

Shipton Parish Council

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Parish Meeting Minutes

Sunday 21 May 2023 in the Reading Room at 6.30 pm.

Councillors present: Cllrs Chalkin (Chairman) Lash, Cowing, Hellens and Hanagarth
In attendance: 13 members of the public.

230521/1 Welcome and Introductions. Cllr Chalkin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the 4 new councillors.

230521/2 Apologies. None

230521/3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on 13th May 2022. Cllr Chalkin asked the council to approve these minutes. APPROVED.

230521/4 Annual Report of the Chairman of Shipton Parish Council. Cllr Chalkin delivered his report, copy attached at Appendix 1.

230521/5 Local Community Reports. Reports were received from the Reading Room Committee; and the Coln River Group and St Oswald's Church, with summaries presented at the meeting.

230521/6 Open Forum.

6.1 Donald Creaton raised the issue of potholes. The Chairman noted pothole repair and road maintenance generally was the responsibility of Gloucester District Council and the best approach to generate action from them was for as many residents as possible to report potholes regularly to increase and expose the level of parish dissatisfaction with the lack of action on this matter widely.

6.2 Mr Creaton also raised the matter of leaf clearance on pathways and pavements during the autumn and winter each year. The Chairman respond that this issue, too, fell to the Gloucester District Council and recommended a similar approach.

6.3. Steve Smith requested consideration be given to providing picnic tables on the Green The Chairman agreed the PC would take on the matter and produce a plan.

6.4. Jayne Spiller thanked the PC for its support and funds it granted during the previous year for community projects; and asked consideration be given for a small grant towards funding a children's film showing during half term. The Chairman agreed to follow up with her request.

6.5 Kate asked that the Council address the matter of the state of the Triangle, particularly its crumbling steps, rotting notice board and unstable bench. Mr Cowing observed that the tree was causing some of the problems; and Steve Smith advised he had obtained a quote of some £1500 for repairs. The Chairman acknowledged that work on the Triangle was necessary and explained there was a procurement process to be followed with regard to quotations, which he would initiate.

6.6 Andy Gibbs commented that Reading Room users often had difficulty accessing the internet and volunteered to enhance the site. The Chairman noted this was properly a matter for the Reading Room Committee and it was agreed Mr Gibbs and Mr Smith would discuss options.

6.7 Mr Gibbs also raised the hazards of the Frogmill/A40 road crossing, which is hazardous for walkers, children, the infirm, noting that the site had witnessed many vehicle accidents and both the construction of the bus shelter and the opening of the Frogmill had increased foot traffic at that crossing in any event. The County Council had rejected out of hand previous requests to make the crossing safer, but the Chairman undertook to raise the issue again with Paul Hodgkinson and to make another case for a crossing.

230521/7 Closing comments from the Chairman. Cllr Chalkin thanked everybody for attending and brought the meeting to a close at 7.15 pm.

230521/8 Date of the next meeting – tbc May 2024