



Shipton Parish Council

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Minutes of

Shipton Parish Council Meeting

Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 6.30pm THE READING ROOM, SHIPTON

241103/1	Chairman's Opening Remarks and welcome. – The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed 3 members of the public.
241103/2	Apologies for Absence: all present. Cllr David Hellens (Chair), Cllr Harry Chalklin, Cllr Ann Hanagarth, Cllr Jasmina Tyler, Cllr Andy Gibbs. District and County Councillors unable to attend but a report sent by Cllr Paul Hodgkinson.
241103/3	Declarations of Interests: There were no declarations of Interests reported
241103/4	Approval of minutes from previous meetings – The minutes from the last two meetings (12 th and 17 th May) were reviewed, approved and signed by the Chair.
241103/5	<p>Village Matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste collection issues – this is an ongoing problem District wide. It was agreed that the Parish Council will support residents reporting missed collections to Cotswold District Council (CDC) and if this problem is not resolved quickly, Cllr Harry Chalkin will arrange some photos and will contact the local press. A report from CDC was not received before the meeting as requested. Bus Shelter maintenance contracts – Cllr David Hellens has been in contact with Richard Hall, a local tradesman, who has agreed to clean the bus shelter at the Frogmill. The cost of this is £75.00. It was agreed to ask for a twice yearly clean. It was resolved to APPROVE this. Blocked drains continue to be a problem throughout the village but especially on Syreford Road, causing the rain and debris to carry on down the hill, which is causing some bank erosion. It was resolved to continue to encourage residents to report on www.fixmystreet.com and agreed with Cllr Andy Gibbs to continue to liaise with Highways Department to seek urgent clearance of the badly blocked drains. Post meeting note: Cllr Andy Gibbs has completed this action and all Shipton drains were cleared by Glos Highways Dept on 13/11/2024. Cllr Andy Gibbs has sent Highways a note of thanks for their prompt response – Glos Highways confirmed that future clearance will now continue via their' annual maintenance cycle
241103/6	<p>Phone Box triangle</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fencing along the back wall by Phone Box – after discussion it was agreed that a Risk Assessment should be undertaken which would show a lack of accidents in the past 50 years at this site and it was resolved to agree no fencing is required as this would require a maintenance budget and would not be aesthetically pleasing. Cllr Andy Gibbs will write a Risk Assessment paper. Bulb Planting and future maintenance- it was noted that Kate Hathaway has planted bulbs purchased by the Parish Council on the triangle. Thanks were given to Kate for kindly doing this and it is hoped the area will look good in the spring and no longer require regular mowing.
241103/7	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approve current financial accounts – the current financial statements were approved. Noted from this:



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wall expenditure was not budgeted as unknown last year ➤ Grass cutting has been overspent due to underspending in many previous years. It is hoped that the current Contractor will continue to cut next year. • Discuss and agree precept requirements and budgets for next financial year- Cllr David Hellens and the RFO are working on the budget requirements for the next financial year, and it was agreed to hold an informal Zoom meeting in December to discuss ideas with the Parish Council before presenting the budget and precept requirement at the public January meeting. RFO to arrange meeting • Agree grass cutting contract and arrangements for next year. It was noted that if the current contractor is unavailable at times, Cllr David Hellens has a contact who can be used for sporadic mowing.
241103/8	<p>Policies update - agree and approve:</p> <p>Risk Assessment – Cllr Andy Gibbs will look at this</p> <p>Finance – up to date. It was noted that Lloyds Bank will now be charging for the account and this will be factored into the budget setting.</p> <p>Register of assets and maintenance record – Clerk will look at this for next meeting</p> <p>Other policies as needed. – all policies are available on the website.</p>
241103/9	<p>Next meeting: Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 6.30pm</p>
241103/10	<p>Public question time.</p> <p>It was noted the current Speed Indication Sign batteries are not a good system as they do not last long. A Solar panel quote from the supplier has been received and it was agreed that Cllr Andy Gibbs and Cllr David Hellens will look at the specifications for this and look for a more cost-effective solution.</p>