

SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held in Shepherdswell Village Hall on Wednesday 17 December 2014 at 7:30pm

PRESENT: Councillors B Crush (Chairman), K Catt, R Edmond, M Elgar, G Peagram, C Pickaver, K Regan, I Robertson, C White

IN ATTENDANCE: S Durbidge (Clerk to the Council)

144/2014 Apologies: Councillor P Mummery **Absent:** Councillor J Wolfenden

Declaration of other significant interests:

Councillors B Crush, R Edmond, C White 149/2014a.

145/2014 Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting: Minutes of 19 November 2014 were proposed, seconded and approved as a true record.

146/2014 Clerk's Report – on Matters Arising

- Remaining car park funds have been transferred from the NS&I postal account to the NatWest Business account as authorised.
- The Westcourt Lane soakaway was re-excavated by Kent Highways (see 151/2014a below).
- Due to an electrical fault the village hall access road bollard lights have been disconnected and may require replacement.
- A damaged 'Coldred' village sign in Church Road has been replaced by Kent Highways.
- The new South & South East in Bloom sign at Church Road, Coldred has been fitted free of charge by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church volunteers.

147/2014 Finance:

a) Balances as at 17 December 2014	£
Current Account	1,029.71
Business Account	69,945.17
NS&I Account - Village Hall	1,794.06
Car Park a/c	3,559.73
b) To approve payments	
English Landscapes (November)	450.08
Cllr C Pickaver (Travel expenses - 82m at 0.45p/m)	36.90
S Durbidge (Expenses from 20/11/14 – 17/12/14)	24.58
Hallmark (S & SE in Bloom sign, see 111/2014c)	107.10

148/2014 Casual Vacancy

- a) Parish of Shepherdswell with Coldred (Shepherdswell Ward): A letter of resignation had been received at the 19 November meeting (see 133/2014). Electoral Services at DDC were informed and a notice of vacancy published on 25 November. As the vacancy is within six months of the next ordinary election, no poll can be demanded and the vacancy need not be filled. **It was resolved that the vacancy would not be filled at this time.**

Local Elections (Parish and Communities) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, SI 2006/3305, r 5(5)

149/2014 Village Hall

- a) Car Park Extension: A request from DDC Planning for a unilateral undertaking to confirm that if planning application DOV/14/00983 is granted then planning permission DOV/11/00317 will not be implemented was considered.

The Council was concerned that by giving such a undertaking, permission granted by DOV/11/00317 for 48 additional parking spaces (on land not in Council ownership) would be lost and only 19 additional spaces sought by DOV/14/00983 (on land in Council ownership) be gained.

The DDC Planning Officer has advised that 'The unilateral undertaking will have no influence on future planning applications' (for additional parking on Council owned land).

It was resolved that to avoid jeopardising application DOV/14/00983 a unilateral undertaking would be submitted as requested.

150/2014 Village Greens

- a) **It was resolved that** a request by St Andrew's Church to include Shepherdswell Green in a Street Nativity event on Saturday 20 December be approved.

151/2014 Minor items

- a) It was reported that Kent Highways had not fully dug-out the Westcourt Lane soakaway and that a 30m chamber in the north-west corner was not cleaned out. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Kent Highways asking for the work to be completed.

152/2014 Date of next scheduled meeting

Wednesday 21 January 2015 7:30pm in Shepherdswell Village Hall.

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

153/2014 Closure of meeting: The meeting closed at 8:10pm

Note: Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting