

SHILTON PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

20th October 2015
The Old School, Shilton 7.30 pm

Minutes

Councillors: Mr A Postan, Mr J Heyworth, Mrs K Robertson, Mrs Yvonne Lay

1. Selection by Co-option of proposed applicant

The resignation of Cllr M Linney opened an opportunity for a new Councillor to join Shilton Parish Council. Vacancy notices had been posted and WODC informed.

Cllr Y Lay proposed Mr John Edwards to be co-opted to Shilton Parish Council as Councillor, Cllr K Robertson seconded the proposal.

2. Member Topic presented by SPC Councillor Justin Heyworth

Due to external work pressures and travel, Councillor Justin Heyworth resigned. He indicated that he is prepared to continue to participate in local issues as a Consultant to Shilton Council and be part of appropriate working parties, where his local knowledge is invaluable.

Shilton Parish Council acknowledged Cllr Heyworth's contribution to the community.

3. SPC response to the proposed Shilton Down Solar Farm

Oxfordshire County Councillor, Mr Peter Handley, commented that if the proposed Solar Farm is approved at appeal level, and thus forced upon the residents of Shilton; provisions should be made to compensate the residents for loss of amenities and for the possibility of property devaluation of local houses in the vicinity. His opinion was that if monies are granted and made available, a general community fund should be set up.

It was reported that a letter has been drawn up ready to be sent to WODC; however, it is subject to amendment and approval. It was agreed that three hard copies are to be sent and signatures required. Mr D Cuthbertson agreed he would amend the letter.

4. Proposed resignation and timings for Councillor Postan

Mr Alex Postan resigned, as Councillor and acting chairman, at the end of the meeting. It was agreed that in the interim period Cllr K Robertson would take on the role. Cllr Y Lay proposed and Cllr J Edwards seconded.

Shilton Parish Council thanked Cllr Postan for his hard work over many years.

5. Election Process

The Clerk agreed to inform WODC of the two resignations. WODC will then put in process the mechanisms for advertising the roles locally. If less than ten people apply directly to WODC then it opens the possibility of a co-option rather than an election.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm

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