

SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held in Coldred Marquee on Wednesday 16 July 2014 at 7:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Durbidge (Clerk to the Council)
Dover District Councillor Mog Ovenden

086/2014 Apologies: Councillor P Haselgrove
Dover District Councillor Peter Walker
Kent Community Warden Julliette West

Declaration of other significant interests: Councillors B Crush, R Edmond, C White 093/2014a&b; C White 092/2014c; C Pickaver 091/2014a, 094/2014a&b, 096/2014b.

087/2014 Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting: Minutes of 18 June 2014 were proposed, seconded and approved as a true record.

088/2014 Public Participation:

Four members of the public spoke regarding item 091/2014b.

One member of the public spoke regarding item 092/2014c.

Three members of the public spoke regarding item 096/2014b.

089/2014 Clerk's Report – on Matters Arising

- Play fence repair and dead tree removal from Recreation Ground entrance authorised.
- Society of Local Council Clerks branch meeting attended.
- Letters sent to two landowners regarding hedges obstructing highway.
- Weeds removed from sides of footpath ER79 (Moon Hill to Mill Lane) by the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC) volunteers.
- Meadow View kissing gate repaired.
- As requested, DDC have started a consultation for a Shepherdswell with Coldred Neighbourhood Plan, Neighbourhood Area (to end on Thursday 28 August).
- The Council computer has been upgraded to the Windows 7 operating system.
- Clerks' salary increase (agreed 20 November 2013) came into effect 1 April 2014.

090/2014 Finance:

a) Balances as at 16 July 2014	£
Current Account	506.37
Business Account	72,831.61
NS&I Account - Village Hall	1,794.06
Car Park a/c	7,621.23
b) To approve payments	
English Landscapes (June)	450.08
AJ Wells (Mole Control)	40.00

H C Kennett (Safety work, fence and kissing gate repair)	325.45
Travis Perkins (Play bark, bulk bags *2)	228.00
Coldred Forum (Marquee hire)	15.00
S Durbidge (Expenses from 18/06/14 – 16/07/14 inc computer parts)	183.16
S Durbidge (Salary from 01/04/2014 – 30/06/2014)	1,640.44
Post Office Ltd (PAYE)	153.80

091/2014 Planning

- a) The Planning Committee Chairman reported on one decision at the 16 July meeting (see Planning Committee minutes) and on the completion of a Rural Housing Policy Review questionnaire.
- b) **It was resolved that** the response to the Department for Energy and Climate Change and the National Association of Local Councils consultations on underground drilling access to oil or gas deposits and geothermal energy be: - DECC proposal for an amended process for granting access rights:
 1. Should the Government legislate to provide underground access to gas, oil and geothermal developers below 300 metres? **No.**
 2. If you do not believe the Government should legislate for underground access, do you have a preferred alternative solution? **The status quo should prevail.**
 3. Should a payment and notification for access be administered through the voluntary scheme proposed by industry? **No.**NALC consultation on underground drilling access [payments for access]:
 1. For people living above underground drilling to continue to receive some kind of payment from the operator in return for the right of access. It is our view parish councils would be the most appropriate relevant community body. Do you agree? **Yes.**
 2. It is our view that all local councils should be consulted (notified) where underground drilling applications are / have been submitted for land within their boundaries – as they can best represent their residents’ views and provide real democratic representation in such cases. Do you agree? **Yes.**

092/2014 Recreation Ground

- a) Locking devices for play area gates: It was reported that the existing gates and gate posts are unsuitable for safe locking mechanism to be retrofitted. It was agreed that a price to install a pair of new safety gates complying with current play area legislation be brought to the next meeting.
- b) Inclusive play equipment: It was agreed that the price to install an item of inclusive play equipment in place of one of the infant swing seats be brought to the next meeting. It was agreed that safety surfacing suitable for disabled access to the play area be considered.
- c) SYZ storage extension proposal and donation request: A set of agreed plans approved by the various interested organisations are awaited.
- d) Request by Spartans FC to apply broadleaf herbicide ‘Headland Polo’ to the lower football pitch: **It was resolved that** the herbicide may be applied provided product label safety requirements are followed (COSHH), suitable signs displayed at all entrances and public and pets excluded for 2hrs minimum after application.
- e) **It was resolved that** the purchase and installation of a further socket for the left-hand practise goal at £35.40 +vat and installation be agreed.
- f) It was noted that a party from Lydden School will visit on 21/07/14.

093/2014 Village Hall

- a) It was reported that a parcel of land (K230933) at the rear of the village hall has been purchased by the Council at the price determined by the District Valuer. **It was resolved that** a quote of £1,265.00 +vat to construct an access road complete with pair of 3m wide metal gates (to enable the Council to fulfil its immediate obligations as landowner) be accepted. It was agreed that a specification for boundary fencing be produced and three quotes brought to the next meeting. It was reported that the land may be suitable for a number of community uses with initial priority being given to the provision of additional car parking for the village hall, Parish Plan objective T3.3.
- b) Shepherdswell Preschool Lease: A decision by Shepherdswell Preschool regarding proposed lease arrangements is awaited.

094/2014 Village Greens

- a) **It was resolved that** the landowner be asked to trim branches overhanging Coldred Green.
- b) **It was resolved that** a specification for dredging Coldred pond (produced by Coldred Forum) be accepted. **It was resolved that** three quotes for the work be brought to the next meeting.

095/2014 Cemetery

- a) **It was resolved that** amenity works listed be authorised at £265.00.
- b) A draft policy on memorials was considered. It was agreed that Councillor comments be considered at the next meeting.

096/2014 Highways

- a) A number of roadside gullies along Eythorne Road, Shepherdswell (blocked by debris following road repairs) are to be reported to Kent Highways.
- b) A report monitoring traffic through the Ashlea House 'T' junction at Coldred on 15/07/14 was presented. The report counted 361 cars between 06:00 - 09:00 and 441 cars between 16:00 - 19:00. It was reported that further monitoring is to be undertaken. It was agreed that when all information has been collated it will be forwarded to the Dover Joint Transportation Board.
- c) It was agreed that obscured 30mph signs at Church Road, Coldred be reported to Kent Highways.

097/2014 Shepherdswell & Coldred Parish Plan Association

- a) 'Sustainable Shepherdswell' request to support Plantlife's Road Verge Campaign to be considered at the next meeting.

098/2014 Other Items

- a) **It was resolved that** a tree safety inspection be carried out at £160.00.

099/2014 Date of next scheduled meeting

Wednesday 17 September 2014 7:30pm in Shepherdswell Village Hall.

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

100/2014 Closure of meeting: The meeting closed at 9:15pm

Note: Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Reports and Parishioners' Question Time at the Parish Council meeting held in Coldred Marquee on Wednesday 16 July 2014 at 7:30pm

Kent Community Warden Julliette West

Julliette submitted a written report including the following matters: -

Fly tipping, parking obstruction, traffic obstructions, trespass, noise nuisance (cockerels, dogs and motorbikes) nuisance youths (alcohol), untaxed vehicles, nuisance animals, neighbour disputes, bonfire smoke, pot holes and door step sellers.

Julliette has been involved in a road safety education role recently.

DDC Councillor Mog Ovenden

Mog spoke about the following issues: -

East Kent Railway apprenticeship scheme
Multipanel at Millyard Way, Eythorne
Speeding and volume of local traffic
Flytipping