

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHIPLAKE PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN SHIPLAKE
MEMORIAL HALL
ON MONDAY OCTOBER 10th 2016 AT 7.45 P.M.**

- 1. PRESENT:** Mr T Taylor (Chair) Mr G Thomas, Mr R Head, Mr F Maroudas, Mr R Curtis, Mr D Pheasant. Mr M Leonard, D Bartholomew(OCC) **APOLOGIES** received from Mr C Smith and Mr G Davies. Mr P Harrison (DC) There were 3 members of the public present.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS & INTEREST.** Councillors were given the opportunity to declare any gifts or interest in any item on the Agenda. Mr G Thomas declared an interest in 3 PA's Brookfield, Sydney Harrison House and Gypsy Cottage. Mr T Taylor declared an interest in Brookfield.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 12th 2016.** The minutes were approved on a motion proposed by Mr R Head and seconded by Mr T Taylor.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS**
 1. There was no follow up to possible grant request from Scouts for support of Scout Hut
 2. Clerk to follow up again with Big Clean group at SODC **ACTION: Clerk**
 3. Clerk requested to contact Mrs J Matthews to see if History group would be willing to help develop village history/info signs. **ACTION: Clerk**
- 5. POLICE MATTERS.** There were no police report due to officers having been involved with the Didcot Power Station enquiry which has now been completed. There was a reported theft of Land Rover Defender from Station Road on 6/10/16.

6. O.C.C. Cllr D Bartholomew.
GENERAL OCC REPORT

1. UNITARY DEBATE

The report commissioned by OCC from Grant Thornton came up with an option that suggested a single unitary council but with some decision making devolved to different parts of the county based on the current boundaries of the five district and city councils. A recent meeting of OCC's Performance Scrutiny Committee saw County Councillors from across all parties interested in exploring this option further – and the OCC Cabinet has now agreed to do that. The key features are:

- A strategic unitary council with overall responsibility for determining a framework of delegation of powers and budget.
- Constitutionally established area boards reflecting the administrative boundaries of the current city and district councils exercising these delegated powers and budgets.

This model is still a single unitary, but builds on existing strengths and familiar geography, rather than starting from scratch. At this stage it is just a possible option that OCC is keen to explore further while acknowledging that there needs to be a lot of detailed negotiation in the weeks and months ahead.

2. GRANT SCHEME LAUNCHED FOR OPEN-ACCESS CHILDREN'S SERVICES

A £1m start-up fund has been launched by OCC to help community groups develop and deliver open-access children's services. Local solutions for open-access provision – such as 'stay-and play' - will complement a comprehensive new service for 0-19-year-olds across Oxfordshire, which ensures the most vulnerable children are protected and that families who need extra help are identified at an early stage. As part of OCC's continuing investment in early intervention, and in addition to the £1m fund, new teams of 'locality workers' will advise and support community groups delivering open-access sessions – as well as other universal services such as schools, health and early years' providers. Council-funded open access provision will continue to be offered at the new children and family centres, and other buildings as part of the new 0-19 service from next year.

3. CHANGES AT PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Since taking over the Property & Facilities portfolio in May, Cabinet member Lorraine Lindsay Gale has been working with Bev Hindle, the Acting Director, to bring about some fundamental changes to the way OCC works with Carillion, the contractor that manages property resource. This includes renegotiating the contract to ensure that OCC regains oversight and control of development projects to improve performance. A 'placed based planning' system will be

introduced that involves Councillors right from the start, taking advantage of their local knowledge on potential development opportunities.

4. HOUSING PLANS FOR OXFORD REJECTED BY SODC

Plans to build thousands of homes to deal with Oxford's housing crisis were rejected by South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) when the Oxfordshire Growth Board, made up of council leaders, met in September to approve plans to deal with the city's housing need identified in a 2014 report. The Oxfordshire Strategic Housing Market Assessment said neighbouring councils needed to provide 14,850 houses to help Oxford cope with its increasing demand. Oxford would look to build another 550 houses, while Cherwell would contribute 4,400, Vale of White Horse 2,200, West Oxfordshire 2,750, and South Oxfordshire would build 4,950.

SPECIFIC REPORT FOR SHIPLAKE

5. MOUNT IDA PLANNING APPLICATION P16/S2861/O

The Highways officer has put in a holding objection in relation to access and visibility issues. I have requested that he makes a site visit before finalising his recommendation. I have also asked that Henley TC continue to support the Neighbourhood Plan in relation to this application.

6. STRATEGIC HIGHWAYS ISSUES IN RELATION TO PLANNING

I will be contacting the Director in relation to this.

7. CAVERSHAM QUARRY UPDATE

The Environment Agency is not yet happy with the Details Pursuant to Condition 36 (landscape and habitat management plan). OCC is currently waiting for the applicant to provide an updated scheme which addresses their concerns. This will then need to be submitted to Environment Agency. Until the scheme is approved the applicant is not in a position to implement the development.

8. RAISING THE B478 BETWEEN PLAYHATCH ROUNDABOUT AND SONNING BRIDGE

David Bullock, OCC Highways & Transport Asset Manager, will be presenting an update on proposals at the Eye & Dunsden PC meeting on 15th November. Shiplake PC may wish to send a representative.

7. S.O.D.C. Cllr P Harrison. No report received

8. OPEN FORUM The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.09pm to allow input from the members of the public present. Mr Megson presented plans for Ashburn Planning on possible development in New Road offering two alternative developments, Council requested the comments from SODC on the pre-app discussion. There was a presentation on the possible development at Mt Ida. The meeting resumed at 8.36pm.

9. SPECIAL REPORTS-PLANNING.

10. PLANNING

The Planning Working Party submitted the following recommendations
SEPTEMBER 2016.

A) APPLICATIONS.

P16/S2861/O: Mount Ida, Reading Road, Lower Shiplake RG9 3PH
Applicant: Rissance Ltd Type: Minor.
Proposal: Development of 7 dwellings.
Recommendation: REFUSAL-see attachment for reasons.

P16/S3044/HH: Abbotsbury House, Woodlands Road, RG9 4AA
Applicant: Mr S Pratt Type: Other
Proposal: Replacement detached garage.
Recommendation: NO STRONG VIEWS.

P16/S3066/HH: The Oaks, Station Road, Lower Shiplake, RG9 3JR
Applicant: Mr T Green Type: Other
Proposal: Rear extension to kitchen, with access lobby.
Recommendation: NO STRONG VIEWS.

P16/S1336/FUL: Brookfield, Mill Road, Lower Shiplake
Proposal: Amendment of siting to earlier grant of permission.
Recommendation: NO STRONG VIEWS.

P16/S2593: Sidney Harrison House, Mill Road, Lower Shiplake RG9 3LW
Proposal: Amendments to previous application.
Recommendation: REFUSAL, on grounds that proposed amendments do not significantly mitigate our previous objections.

P16/S2927/H: Shiplake Cottage, Mill Road, Lower Shiplake RG9 3LW
Proposal: Amendment to previous application.
Recommendation: NO STRONG VIEWS.

Recently received and pending review:
P16/S3136/HH: 5 Westfield Crescent, Lower Shiplake-side and rear extensions.

The recommendations were unanimously approved on a motion proposed by Mr F Maroudas and seconded by Mr M Leonard

B) DETERMINATIONS:

Application No: P16/S2531/FUL
Application proposal, including any amendments:
Erection of one detached 2-bedroom dwelling with detached car port and amendments to position of the vehicular access from Oaks Road approved by application P15/S3709/FUL.
Site Location: Land to rear of The Gables Station Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3JR
PERMISSION REFUSED with 4 reasons

Application No: P16/S1362/FUL
Application proposal, including any amendments:
Demolition of bungalow and detached garage and erection of two 2-storey 5- bedroom dwellings with second floor accommodation within the roof space and detached double garages (layout changed as shown on amended plans received 28th July 2016).
Site Location: Dulverton Reading Road Lower Shiplake RG9 3JN
PERMISSION REFUSED with 3 reasons

C) OTHER: Prospectus received from Tetlow King in respect of a proposal for a retirement village on land east of Reading Road and developer invited to present their proposals at next parish council meeting.

D) Clerk requested to contact planning to express disappointment about Mr Duffield not attending proposed meeting between SODC planning and Council. ACTION: Clerk

11. FINANCIAL MATTERS.

1. The month accounts for October are attached and the following payments require approval

		cheque no	
R V Hudson – salary September	54.16	102509	341.49
R V Hudson – expenses, office allowance. September	55.16	102510	112.40
Inland Revenue – clerk’s tax September	56.16	102511	227.60
Mr Robin Head (Grasscutting)	57.16	102512	48.00
Shiplake Memorial Hall (Room Hire)	58.16	102513	97.26
Shaw & Sons Receipts and payments ledger	59.16	102514	76.74
Broadband	60.16	DD	37.76

The accounts were approved on a motion proposed by Mr T Taylor and seconded by Mr R Curtis

2. Grant request received from Mr E Povey to support repairs at Scout Hut to be discussed at FWP meeting.
3. Council agreed for the Clerk to obtain digital scans of all the Parish Maps returned from Village History Group before returning to the archives.
4. Finance group to try and meet before end of October. **ACTION: Clerk**

12. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION.

66/17 HIGHWAY MATTERS.

1. Mr R Head Updated Council that there had still been no response from Mr K Stenning. Clerk and Mr D Bartholomew requested to contact Mr K Stenning to follow up on commitment from meeting
ACTION DB and Clerk
2. Clerk confirmed the temporary road closure application had been processed for remembrance Sunday 13th November.
3. Mr G Thomas requested to contact TMS for a quote for a village wide road survey. **ACTION: GT**

67/17 MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT.

68/17 RECREATION GROUNDS/OPEA

1. Badgers Walk - Mr C Smith reported that the surface below the swings was wearing badly and would need to be addressed. Clerk to get quotes **ACTION: Clerk**
2. Memorial Hall. Mr G Davies reported on the condition of the equipment and the general condition of the playground. One of the springers has been broken and requires repair and the ROSPA report identified a fault with one of the swing frame supports. Clerk has investigated and cannot see the issue. Clerk to contact ROSPA.

69/17 FOOTPATHS Council to discuss Thames Path signage for village

70/17 SHIPLAKE – DEVELOPMENT OF FACILITIES.

1. Newsletter: Next Issue scheduled for November 2016
2. Website: No major updates
3. Network Rail Electrification: Update from NR expected by 14/10/2016 with meeting to be scheduled thereafter.

Update from Mr Neil Gunnell. GWR are proposing to add four additional trains a day in each direction through Shiplake, on weekday, off peak hours from May next year. This would make the services, both to Henley and to Twyford, half hourly, instead of every 45 minutes during that period. This is an interim change before electric trains run on the main line – and for this period the morning and evening through trains to and from London will still run.

The one thing which I am pushing GWR on is the connection back into Shiplake around 1725. This used to be 1731 and connected off the 1706 fast train from Paddington. If that connection doesn't exist in some form, then I have told them this isn't going to land well at all – given that that's one of the two key evening rush hour trains.

However, the main question is daytime off-peak and whether the good folks of Shiplake would like more services.

Future Phases

a) TREE PRESERVATION Mr T Taylor /Mr F Maroudas to update Council

71/17 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS/AONB

1. Mr Head briefly updated Council
2. Letter received from Mr John Howell stating no further progress to date.

72/17 S.O.D.C.

73/17 OCC

74/17 O.A.L.C. /O.R.C.C.

1. 2016 OALC Members Latest update circulated by email

75/17 MEMORIAL HALL

76/17 CHILTERN SOCIETY/CPRE

1. Latest Chiltern /Conservation Board /Society newsletters circulated by email
2. Latest CPRE newsletter circulated by email

77/17 DEFRA & OTHER GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENCE

78/17 TOWNLANDS & OXFORDSHIRE PCT.

1. Update circulated by email

13 CORRESPONDENCE

14. ITEMS OF INTEREST OR FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION.

The Chairman offered his apologies for the November meeting .

There being no other items of interest the Chairman closed the meeting at 10.00pm

R.V. Hudson.

Clerk to the Council.

11/10/2016