



Compton and Shawford Parish Council

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Record of the Annual Parish Meeting: 7.30pm Thursday 18 May 2017, Shawford Parish Hall

Present: Councillors M Goulding (chairman), M Bell, R Jordan, F Strange, R Webster, M Wilkinson and Mr D Drake (Clerk).

In attendance: PCSO Griffiths, County & District Councillor J Warwick, District Councillor E Bell and 29 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Councillors J Brant, J Lockett & M Southgate, J Pitt, M Hegan, J Millar and J Walmsley.

Introduction

1. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a short overview of the proceedings, which would begin with a presentation by Steve Opacic, Strategic Planning Officer (part-time), Winchester City Council.

Planning

2. Mr Opacic advised the meeting that planning officers had to take the following into consideration:

- National and Regional Policy (introduced in 2012)
- Winchester Local Plan Parts 1 and 2
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Community-led Plans.

Part 2 of the Winchester Local Plan had been finalised in April this year. It had reviewed settlement boundaries within the district and he noted that there had been no changes to those of Compton and Shawford and no housing targets had been set for the parish.

He advised that, while neighbourhood plans give local policies statutory weight, they need to be consistent with the Winchester Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework. He emphasised that the Village Design Statement, produced in 21011, was a parish plan and not a planning document.

Police

PCSO Griffiths reported that crime had decreased in the area comprising Compton, Otterbourne, Pitt, Hursley and Shawford. There had been 551 reported incidents in the year between 1 April 2016 - 1 April 2017, compared to 730 in the previous year. However, there had been a recent increase in burglaries, including one in Otterbourne on 29 April 2017. This had been included in an ongoing investigation into a series of burglaries in, and around, Colden Common. Anyone with information in relation to these burglaries was asked to contact the police on 101, quoting Operation Disco.

In response to a question from a member of the public, PCSO Griffiths, advised that he was unaware of any traffic accidents in Twyford Road. Should there be a problem with parked cars causing an obstruction, he would be prepared to intervene but responsibility for cars parked on double yellow lines rested with Winchester City Council.

County and District Councillors' Reports

District Councillor Jan Warwick presented a joint report (with District Councillors Eleanor Bell and Brian Laming). Progress was being made on several major projects, including Silver Hill, Station Approach, Winchester Bus Station and the Sports and Leisure Centre at the Garrison Ground, Bar End. She was pleased to say that the new Chesil Lodge Extra Care scheme for older people in Winchester was nearing completion. It will allow residents to retain independence whilst having access to 24-hour care. The Council's Air Quality Action Plan, which describes nine priorities for improving the air quality within the city, was adopted in April. Given the amount of detail in the report, Councillor Goulding suggested that it should be published on the parish website.

2017 Annual Report

Councillor Goulding hoped that those present had received a copy of the Annual Report, which should have been distributed to all households within the parish. If not, copies were available from the clerk. Councillor Jordan briefed the meeting on how Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds were being administered and noted that the Scouts had received a grant of £5000 towards the refurbishment of the Reeves Scout Hall. Councillor Wilkinson explained that significant improvements had been made at the Memorial and QEII Field playing fields. These including re-staining the jubilee pavilion and shed and additional fencing at the QE II field, where replacement AstroTurf would shortly be installed around both goal areas. A new parish lengthsman had been appointed, who, amongst other things, would be responsible for keeping parish footpaths clear of overhanging vegetation. Councillor Webster briefed the meeting on plans to purchase the BT telephone kiosks in Martins Fields and Shawford Road and Councillor Bell outlined plans to establish a group to look at parking in Shawford. Councillor Jordan indicated a willingness to work with the various residents' associations, when responding to individual planning applications.

Questions from the Public

In response to a question about whether CIL could be used to provide additional funding for the school, Councillor Goulding noted that the funds were aimed at improving facilities but, should the school have a specific project in mind, they should inform Councillor Jordan. The chair of the Shawford Village Residents' Association indicated that she welcomed the comment about the formation of a group to look at the problem of parking in the village but it would need to meet before the proposed meeting with the rail franchisee, First Group on 19 June 2017. Concern was raised about the 'eyesore' at the site of the old Captain Barnard public house. It was noted that Brendoncare had plans to develop the site, once their Otterbourne project had been completed. Councillor Bell noted concerns about the difficulties being encountered by vehicles reversing out of the parking bays in Shawford Road.

There being no further questions, the chairman brought the meeting to a close. He thanked Mike Southgate, who had spent many hours on council work, during his two years as chairman. He also recognised the work undertaken on behalf of the community by the three councillors who had resigned during the past year, Naomi Sadler, Marc Townell and Una Stevens (who had been chairman between 2010 -13). He thanked the ladies of the WI, for providing refreshments, and the hall caretaker, Frank Smith. Finally, he invited everyone to join him for tea and biscuits and emphasised that councillors would be available for 'one to one' discussions. Mr Walmsley proposed a vote of thanks for the council's efforts over the past year, which was well received by parishioners, and was followed by a round of applause.

David Drake, Clerk