

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL on 19 March 2024 at 7.30pm at SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Lesley Brown, Peter Bush, Wayne Linge

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from P Cowen, F Eagle, C Allen and R Wylie.
2. **To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23 January 2024.**
Minutes were approved. All voted in favour.
3. **To record any Declarations of Interest and to consider any requests for Dispensations from Council Members.**
None.

4. **Guest speakers (County Councillor/District Councillor).**
None.

5. **Oxygen Conservation introduction**
Fiona Milden and Abbey Dudas from Oxygen Conservation gave a short presentation on who they are and what they do. Oxygen Conservation was established in 2021. They acquire land across England, Scotland and Wales and are gradually restoring natural processes with the aim of protecting and restoring the natural and built environment.

Oxygen Conservation acquired the Manor Farm Estate in August 2023.

"Our long-term vision is to continue Scaling Conservation alongside the continued operation of the successful Wild With Nature ecotourism offering. We also hope to create an ambitious landscape-scale biodiversity net gain scheme at Shropham.

Our aims include:

- Continue with organic conversion of agricultural practices.
- Plant woodland corridors to connect and extend areas of ancient woodland.
- Increase the volume of birdlife, including rare and protected species.
- Increase scrub and wildflower meadows, and improve marshy wetlands, to provide better breeding cover for birds and richer habitats for insects.
- Improve the health and biodiversity of the River Thet, while making it more ecologically resilient and less prone to flooding."

There is further information available on their website <https://www.oxygenconservation.com/>

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6. Planning – Applications

- a. **3PL/2023/1078/EU** - Rustic Lodge Low Road NR17 1EH - Summer house for pleasure usage & workshop for personnel use not commercial - certificate of lawfulness - Existing Use. **Refused.**
- b. **3PL/2023/0659/F** - Rustic Lodge, Low Road, NR17 1EH - Retrospective application for the retention of a replacement mobile home in same position. **Permission.**
- c. **3PL/2024/0096/LB** - Church Farm Low Road NR17 1EH - Replacement of the existing conservatory structure with a new garden room structure and new detached garage and storage building. **Permission.**
- d. **3PL/2024/0095/HOU** - Replacement of the existing conservatory structure with a new garden room structure and new detached garage and storage building. **Permission.**
- e. **Local Plan Update.**
Nothing to report at the current time.

7. Finance – to approve and report the following expenditure:-

- a. To approve payment to Shropham Village Hall for hire charges in the sum of £10.00 on 19th March 2024.
- b. To approve salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman from 26 February 2023 to 23 March 2024 in the sum of £310.63.
- c. To ratify payment to Andrew Deptford for replacement defibrillator pads in the sum of £82.74 (incl VAT) (invoice number 14715).
- d. To ratify payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman from 28th January 2024 to 25 February 2024 in the sum of £310.63.
- e. To ratify payment for use of home office for the financial year 2023/24 in the sum of £30.

Proposed by D Napier and seconded by P Bush, all voted in favour.

8. Matters to Report

- a. **Financial Balances.**
Shropham Parish Council £3,412.13
- b. **Parish Land.**
A Thornton met with a representative from Ordnance Survey to agree the land in question which they agreed was accurate. Ordnance Survey will now submit a report to the Land Registry on which they will make a decision.

The Land Registry also had a few questions regarding the Tenancy Agreement on the land and evidence was provided in this regard.
- c. **County Broadband**
County Broadband have installed various poles and lines within Shropham. The communications with County Broadband historically, have not been very good. There is now a new sub-contractor who agreed this to be the case. The four poles installed on the Hargham Road are not on Parish Land, the land is owned by Highways.
L Brown advised that it was her understanding that the Village Hall had been offered free wi-fi once the installation was complete.
- d. **Highways.**
D Napier had been in contact with Darren Walmsley the new Highways Engineer and he advised that the telephone kiosk will be jettied out again and the issues with the subsidence will be further reviewed. The 40mph signs should be installed, close to the Stuart Group, as you enter into the village within the next year.
Bradcar Road is now clear and the vegetation has been removed.

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The TNP entrance is being resurfaced and there will be some work on the road which will involve the road to be closed in two sections for a period of two weeks. Some vehicles will have to come through the village during this period. The transport managers have been asked to remind drivers of the bottleneck by Shropham House and to ensure they travel slowly.

e. **Email addresses.**

L Brown advised that she cannot find her password. The Clerk will resend this. W Linge will install his in the next few days and report to the Clerk if there are any issues. A Thornton asked for his password to be sent again as he has a new device. The Clerk will find out the position from R Wylie.

9. **Any items to be noted for the next Agenda.**

The next meeting will be the Annual meetings and the Clerk asked that everyone do their best to attend.

The Annual Governance and Accountability Return and accompanying documents.

10. **Correspondence.**

None.

Public Participation

A member of the public enquired where on the Hargham Road the four poles had been installed. It was explained that they are near the 30mph signs as you head out towards the A11.

11. **To agree date for next meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2024.**

Agreed.

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

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