

## **SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held in Shepherdswell Village Hall on Wednesday  
15 April 2015 at 7:00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors B Crush (Chairman), K Catt, M Elgar, P Mummery, G Peagram,  
C Pickaver, K Regan, I Robertson, C White, J Wolfenden  
3 Parishioners

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Durbidge (Clerk to the Council)  
Kent County Councillor Geoffrey Lymer  
Dover District Councillor Mog Ovenden

**036/2015 Apologies:** Councillor R Edmond

**Declaration of other significant interests:**

Councillors K Catt 044/2015a, B Crush 042/2015a&d, C White 042/2015, 043/2015a

**037/2015 Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting:**

Minutes of 18 March 2015 were proposed, seconded and approved as a true record.

**038/2014 Public Participation:** None

**039/2015 Clerk's Report** – on Matters Arising

- Tree safety work around the parish has been completed.
- Trees and tree stumps have been removed from the village hall car park extension.
- Southern Water cleared a blocked sewer pipe on village hall land.
- An application was submitted to DDC for sports facilities on Recreation Ground.
- A sketch showing the potential allotment site was sent to DDC to check planning.
- An additional area of the Cemetery is to be consecrated on 24 April by the Bishop of Dover.
- A meeting with Mick Phillips (Southeastern Rail Passenger Experience Community Manager) was attended at Shepherdswell station.
- Advice sought from KALC and DCLG regarding March minute item 029/2015c Bricklayers Arms ACV; it was thought that the Council may be liable to challenge if it be considered that the Council had no vicarious legal interest or power to act, therefore a written request to DDC to enable a community interest group to prepare a bid was not submitted (see Annual Parish Meeting minutes).
- Precept for 2015/16 received from DDC, although the Parish Grant is awaited.

**040/2015 Finance:**

a) Balances as at 15 April 2015	£
Current Account	539.27
Business Account	102,890.65
NS&I Account - Village Hall	1,958.53
Car Park a/c	3,559.73
b) The following payments were made since the last meeting	£
DDC Planning (Changing facilities application, see 030/2015b )	385.00
DDC Planning (Car park extension conditions, see 042/2015a)	97.00

c) To approve payments	
English Landscapes (March)	459.08
NS&I Account (Hire of village hall from 01/04/2014 – 31/03/2015)	246.38
H C Kennett (Safety work, new padlock for Coldred Green, etc)	197.20
Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC – Subscription)	599.23
Kent County Playing Fields Association (Subscription)	20.00
Hart Lee Tree Surgery Ltd (Tree removal and stump grinding)	3,060.00
Hart Lee Tree Surgery Ltd (Tree pruning and safety work)	5,958.00
S Durbidge (Expenses from 18/03/15 – 15/04/15)	20.18
S Durbidge (Salary from 01/01/2015 – 31/03/2015)	1,684.50
Post Office Ltd (PAYE)	206.60

#### **041/2014 Planning**

- a) The Planning Committee Chairman reported on five decisions at the 15 April meeting (see Planning Committee minutes).
- b) A report on progress regarding equine developments in Shepherdswell was given.

#### **042/2014 Village Hall**

- a) It was reported that planning permission for a car park extension has been granted. A response has been submitted to DDC Planning regarding a number of previously considered conditions and construction may commence. It is hoped the contractor will be on site in early May, Parish Plan objective T3.3.
- b) A report on foul drainage subsidence was given. **It was resolved that** a contractor be engaged on a day-work basis to re-lay the affected length of the drain. It was agreed that advisory letters be sent to the Village Hall Committee, Shepherdswell Preschool and Mode Hair and Beauty regarding the correct disposal of gloves, wipes and paper towels, etc.
- c) **It was resolved that** a request from a neighbour to perform a 50% pollard of a tree on the corner of the car park extension area be granted.
- d) A report from a working party meeting regarding rent charge as part of a new 30-year lease for Shepherdswell Preschool was given. **It was resolved that** Shepherdswell Preschool be offered a new 30-year lease on a Ground Rental Value basis at £750.00pa, with the new lease having a 5-year review period based on the RPI.

#### **043/2014 Village Greens**

- a) **It was resolved that** a request from St Andrews Church and the Village Green Association to use Shepherdswell Green on the following occasions: -  
Midsummer Revels Saturday 20 June 11:30am - 2:00pm and start of Advent  
Saturday 28 November 6:00pm - 7:00pm be granted.
- b) **It was resolved that** a request from St Pancras Church to use Coldred Green for Coldred Church Fete on the evening of Friday 26 June be granted.

#### **044/2015 Other Items**

- a) A report from a working party meeting regarding parishioner complaints regarding East Kent Railway activities (noise and fumes) was given. It was agreed that a request be made for a copy of their 5-year business plan to help the Council be aware of future issues that may affect local residents.

**045/2015 Date of next scheduled meeting**

**Wednesday 20 May 2015 7:30pm in Shepherdswell Village Hall for the Annual Meeting of the Council.**

Public and press are cordially invited. An agenda will be displayed three clear days before the meeting.

**046/2015 Closure of meeting:** The meeting closed at 7:40pm

*Note: Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting*