesbury tour completed with Twinning group, looking at establishing links</li> <li>• Hard standing at the Rec – Nothing Further to report.</li> <li>• Emergency Plan – Ongoing.</li> <li>• Malmesbury Youth Club – JM advised that if requests to establish a youth club are received this would be looked into.</li> <li>• Sparkle Days – JM advised that Sherston Parish Council could apply the Parish Council wished to get involved with the scheme.</li> <li>• Speeding Article – TV to complete and submit to Cliffhanger.</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The reports are noted.</p>

11.07.19	<p><b><u>Accounts for Payment – July 2019</u></b></p> <p>Members reviewed the Schedule(s) of Accounts for Payment and authorised the payments for July 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff Costs – July / August</li> <li>• P Cooper</li> <li>• HMRC - £738.38</li> <li>• Compass Graphic – NDP - £1200</li> <li>• TG Escapes - £55,053.00 – To be decided with agenda item 13</li> <li>• Malmesbury Mowing - £135 x 4</li> <li>• I Selkirk – Internal Audit - £180</li> <li>• Viking - £123.57</li> <li>• A Tremellen – Maintenance Repairs</li> <li>• Compass Graphic - £72.00</li> </ul>
12.07.19	<p><b><u>Recreational Ground</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Parish Council, in its role of trustee of the Recreation Ground (Pennymead) resolves as follows:</li> </ul> <p>To waive any existing restrictions on the use of the Recreation Ground sufficiently to permit the erection of a Sherston Preschool building as defined in the council’s planning application 19/01692/FUL to Wiltshire Council.</p> <p>This does not set any precedent for any future development.</p> <p>The council will retain the open area of the ground to ensure that there is no loss of recreational area, noting that Sport England had no objection to the Preschool as there was no loss of viable playing space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Members to consider advice and quotations for re seeding the Rec- Deferred.</li> <li>• Members to considered and resolved to accept the quotation received for the removal and relocation of the basket swing and pyramid climber and any other associated work.</li> <li>• Noted – Letter received – Appendix A, PC to respond.</li> </ul>

<b>13.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Pre School</u></b></p> <p>Verbal Report received from PC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Legal advice obtained regarding the covenants.</li> <li>2. Planning permission granted.</li> <li>3. Outline contract sent to the pre school.</li> <li>4. Pre school will not be paying any rent due to the VAT implications.</li> <li>5. Pre school will pay money to the scouts instead.</li> <li>6. Stage 1 payment made for £38,537.10.</li> <li>7. Stage 2 for £55,053.00 payment due and needs to be approved.</li> </ol> <p>SM advised that VAT advice had been received and he was confident that the VAT can be reclaimed.</p> <p>PC to get the further figures on the development.</p> <p>Clerk raised concerns over the financial implications for the Parish Council.</p> <p>Members to considered and resolved payment of stage 2 invoice (2535) - £55,053.00.</p>
<b>14.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Scout Lease</u></b></p> <p>Members considered the documentation received for the Scout Lease and advice obtained by SM.</p> <p>Resolved NF and SM to speak with the scouts for further clarification and report back to the next meeting.</p>
<b>15.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Grant Application</u></b></p> <p>Members considered and resolved to approve the Grant Application from the Arts Festival for £500.</p>
<b>16.07.19</b>	<p><b><u>Parish Steward and Parish Maintenance</u></b></p> <p>No further work required.</p>

**Meeting concluded – 20:55**

**Date of next meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

**Signed as a True Record:**

**Date:**

## Appendix A

Dear Sir/Madam

As a resident of Sherston and therefore a beneficiary of the charitable trust that owns the recreation ground I would like to object to any variation made by the trustees allowing a commercial nursery to be built on the land.

Yours faithfully

Mr P Gibb

Dear Sherston Parish Council,

I would like to ask for an explanation with regard to the Recreation Ground planning application and how it is deemed suitably open and transparent for submission by anyone representing Sherston Parish Council (SPC), a public body.

I am firstly referring to events that successfully saw the Sherston Neighbourhood Plan (SNP), of which SPC is the Qualifying Body, being adopted by Wiltshire Council and secondly the wholly inadequate and largely misleading planning application submitted to Wiltshire Council.

#### **Sherston Neighbourhood Plan**

As you know the 7 year consultation process is clearly documented and when the village was

asked for its aspirations going forward, protection for the Rec was the most universally agreed.

The village was far more sceptical about the over development of the Sopworth Road site and was placated with the idea suggested by Councillor John Thompson for a policy that allowed 45 housing units in return for, amongst other things, provision for a pre school site next to the

Primary School and further protection of existing open spaces, the Rec included.

With these and other policies in mind, 70% of those who voted, voted in favour for the SNP.

The application ignores the findings of your consultations, ignores those who voted for the SNP and subsequently ignores the aspirations of the village over which you, the current incumbents of

the Parish Council preside and the aspirations of whom you were fully aware.

#### **Application**

Its my opinion that your application is intentionally vague and misleading and fails to convey the relevant information required for proper consultation and believe the motive is to gloss over the big picture, avoid potentially onerous planning and highway regulations and disguise the true impact the proposal would have on this contentious site.

Some examples (but not all) in no particular order:

The Scout Hut is not owned by SPC but leased to the Scouts and should be shown as being under different ownership with its own access and parking - Misleading Pictures submitted are a poor representation of the site, taken during the works to install additional play equipment. Misleading It's stated/implied the additional play equipment was planned with this application in mind - Not true.

It's stated/implied that the area is under utilised - Not true.

It's stated/implied that the SNP supports this application - Not true, it supports a

pre school (not commercial nursery) next to the new school partly in return for 'agreeing' maximum housing units on the Sopworth Road site.

It's stated/implied that two years ago there was overwhelming support for a new pre school - True, but not on the Rec and not a commercial nursery. Misleading.

It's stated/implied to 'get the word out' an article headlined in the Cliffhanger. This suggests pre consultation with the village. Misleading - the article simply announced an application had already been submitted.

It's stated/implied NPPF para 97 relates to sport pitches only. Not true - it relates to open spaces including playgrounds.

Admittedly I haven't been able to view the relevant PC meeting minutes on the new website as they don't seem have been uploaded since December 2018. Perhaps when finally they are, they will contradict some of the above?