

# ***SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL***

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held at Shepherdswell Village Hall on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017 commencing at 1945hrs.

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. K Regan (Chairman), A Barter, M Cobb, B Crush, R Edmond, M Harris, I Robertson, C White, A Williams and C Tearle (Parish Clerk).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr M Ovenden (DDC), J West (Community Warden) and A Hunter (Neighbourhood Watch) and 9 members of the public.

**16/2017 Apologies:** Cllrs M Elgar, G Peagram and C Pickaver.

**17/2017 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017:**

It was resolved to approve them.

**18/2017 Declarations of Interest:**

Other Significant Interest: Item 22/2017(a) Cllrs B Crush, R Edmond and C White; item 22/2017(b) R Edmond and C White; item 22/2017(c) R Edmond and C White.

**19/2017 Public Participation limited to items on the agenda**

A verbal report was received about the current progress of the Post Office Steering Group by Fran Donaghy.

**20/2017 Clerk`s Report** – Progress/information report.

- a) Vat claim received.
- b) Hart Lee will start the tree work on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February and on the village green once clearance has been received from DDC.
- c) Mr Fagg has been given instructions to go ahead with the fencing of the allotment area.
- d) The aggregate has been purchased for Approach Rd. and Hill Ave.
- e) To advise members of the KALC Planning Conference on the 23/03/17 in West Faversham Community Centre.
- f) Correspondence

**21/2017 Planning**

The Planning Committee Vice Chairman reported on their deliberations of the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

### **22/2017 Finance**

- a) Balances and accounts for payment. Please refer to Appendix 1.
- b) Grounds Maintenance Contract – Six contractors were asked to tender and after due consideration of the quotes received it was decided to award this to: Harmer and Sons Grounds Maintenance Ltd.

### **21/2017 Recreation Ground**

- a) Cllr Peagram is to progress the possible purchase of Cushionfall for the Children`s Play Area before the next Council Meeting.
- b) The Clerk is to draw up a rota of councillors for the inspection of the Recreation Ground and Playground.

### **22/2017 Village Hall**

- a) Cllr Edmond gave a verbal update on discussions between the Village Hall and the Pre-School Playgroup. As a result of this it was resolved that the Chairman, Village Hall Chairman and the Parish Clerk meet ASAP to fully brief the Parish Clerk.
- b) Disabled Parking Bays: Cllr Williams updated Members. It was resolved to remain with two bays with Cllr Williams agreeing to draft a plan.

### **23/2017 Reed Meadow**

- a) Council approved the Allotment Lease and authorised the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Parish Clerk to sign on behalf of the Council.
- b) Members were advised that the two access agreements as authorised by the Council had been duly agreed and signed by all parties.

### **24/2017 Post Office**

Council was advised that its last day of trading would be the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. The Parish Clerk was asked to write to the Post Office to see if it was possible to establish alternative arrangements ie. Outreach, in the Village Hall.

### **25/2017 Highways**

The Chairman and Cllr A Williams gave a verbal report of a meeting he had had with C Elphick MP. Among the items discussed were the Lydden Hill Traffic Lights, the recent accident and HGV access through Shepherdswell and Coldred.

### **26/2017 Historic Panels**

It was resolved to accept the offer made by DDC to upgrade them.

### **27/2017 District Council Amalgamations**

It was agreed to send a delegate to this meeting. In the absence of any Councillor wishing to attend then the Parish Council would be represented by the Parish Clerk.

### **27/2017 Date of the next meeting**

This will be on the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

The meeting closed at 2112hrs

## APPENDIX 1

Balances as at 7th February 2017	£
Current Account	741.50
Business Account	47,521.50
NS&I Account - Village Hall	1,932.59
g) To approve payments to the following:	
Travis Perkins	46.80
Idverde (January)	456.96
Tony Wells	20.00
Cllr C Pickaver (Expenses)	45.45
ACKR	50.00
S Durbidge (Salary 01/10/17 to 31/01/17)	321.55
S Durbidge Expenses 01/01/17 to 31/01/17)	7.10
C Tearle (Salary) 01/10/17 to 31/01/17)	456.00
Post Office (PAYE)	166.08
C Tearle (Expenses 01/01/17 to 31/01/17)	129.81
All Clear Services (K Beale)	230.50
R J Edmond	80.00

## **VERBAL REPORTS GIVEN AT THE COUNCIL MEETING**

### **Cllr M Ovenden (DDC)**

An overview was given of the work of the DDC Tree and Listed Buildings Officers. KCC Community Charge is to go up by nearly 4%.

Lydden Cross Roads now has one light damaged, and that we ought to contact Radio Kent with any further problems in order a embarrass Highways England.

### **J West (Community Warden)**

Listed below are some of the issues she has had to deal with in the last month:

- 1) Various highway problems
- 2) Lack of gritting
- 3) Quad bikes
- 4) Illegal immigrants

### **A Hunter (Neighbourhood Watch)**

A report was given on two brake ins and one attempted brake in.

### **Mr S Fagg (Shepherdswell FC)**

Reported on a brake in into their container at the Recreation Ground on the afternoon of the 5<sup>th</sup> February 2017. He reported on how he was less than impressed by the failure of the Police to respond to his phone call to them as the event was still in progress when he reported it. The Community Warden undertook to look into the matter.

A member of the Approach Road. and Hill Avenue Residents Association thanked the Council for there contribution towards the aggregate supplied for the potholes in the roads and the Play Area Signs.



