

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SHIPLAKE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN SHIPLAKE MEMORIAL HALL ON
WEDNESDAY 27TH MAY 2015 at 7.30 P.M.**

- 1. PRESENT.** Mr Tudor Taylor (Chairman), Mr G Thomas, Mr C Smith ,Mr D Pheasant, Mr F Maroudas ,Mr R.B.Head, Mr D Bartholomew (CC) Mr P Harrison(DC)
An apology for absence was received from, Mr G Davies,
In addition there were approx. 33 members of the public present.
The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the public.
- 2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY MAY1st 2014**
The Chairman said that he understood that these minutes had been approved by the Parish Council at their meeting in June 2014 and asked that they be taken as read and be approved. This was accepted by the meeting and unanimously approved on a motion proposed by Mr T Taylor and seconded by Mr R Head.
- 3. MATTERS ARISING.**
None were raised.
- 4. POLICE MATTERS.**
There was no police report, The Chairman commented that the village was a relatively low crime area
- 5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.**
The Chairman, Mr T Taylor then made a presentation of his report, a copy of his full report can be viewed on the village website
The Chairman asked for questions on his report.
Mr J Slaley reported that the yellow lines are fading rapidly and could they be repainted .as they were not enforceable Mr D Bartholomew said that due to budget restraints he was positive that there was no budget available for repainting .Mr R Hudgell asked whether any parking measures could be installed in Brocks way as it is becoming congested with builder's vans .He also requested whether SODC planning could include regulation in PA approval that owners must make provision for contractor's vehicles parking on site.
- 6. ANNUAL REPORT OF SHIPLAKE, HARPSDEN, DUNSDEN AND PEPPARD SICK POOR FUND.**
The chairman discussed the Fund within his presentation.
- 7. GUEST SPEAKERS**
The Chairman introduced Mr Paul Harrison (DC) and Mr D Bartholomew (OCC)
Mr P Harrison is the newly elected District Councillor and he presented on a number of areas as to how he could help the village in his capacity .He commented that priorities were Planning particularly relating to infill developments that there was concern in SODC that there is insufficient 5 yr. housing supply and action needs to be taken to ensure this is corrected .Scrutiny was another aspect as there are only 3 non conservative councillors , it is important that there is sufficient and robust challenge .The possibility of South and Vale and South Oxfordshire and another district becoming one super district has been suggested for review in order to maximise resources and save money .Housing developments it is a commitment of any new housing development that 40 % should be social housing. .

Mr D Bartholomew then talked about 4 topics

What County Council does vs District Councils, What I do within County Council, Key issues facing Council and finally Specific things I've done and am going to do for Shiplake

WHAT COUNTY COUNCIL DOES VS DISTRICT COUNCILS?

One County Council, five District Councils (SODC, WODC, Cherwell, Vale of White Horse, Oxford City). OCC is responsible for providing many key local services. Schools, social services, the fire service, roads, libraries and the museums service, trading standards, land use, transport planning and waste management. Employs about 5,000 people to deliver them. Manages £845 million of public money on behalf of nearly 700,000 residents. But half money goes directly to schools. The council is controlled by the Conservative Independent Alliance Group and its decision-making body is called the Cabinet.

Whereas District Councils are responsible for Environmental Health, Housing, Leisure and Recreation, Planning Applications, and Waste collection

WHAT I DO WITHIN COUNTY COUNCIL.?: I sit on the Full Council, also Audit & Governance Committee, Planning & Regulation Committee, CAG IG and I am Whip of the County Conservative Group (one of six Group Officer posts). As a Group Officer I also attend Informal Cabinet. Parish Council Meetings. I Represent interests of residents in nine parishes: Binfield Heath; Bix & Assendon; Eye & Dunsden; Harpsden; Highmoor; Rotherfield Greys; Rotherfield Peppard; Shiplake; and Sonning Common.

Key issues facing Council?

BUDGET

In line with the Government's plans to reduce public spending to cut the national deficit, the County Council has already made savings totalling £265 million. With £20 million of additional pressures coming from Adult and Children's Services the level of savings necessary from 2010 to 2018 now totals £285 million. Council Tax referendum limit again at 2% for the coming year.

Expensive referendums ruled out.

POTENTIAL TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL ALLIANCE

Last December, the Leaders of Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Northamptonshire jointly signed an offer to Government to unlock further economic growth and significantly build on the £45 billion value of goods and services that the area already generates. The three councils call on the Government to work with them to develop a brand new 'combined authority' alliance focused on their common economies of innovation, science, technology and creative industries. Not about a super unitary authority, as each council will have its own sovereignty and will make the final decision regarding any proposals. There is no intention of merging councils.

REPORT ON THE STRATEGIC FINANCIAL CASE FOR A UNITARY COUNCIL

The Council's Leader, Cllr Ian Hudspeth, has commissioned an independent report to explore the potential savings that could be made in Oxfordshire if there were some form of unitary structure of Local government. He has called publicly for a local debate about the need to look radically at new ways to make savings.

The report assesses three potential models of council reorganisation covering county and district / city council functions:

- a single unitary council for Oxfordshire;
- two unitary councils, based on the city of Oxford and the rest of the county; and
- three unitary councils covering the city of Oxford, north Oxfordshire and south Oxfordshire.

LONG TERM TRANSPORT PLAN

In January, the OCC Cabinet approved the Local Transport Plan, went out for further consultation between February and April. Support the ambitions for the county up to 2031, before which an expected 100,000 new homes and 85,000 new jobs are likely to be created. The plan includes the Oxford Transport Strategy, which sets out ambitious plans for transport in and around Oxford city,

covering mass transit solutions like rapid bus services along strategic routes, integrating transport modes by transforming the park and ride network and making it easier to cycle by introducing cycle super routes across the city. Also featured is an innovative 'Science Transit' approach to deliver a comprehensive, high quality public transport network for Oxfordshire and new, updated bus strategies.

OFSTED INSPECTIONS OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Last year, OCC Children's Services were subject to a detailed Ofsted Inspection concerning their Child Protection and Looked After Children's (LAC) Services. In addition, the Local Safeguarding Board (LSB) was subject to a simultaneous but separate inspection. The outcome of the 4-week inspection is that Children's Services have been judged as Good in all six categories:

- Children who need help and protection
- LAC
- Adoption
- Experiences and progress of Care Leavers
- Leadership Management and Governance
- Oxfordshire Safeguarding Children Board

SPECIFIC THINGS I'VE DONE AND AM GOING TO DO FOR SHIPLAKE

- Councillor Community Fund Last year Village Plan printing and village website development, no fund this year
- Fought against Thames Farm application and appeal, • Fought against Chelford House • Assisted with Experimental Traffic Order • Village Plan, • Facilitated speed camera relocation. Opposed additional street lighting recommendation, • Neutral on blanket speed limit but facilitated process
- Highways issues, potholes, drains, signage (FixMyStreet and Station road trench) • Footpaths
- Investigated station cameras
- Three serious issues
- Electrification (meeting and on-going), • Gravel extraction/AONB, • Third Reading Bridge

8. OPEN FORUM SESSION.

Chairman opened the Open forum session at 9.0pm to allow questions /comment from the floor Mr D Parr asked whether the 90 day rule for traffic diversion would affect major roads or minor roads and this delay in Broadband installation was a concern to the Council, Mr D Pheasant commented he was positive that despite the delay due to issues with cabling the superfast Broadband would be installed some time later this year.

Mr D Sand asked what was the alternative cycle path suggested for the route between Shiplake and Henley, Mr T Taylor commented that the 3 options, along the river, along the railway and along the A4155 had been reviewed, and whilst option 1 was not viable option 2 was viable but has run into issue with network Rail because of a lack of progress re electrification so council had decide to relook at option 3 along the A4155 recognising it was more dangerous. Mr Sand asked whether funding from Sustrans was on offer. Mr Taylor replied that Sustrans had requested funding for a feasibility study for PC. Mr G Thomas asked how Oxford CC had managed to fund £12 million for a cycle path in Oxford. Mr Bartholomew replied that was evidence of increased efficiency and business gain

A number of residents including Mr Pehrson, Mr Batten and Mr Jones spoke strongly opposing the decision to install 20mph zone across the village.

The Chairman commented that the decision from OCC Cabinet member is to approve the scheme however it has been passed to SPC to find funding and ultimately decide implementation. The Council will review the data and make a decision in due course. The Chairman emphasised it will be a

free vote and all councillors should attend that meeting if at all possible , all members of the public will be welcome to also attend the meeting.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further questions or business the Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending and closed the open forum session and meeting at 9.25pm.