

SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held in Shepherdswell Village Hall on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 7:30pm

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

IN ATTENDANCE: S Durbidge (Clerk to the Council)

Dover District Councillor Peter Walker

Eythorne Parish Council Chairman Malcolm Ledger

Kent Community Warden Julliette West

072/2014 Kent Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils: (The Localism Act 2011)

- a) **It was resolved that** dispensations be granted for Councillors with ‘Disclosable Pecuniary Interest’ in the topics listed below to allow participation in discussion and voting: -

Councillor	Shepherdswell Village Hall	Shepherdswell Youth Zone	Shepherdswell & Coldred Parish Plan	Coldred Forum	East Kent Railway
M Elgar			✓	✓	

073/2014 Apologies: Councillors K Catt and J Wolfenden

Dover District Councillor Mog Ovenden

Declaration of other significant interests: Councillors B Crush, R Edmond, C White 080/2014ab; C Pickaver 081/2014a; G Peagram 082/2014a

074/2014 Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting: It was noted that under 061/2014 Appointment of Representatives, Cllr K Catt should not have been included as Village Hall representative. Following this amendment the Minutes of 21 May 2014 were proposed, seconded and approved as a true record.

075/2014 Public Participation:

One member of the public spoke regarding item 078/2014b

Three members of the public spoke regarding item 078/2014c

076/2014 Clerk’s Report – on Matters Arising

- Mode Hair & Beauty have submitted risk assessments.
- The Parish Plan Association has paid their village hall costs for 2013/14.
- A parishioner has kindly painted the seat supports of the Grubb Memorial shelter as approved.
- The Annual Return has been submitted to the External Auditor.
- A working party meeting regarding the possible acquisition of land for hall-only car park was attended.
- Letters sent to DDC and Kent Highways regarding traffic through the villages.
- Kent Association of Local Councils ‘Clerk’s Conference’ attended on 12 June.
- The Youth Shelter has been partially glazed as requested (KCC grant money).

077/2014 Finance:

a) Balances as at 18 June 2014	£
Current Account	470.13
Business Account	73,822.48
NS&I Account - Village Hall	1,794.06
Car Park a/c	7,621.23
b) The following payments were made since the last meeting	£
Mowll & Mowll (Potential village hall car park land)	27,500.00
Mowll & Mowll (Initial legal costs - Seller)	660.00
Kent Association of Local Councils (Clerk's Conference)	72.00
c) To approve payments	
English Landscapes (May)	450.08
H C Kennett (Youth shelter and safety work)	533.00
Coldred Plant Nursery (Coldred Forum expenditure)	69.50
Society of Local Council Clerks (Annual Subscription)	116.00
S Durbidge (Expenses from 22/05/14 – 18/06/14)	25.18

078/2014 Planning

- a) The Planning Committee Chairman reported on three decisions at the 18 June meeting (see Planning Committee minutes). Traffic implications of a potential development at Eythorne were mentioned. It was agreed to place this matter on the 02/07/14 Planning Committee agenda.
- b) It was reported that retrospective permission was granted by DDC for Lydden Circuit application DOV/14/00415.
- c) It was agreed that an information pack be circulated regarding the Department for Energy and Climate Change and the National Association of Local Councils consultation on underground drilling access to oil or gas deposits and geothermal energy. It was agreed that this item be considered at the next meeting.

079/2014 Recreation Ground

- a) **It was resolved that** a request from the Shepherdsweil Scouts Group to hold a rescheduled Athletics Badge Day on the Recreation Ground on Sunday 20/07/14 be agreed.
- b) A request for locking devices for the play area gates was considered. It was agreed that Cllr G Peagram investigate options and report to the next meeting.

080/2014 Village Hall

- a) Possible acquisition of land for hall-only car park: The working party scrutinised the draft agreement of sale and the vendors' solicitor is producing a final version for signing. Parish Plan objective T3.3 Parish Plan objective T3.3.
- b) Shepherdsweil Preschool Lease: A decision by Shepherdsweil Preschool regarding proposed lease arrangements is awaited (required before the end of the year).

081/2014 Village Greens

- a) **It was resolved that** a request from Coldred Forum to hold the following events on Coldred Green – 02/08/14 Cocktail Evening; 31/08/14 Village BBQ; 24/12/14 Carols on the Green be agreed.
- b) **It was resolved that** a request from St Andrews Church and the 18th Dover (Shepherdswell) Scouts to hold an open air Youth and Family Service with bring and share picnic and children's activities on Shepherdswell Green on 06/07/14 from 10:30am be agreed.
- c) Coldred pond maintenance: It was reported that silt and vegetation build-up is restricting the capacity of the pond and that winter dredging should be arranged. **It was resolved that** a specification for the necessary work is drawn up and three quotations sought for consideration at a future meeting.

082/2014 Shepherdswell & Coldred Parish Plan Association

- a) It was reported that the Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on the 30/05/14.

083/2014 Other Items

- a) A report regarding a local environmental issue (noise) was given. It was agreed that since the Council has no power to act in this matter those affected should be advised to contact DDC Environmental Health.
- b) It was reported that a draft policy for the acceptance of memorial benches/ trees etc. would be presented to the next meeting.
- c) An offer from the Plymouth Brethren Christian Church (PBCC) volunteers to carry out a job in the village was welcomed. **It was resolved that** the PBCC be asked to clear weed growth either side of footpath ER79 (from Moonhill to Mill Lane gate).
- d) It was agreed that two land owners be contacted regarding overgrown hedges and road safety on behalf of Kent Highways.
- e) It was agreed that low re-growth on Horse Chestnuts at Shepherdswell Green be pruned and weeds controlled at the war memorial.
- f) It was agreed that a site meeting be held on 02/07/14 at the Cemetery to consider various issues (after Planning Committee meeting).

084/2014 Date of next scheduled meeting

Wednesday 16 June 2014 7:30pm in Coldred Marquee.

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

085/2014 Closure of meeting: The meeting closed at 9:20pm

Note: Minutes subject to approval at the next meeting

Reports and Parishioners' Question Time at the Parish Council meeting held in Shepherdswell Village Hall on Wednesday 18 June 2014 at 7:30pm

Shepherdswell Spartans – SYZ Extension

A member of the Shepherdswell Spartans presented sketches of a proposed extension to the SYZ changing room project providing additional storage and facilities for Shepherdswell Cricket Club. It was agreed that this matter be placed on the Agenda for the 16 July Council meeting.

Kent Community Warden Julliette West

Julliette submitted a written report including the following matters: -
Bonfire and noise nuisance, neighbour disputes and anti-social behaviour. Road safety matters have been dealt with including traffic congestion, parking and signpost orientation. Suspicious vehicle and persons were reported together with doorstep sellers. Small fires, fly tipping and dumped garden waste on private land reported. Welfare issues including resident visits and reassurance. Julliette has an item of lost property in safe keeping.

DDC Councillor Peter Walker

Peter spoke about the following issues: -

Lydden Circuit: Peter spoke against the recent retrospective application for Lydden Circuit for the following reasons (i) Excessive noise on a Saturday and Sunday, especially for the residents of Denton and Wootton and (ii) Traffic problems, especially following an event in April which disrupted emergency services on the A2 between Canterbury and Dover.

DOV/14/00477 Proposed development of 26 dwellings at Monkton Court Lane, Eythorne: Peter pointed out that if the development goes ahead, increased traffic will result with additional vehicles accessing the A2 at Coldred and Coxhill/Shepherdswell.

Parishioner questions and comments to DDC Councillor Peter Walker

Q. The Council has written to KCC and DDC regarding new development East and North of the villages and increased traffic – does the Council have your support?

A. Yes, I have a problem with any increase in traffic through the villages.

Q. How will future housing needs be satisfied in our area?

A. The DDC Local Development Framework shows where 14,000 new houses may be built by 2025, including 30% of affordable homes.

Q. What action can the Council take regarding the Monkton Court Lane proposal?

A. Submit comments to DDC Planning. The neighbour consultation expiry date is Monday 07 Jul 2014.