

SHAW & CROMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
Environment Committee

Draft minutes of the meeting held on
Tuesday 19 September 2023
in the Matthias Pilling Room, 1 Kershaw Street East, Shaw OL2 8AB.

Present: Councillors Dunne, Sarah Hince, Lee Navesey, Lisa Navesey and Reilly;
4 members of the public and 1 non-Committee member Parish
Councillor Penketh.

Councillor Sarah Hince in the Chair.

The meeting started at 6:00pm

and was recorded

- 1 Apologies for absence:** Councillors Carrington and Marc Hince.
- 2 Declarations of Interest:** None.
- 3 Minutes of the previous meeting**
The draft minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on the 15 August 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
- 4 Public Participation**
A member of the public wished to raise an issue/ask a question relating to a matter not specified on the agenda, therefore the matter was not discussed. However, the member of the public was advised to liaise with Councillor Marc Hince who is aware of the issue.
- 5 Financial report for the period 1 April – 31 August 2023**
Committee approved the report for the period in question.
- 6 Footpaths, Rights of Way and the Crompton Circuit – Martin Riley**
Committee thanked Martin for his report and noted its contents and agreed the following:-
 - a) as a matter of urgency that Committee pay Groundwork £150 to repair the bridges at (i) Wild Street/Mosshey Street and (ii) Linney Lane - a total commitment of £130 to complete the necessary repairs/mesh replacement;
 - b) Councillor Navesey carries out a site visit to the flooded non-definitive path near to Mill Pond Close and reports back to the next meeting.
- 7 Groundwork reports – Adam Holt**
Adam reported to Committee the availability of grant funding from OMBC's 'Local Improvement Fund' (LIF) aimed at improving Oldham's neighbourhoods, districts and local communities for the benefit of residents. LIF grants should be made via a local Borough Councillor, therefore it was agreed that Adam Liaise with Councillor Marc Hince to progress a grant

funding bid to carry out improvements/reinstatement to the Beal Riverside walk footpath from Linney Lane to George Street play area.

8 Grant applications/funding bid

- (i) Community Access Grant – Councillor Sarah Hince
Councillor Hince reported that the bid for electric bikes (to be housed at the Parish Council offices) had been unsuccessful despite being provisionally approved. It was agreed that another would be submitted in the future;
- (ii) Environment Fund (GMEF) - Councillor Sarah Hince
Nina Agnew (Groundwork) suggested submitting a smaller grant application with an emphasis on biodiversity in more deprived areas and the opportunity to work with schools.

Adam confirmed that the following primary schools were identified as being in more deprived areas (based on an index of multiple deprivation):-

East Crompton St. James
East Crompton St. George
Buckstones and
Rushcroft

It was agreed that Councillor Hince contact each of the above schools to invite them to be involved in the bid and that Adam submit the bid by the deadline of the 29 September which has to evidence that the 4 schools in question had been consulted and were happy to be involved.

- (iii) Green Spaces Fund (GMGSF) – Adam Holt
Adam explained that the GMEF manages the Green Spaces Fund and Councillor was to liaise further with Adam on a bid.

9 Transition Streets – Councillor Sarah Hince

Councillor Hince provided some background to the concept of transition streets which aims to bring communities and neighbourhoods together to tackle issues such as climate change and make local environmental improvements, such as to alleyways to stop them being dumping grounds or litter traps in order that local residents can use or access them.

Councillor Hince met with Michaela Howell (Groundwork) to consider suitable projects which would lead to the development of 'Transition Streets'. However, in the initial period of development, there would need to be a project 'lead' or 'champion' to support each project before subsequently stepping away to allow streets to manage projects with less support or even independently. Groundwork are happy to help with this approach.

Currently, there isn't a specific budget for the Parish Council to initially be the lead body.

However, the following was agreed:-

To invite expressions of interest via the Parish Council website/social media from streets/neighbourhoods ensuring that there is at least one street from both wards of Crompton and Shaw to initiate the development of this scheme;

To consider budget or resource implications to the Parish Council at the next meeting (7 November).

10 River Beal clean up – Councillor Sarah Hince

Councillor Hince reported that the river is in need of a clean-up (litter and general rubbish) and it was agreed that a date would be set at the next meeting (7 November) to carry out a clean-up (possibly on a Saturday) and that local people will be invited to help.

Committee noted that Groundwork would also be involved.

11 Dates and times of Future Meetings

Tuesday 7:00pm : 3 October, 7 November, 5 December 2023;
9 January, 6 February, 5 March, 7 May 2024.

**The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions
and closed the meeting at 6:35pm**

Meeting duration 35 minutes.