

Shapwick Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 4 January 2023
at 7.00pm at Shapwick Village Hall, Shapwick

22/23/104 Present: Graham Croucher, Lesley Gaskell, Nikki Polden and Paul Rogers

22/23/105 In Attendance: Sue Williams (Clerk)

22/23/106 Also Present: 8 Villagers

22/23/107 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Frank Barnard, Steve Champion and Moray McGowan.

22/23/108 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

22/23/109 Acquisition of the Land behind the Village Hall – Survey the Village

The Chair explained to the meeting that through the research being carried out by the working party on the acquisition of the land behind the village hall one of the potential funding sources requires the applicant to show support from the community for the project.

The deadline of 31 January 2023 gives limited time to gather such data so the Chair suggested a simple online survey as a way of assessing community support for the project as well as obtaining letters of support from village organisations which have used the land for events. Additionally, data from the earlier Front Foot Shapwick survey can be included.

An article about the acquisition of the land and the survey (including the link) will be included in the Shapwick News to be distributed shortly.

A review of IP addresses will monitor duplicate entries.

The chair asked Councillors present to comment.

Lesley Gaskell said she was in favour of an online only survey and that one entry per household will simplify the process. Nikki Polden agreed with these comments. Paul Rogers said given the timeframe an online survey is the simplest and quickest option. Nikki Polden said the article in the Shapwick News will give villagers more information. Graham Croucher asked Councillors if they thought a paper copy of the survey should be offered. Councillors agreed that this would complicate the process and that the majority of villagers would have online access.

Lesley Gaskell proposed that the Parish Council carry out an online survey in relation to support for the acquisition of the land behind the village hall. Seconded by Paul Rogers. Unanimous.

22/23/110 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next PC meeting will be Tuesday 17 January 2023 7.00pm Village Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

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