

Notes of a meeting of Dean and Shelton Parish Council held on Wednesday, 7 March 2018

Present at the Meeting: Councillors: Cllr S Morrow (Chair) Cllr S Brett, Cllr L Jones, Cllr J Wells

In Attendance: Mr R Grasmeder (Clerk)

Mr M Towler (Ward Councillor)

There were no requests for information

1. Due to Cllr Ward being unavailable Cllr Morrow was unanimously elected (proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr Brett) as Chair for the meeting.
2. Apologies were received from Cllr Gamblen due to illness and Cllrs Pattison and Ward due to personal reasons.
3. There were no declarations of interest.
4. With the agreement of all those present the Minutes of Meeting 7 February 2018 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
5. A financial statement, review of expenditure against budget and bank reconciliation to 28 February 2018 was tabled by the RFO, considered by the Council, and approved.
6. Accounts for Payment - None
7. No planning applications received.
8. The Clerk advised that it was possible to download documents from the BBC website but not with the current broadband speed.
9. Correspondence: None
10. Chelveston Community Benefit Fund An amendment to the wording of the objects of the charity as stated in Trust Deed and proposed by the Charity Commission prior to formal registration and advised in a communication received from CCBF was discussed. It was resolved to approve the revision to insert an all-encompassing objective that allows the Trust to support any charitable activities in the four parishes - "The object of the charity is the promotion of any charitable purposes for the benefit of the community in the civil parishes of Chelveston-cum-Caldecott in the county of Northamptonshire, Dean and Shelton in the unitary district of Bedford Borough, Hargrave in the county of Northamptonshire, and Melchbourne and Yelden Shelton in the unitary district of Bedford Borough as the Trustees see fit."
11. Emergency Plan: The Clerk will amend the Emergency Plan and circulate it for approval.
12. Ring Round Scheme: A potential scheme to provide a phone round scheme for people needing emergency assistance was discussed and it was felt that it was best left as an adhoc arrangement between neighbours. The Clerk was asked to draft an article for Honeycomb.
13. Broadband: An e-mail from Trish Etheridge (Broadband Contract Manager for Central Bedfordshire) had advised that Fibre To The Premises service will probably be available in Upper Dean in September and in Lower Dean in June. No rollout is planned for Shelton.
14. Speeding and Police Matters: Nothing to report.
15. The regular clearance of road gullies was discussed. Cllr Morrow will contact Beds Borough to request a visit from the gully clearing lorry.
16. Cllr Morrow will follow up the repairs to verges in Lower Dean. The Clerk was asked to forward the e-mails regarding this to Cllr Towler.
17. The Clerk advised that the date for the Bulk Waste Skip was Sunday 6 May 2018. Dates and other details are on notice boards and on the website.
18. The Clerk was asked to place items on the next agenda to discuss the Local Plan 2035 and the placing of a traffic mirror at the junction of Shay Lane and the High Street.
19. Date for next meeting 4 April 2018 at Dalton Hall, Upper Dean commencing at 7.30pm.
20. The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.35.

Subject to Approval