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Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting Thursday 13th August 7pm, Bradwell Village Office

Present:

Councillors M Linney, A Postan, J Heyworth, K Robinson, Y Lay

The meeting opened at 7pm and was well supported by members of the public

1. 2014/15 Accounts

Flood Defence Fund

A new bank account is now in place, for the Flood Defence Fund, and a sum of approx. £9400 was deposited. This represents various grants including the three below that were received.

1. £1250.00 was raised during 2013/2014
2. £1250.00 was raised during 2014/2015
3. £2751.20 was raised during 2014/2015

Although the Bank reconciliation was correct, a paper trail was agreed concerning the above to support the total as of the 11th May 2015.

Cllr KR proposed and Cllr A P seconded.

2. 2015/16 Budget and Accounts

Cllr ML drew attention to the fact that it had been proposed, at the Shilton Parish Council Meeting of the 13th July, that a one off grant of £250 had been agreed for a Shilton village Christmas tree. In addition, provision of locks to the doors at Bradwell Village office would incur a small additional expense.

These two items need recording on the budget. AT to action.

3. Dog Bins

Thanks were given to Mrs. Ronnie Scard for researching the costs and installation charges for between 3 to six dog bins for Shilton and Bradwell Villages. The clerk has written to Covenant Management to enquire whether Bradwell Village already has them and is awaiting a response.

Cllr ML stated that this request from the villagers is not included in the present 2015/2016 budget. Further discussion is to be carried forward to the September Parish Council meeting.

4. Litter Round

It was agreed that a litter round date to be set for Saturday 5th September 2015 at 11.00am and that all interested should meet at the Ford.

5. Parish Office in Bradwell

- Work on securing the two doors, one external and one internal, will begin on Saturday 15th 2015.
- Once the work is completed, the office will be open Tuesdays between the hours of 4.00pm until 7pm.

Cllr KR proposed, Cllr YL seconded.

6. Update on Flood Defence

Cllr JH reported there had been no further updates

7. Carterton Master Plan and Local Plan

Cllr AP and Cllr YL attended a meeting at Brize Norton raised because of growing concern over the Carterton Master Plan which proposes:

- 2600 new houses
- New Hotel
- Recreational sports centre
- New Business Park
- 150 new houses planned for Bampton and a further 135 for development which leaves a deficit of 1500 houses plus pockets of land owned by Colleges and Private Landowners who may develop

Several concerns were raised including the consultation process, inadequate information and the absence of any minutes taken at meetings.

Several parishes have recently met together: including Bampton, Brize Norton, Carterton, Clanfield, Black Bourton, Langford, Shilton, and Filkins.

Bampton is unhappy at the suggested number of new housing and it was proposed that a common statement is to be agreed by all and submitted to the Inspector of the Local Plan. A letter from WODC Planning Manager clearly highlights a number of his concerns with reference to the Master Plan.

Cllr AP made the point that this aspirational plan and not definite nor cast in stone.

AOB

Three new **Planning Applications**:

1. Bradwell Village retrospective permission for flue
2. Shilbrook Cottage – Cllr A Postan left the room
3. Quakers

Overgrown hedges etc.

Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds experienced problems when driving out of their driveway onto the road, whereby they narrowly avoided an accident with a speeding car coming from the dip, due to poor visibility from the hill and excessive overgrowth. WODC Cllr Peter Handley has raised an order to have work done to trim back the overgrowth.

Ongoing complaint concerning the ongoing problem of overgrown trees at Bridge House.

It was reported that the residents are now home from abroad for the summer and agreed that a letter is to be raised and formally sent to them requesting that they cut back the overgrowth.

It was noted that the letter should also include the point that should they decide to sell the property the Estate agent's solicitors should notify the purchasers, prior to any sale agreed, that it is the future owners responsibility to keep the trees maintained. Failure to trim the trees back, within a reasonable time frame, could lead to action being taken to remove the overgrowth and that they would be invoiced.

Concerns raised over David Wilson Homes plans.

Cllr. AP advised that this is not a formal application

At the end of the meeting, Chairman Mr. M Linney formally resigned as both Councillor and Chairman. He was thanked by Shilton Councillors for his diligence and hard work in improving the villages.

The meeting formally closed at 8pm and was followed by an open consultation meeting concerning the Shilton Down Farm Solar Park Development

Open Consulation concerning The Shilton Down Solar Farm 8.15pm

Chair: Cllr YL,

It was unanimously agreed by all, that the Ecotricity proposal was not acceptable and that the village was against any new proposals for the same reasons as before:

- Removal of good agricultural land
- Would be the 3rd Solar Farm within one mile of the village
- Increased traffic and congestion
- Risk of danger to dog walkers and nearby Bridle path users
- Increased disruption to local residents by heavy vehicles, noise and environment
- Failure to preserve land adjacent considered an important conservation area

Other concerns

- At the end of the 25 year period the site should revert to agricultural land and not be considered as Brown field
- Ecotricity could make an appeal or submit a new application or may decide to do both
- Is there a benefit to this development?

There could be a benefit to the community if it is an inconvenience to parishioners and if this is the case then access could be made to possible funding of appropriate village projects as compensation.

It was agreed that it was reasonable for people to attend the proposed Open Day and consider the revised proposal for the site. It was also agreed that any concerns /objections raised after reviewing the plans were to be discussed at another meeting and a letter sent to Ecotricity representing the views of the Parish.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm