

Minutes of a meeting of the Shotley Parish Council held on Thursday, November 17th, 2022, at 7:15 pm, at the Shotley Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Wrinch (Chairman), C Mills (vice-chairman), B Powell, T Ingram, R Green, J Richardson and Mrs D Bedwell (Parish Clerk).

County and District Councils: District Cllr D Davis and County Cllr S Harley.

Public gallery: Seven members of the public.

SPC/22/139: To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received (and were duly approved) from Cllrs M Williams, S Pallant and C Smith.

SPC/22/140: Public participation at meetings (Meeting open to allow members of the public to speak):

Representation was made by a member of the public objecting to application DC/22/145 e). Their statement had been presented at the meeting held on November 15th and the detail was contained within those minutes. A copy was also available on the planning portal.

A member of the public praised how the Council had conducted the meeting on November 15th, particularly how Cllr C Mills had expertly chaired the meeting.

A third member of the public also commented on planning matters and how serious consideration should be given to further developments in the area.

SPC/22/141: Declarations of interest with regard to items on the Agenda: Cllr T Ingram declared a non-pecuniary interest on items SPC/22/146 and 142, and Cllr R Green also declared a non-pecuniary interest on item SPC/22/146.

SPC/22/142: To consider the co-option of a new member: Following due process, it was resolved to appoint Mr John Richardson as Councillor. The appointment took place with immediate effect, with Cllr Richardson joining the meeting and being handed the relevant forms for completion.

SPC/22/143: Reports

- a) County Councillor's report: A written report had been received from Cllr Simon Harley and circulated to members. An additional verbal report was also provided.
- b) District Councillor's report: As above.

SPC/22/144: To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on October 20th and November 15th 2022: It was resolved to approve the October minutes as a true record of the meeting held. The minutes of November 15th were deferred to the next meeting.

SPC/22/145: Planning matters

- a) **Application: DC/22/05605 - Hedgerow Removal, The Street:** As part of the Anglian Water WAT-07610 water infrastructure scheme which proposes to install a new water main from Freston to Shotley Gate, it is necessary to remove 6m of hedgerow at grid reference TM 23106 35280 / W3W: mallets.invested.stunning in Shotley: Following due consideration, it was resolved to recommend the approval of the various

planning applications under this scheme.

- b) **Decision: DC/22/04342 Charity Farmhouse, Wades Lane** - Replacement of fenestration on north elevation: **Listed building consent granted: Noted.**
- c) **Decision: DC/22/05234 Farmside, Main Road** - Application for a Non-Material Amendment relating to DC/21/06150 - Remove original approved garage from the proposal and replace with open cartlodge with storage area: **Permission granted: Noted.**

A number of applications had been deferred from the meeting held on November 15th 2022, as follows:

- d) **DC/22/05238 - Hedgerow Removal, The Street (Anglia Water), DC/22/05239 - Hedgerow Removal, Main Road (Anglia Water) and DC/22/05240 - Hedge Removal, Main Road (Anglia Water-** These applications were considered at the same time as DC/22/05605 and also received a recommendation for approval.
- e) **DC/22/05131 - Erwarton Hall Farmyard, Shotley Road** -Conversion, repair and extension of existing agricultural buildings to form five dwellings. Demolition of existing metal-clad barns (Resubmission following the refusal of planning application DC/20/03083): Following due consideration, it was resolved to recommend the refusal of this planning application.

SPC/22/146: Shotley Peninsula Shoreline CIC: Update and considerations: A brief report was received from Cllr T Ingram on developments since the last meeting. Five new gabion cages had been installed, with four being sponsored by members of the public. The number of volunteer hours and volunteers per session continued to increase, and a lease agreement for a section of land to be used for storage (at a peppercorn rent) was nearing its final stages.

SPC/22/147 Finance and administration:

- a) To consider and approve accounts for payment and note receipts/bank balances and reconciliations: It was resolved to approve the accounts for payment as follows.

Salaries, Tax, NI and pension liabilities (includes NJC increase backpay - April 2022)	£3,412.82
Bristol Hill Public Conveniences cleaning contract	£330.00
Village Warden contract	£635.75
Clerk's expenses	£132.68
Grass cutting contract	£214.75
N Power (Bristol Hill WC's)	£37.09
Geofabrics Limited (SPC CIC)	718.80
Total:	£5,521.50
Balances held (bank accounts):	
Current account	£165,804.14
Deposit account	£52,337.32

Tracker account	£458.74
Total:	£218,600.20

- b) To note and approve accounts for 1st and 2nd quarters 22/23: Deferred.
- c) To approve meeting dates for 2023: It was resolved to approve the meeting dates as per the schedule circulated by the Clerk.
- d) To receive update on ongoing matters: A brief report was received from the Clerk. The Clerk's application for funding for the Warm Hub Scheme had been successful, and the project was in the process of being delivered. An offer had been received for a speed Indicator device from another parish (on loan), which members agreed to accept. Enquiries continued with Highways on the various pending matters.

SPC/22/148: Suffolk Library - additional considerations following receipt of financial information: The Clerk brought those present up to date with information received so far in terms of annual costs. Cllr D Davis also contributed further information. Members expressed some disappointment that, apart from the local Library representative, no other Central Library representative had attended a Parish Council meeting or attempted to make a case for ongoing support. Cllr D Davis explained that the organisation was very stretched and that the recently formed Friends of Shotley Library Group would hopefully be able to progress matters.

As the Parish Council would have a clearer idea about their budgetary position at the next meeting, it was agreed to defer any financial decision to December.

SPC/22/149: To note any further correspondence received and agree response needed:

- a) Anglia Water amended plan details- being considered under planning
- b) Transport East Rural Mobility Survey-Councillor's views requested
- c) BDC Bin Lorry Naming Competition -circulated and published
- d) SALC and SLCC Local Government Pay Rates 2022/2023-circulated and adopted, in line with contractual obligations
- e) Remembrance benches- signposted to the Marina Management
- f) Sudbury and District CAB letter-no further response needed at this stage
- g) SCC street lighting and highways Asset energy and maintenance costs 2022/2023- budget consideration 22/23

SPC/22/150: Reports from Councillors on matters not itemised on agenda/requests for next Agenda (no decisions with a financial implication are permitted to be made at this point and should be added to a future agenda for consideration:

Cllr B Powell asked if a decision had been made about the provision of Christmas trees and was reminded that this had taken place some months previously.

Cllr C Mills reiterated a matter pertaining to overgrown trees raised by residents on Caledonia Road, which Cllr D Davis had also been approached about. There would be no further action at that point.

SPC/22/151: Date of next meeting: December 8th 2022: Noted.

With no further matters to be transacted, the meeting ended at 9:10 pm.

Signed:_____ Date:_____