**SHACKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of meeting on 9th January 2023**

**Present** – Bridget Carter-Manning (Chairman), Fran Nowlan (Vice Chairman), Philip Randall, Sally Wyse, Paula Booth, Matt Furniss SCC and Kate Lingard (Clerk).

**Members of the Public** – Anthony Isaacs, Sophie Berry, Briony Ormond, Sue Chapman, Sue Everest, Peter Stovold, Michael and Emma Walton.

**26/22 - Apologies for Absence –** Tony Rooth.

**27/22 - Declarations of Interest –** PR declared an interest in item 32/22 which relates to a planning application for his property Brookside. BCM also declared an interest in the planning application at 32/22, as PR’s property abuts BCM’s property. BCM said she had taken advice from GBC Monitoring Officer.

**28/22 - Minutes of meeting held on 14 November 2022 –** approved.

**29/22 - Matters Arising (**for information only**) –** BCM said that works to the horse margin would be completed the next time a digger was available to AS.

**30/22 - County and Borough Councillors –** MF said the dilapidated concrete bench on Grenville St was due to be removed in the new financial year. MF said he had chased National Highways again in relation to issues at Hurtmore Bottom and the Countryside team in relation to outstanding signage for the A3 pedestrian diversion route. Traffic mitigation measures in Eashing were still to be reviewed in light of the possible development at Hurst Farm and MF said he was due to have a meeting with Highways later in the week and would update SPC afterwards. Initial results of the 20’s Plenty initiative had been collated and MF said that, based on the traffic speeds measured, there were some roads in Shackleford that could be reduced to 30mph (parts of Lombard St, parts of Puttenham Lane), whilst the centre of the village and the near end of Lombard St could be reduced to a 20mph; this would only be if SPC/residents were interested in pursuing these reductions. MF to send out the information and suggestions via email. MF said road marking/lines for Eashing Bridge and the A3 junction were a priority for painting and would be done soon.

**31/22 - Highways and Byways – see 30/22**

**32/22 - Jubilee Field** – the ownership of the field and its possible disposition by the Parochial Church Council was discussed. The field was purchased in 1935 with donations from residents who had been asked to help provide a ‘permanent memorial to King George V’ (1935 being the year of the King’s Silver Jubilee). There are many hundreds of examples of such KGV playing fields all over the country and over 500 of them are now protected through the Fields in Trust charity. The fields were purchased locally to provide outdoor spaces for communities to use and enjoy. The Jubilee Field in Shackleford was to be used by the school, church and residents for outdoor activities. St Mary’s School no longer requires the field for any activities so the PCC would like to relinquish ownership of the field and has been looking into its possible sale. Residents and councillors said that, although they understood the field was legally owned by the Church, they felt it was beneficially owned by the community, because it had been bought following a request for donations from residents in 1935 to provide a permanent open space in memorial to King George V.

Sue Everest said that she and some other residents had suggested a possible low-maintenance orchard to the PCC, that could be set up with help from the Charity COPSE (Community Orchard Project Southeast) but had not had a formal reply. Similar orchards are at Watts Gallery and in Puttenham. AI said that he was a trustee of a charitable trust that could provide funding to buy the field, set it up as an arboretum with help from the Woodland Trust and cover some of the PCC’s legal fees to help achieve this. It was noted that there was a restrictive covenant in place relating to the field to prevent its development, however, SPC did not know the exact wording of the covenant. AI’s suggestion would allow the PCC to sell the field with the covenant in place and would be analogous with the original aims of the charitable donations of the residents. AI to provide more information on his suggestion.

It was agreed that SPC write a further letter to the PCC asking that they consider only options for the field that would keep it out of commercial/private ownership, so that the original intentions of the donors to provide an outdoor space in permanent memorial to KGV were honoured.

**33/22 - Planning –** BCM and PR left the room for this part of the meeting and FN chaired the item. The following application was discussed:

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| **Application** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **SPC comment** |
| 22/P/01826 | Brookside, Lombard St, Shackleford GU8 6BH | Proposed single storey dwelling, detached garage and lakehouse following demolition of existing two storey dwelling. Replacement driveway with landscaping | SPC decided to object for the following reasons:   * Street scene would be altered with a long, continuous dark wall alongside road/neighbouring property and closing of gap in existing wall * Reduction in openness as proposal will infill current views of landscape/brook * Large footprint of the proposed property on the site * Linking garage and house add to the bulk and scale * Not in keeping with rural setting * Height of the building (for a single storey design) * Ask GBC about possible loss of heritage features in older part of property   Clerk to send in comments when consultation periods begins |

**34/22 - Finance**

1. **Expenses** – the following payments were approved, and cheques signed where necessary:

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| **Date** | **Amount** | **Reason for expenditure** | **VAT** | **Payee** |
| 1/12/22 | £9.95 | Website fee | 1.66 | 34SP |
| 1/01/23 | £9.95 | Website fee | 1.66 | 34SP |
| 9/1/23 | £87.87 | Clerk’s expenses | 0 | Kate Lingard |
| 9/01/23 | £25 | Hall hire | 0 | Shackleford centre |
| 9/01/22 | £120 | Village emergency telephone system annual fee | 20 | The Community Heartbeat Trust |
| 9/01/22 | £389.52 | Playground donation for insurance | 0 | Shackleford Community playground |

1. **Budget –** the budget was discussed and approved for 2023-24. The proposed budget would ask for a £1 increase per Band D Property. Clerk to send in the precept request to GBC.

**34/22 - Other Correspondence -** none

**35/22 - Meeting dates for 2023 – March –** Monday 13th

**May – Tuesday May 9th**

**July -** Monday 3rd

**September –** Monday 11th

**November –** Monday 13th

**DATED** 10 January 2023