

SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2017 at 1930hrs in Shepherdswell Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr G Lymer (KCC), J West (Community Warden) and Tessa O`Sullivan (Rural Housing Advisor) and 12 members of the public.

Reports

These were received from Cllr G Lymer (KCC), G West (Community Warden) see appendix A.

A presentation was given by Tessa O`Sullivan (Rural Housing Advisor) see appendix B.

118/2017 Apologies

Councillors G Peagram, C White, M Ovenden (DDC), P Walker (DDC) and A Hunter (Neighbourhood Watch).

119/2017 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 18th October 2017

These were approved subject to the following amendments.

1. Public participation – Two people spoke on Meadow View and one about replacing the post box at the previous post office.
2. Finance – To include All Clear Services £455.77 in the schedule of payments.

120/2017 Declarations of Interest

Councillor M Cobb – OSI Minute No.125/2017.

Public participation limited to items on the agenda

Mr Cox offered to repair the public notice board on the railway bridge (Min No.129/2017).

Mr Fagg spoke about youth football in relation to (Min No.127/2017(b)).

121/2017 Clerks` Report – Progress on items, for information or reminders only.

- To inform Members that Cllr C Pickaver has resigned and that a Casual Vacancy has been declared in the Coldred Ward.
The Parish Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks on behalf of the Council for her services and work for the Community.
- Following a request from Cllr K Regan, I brought to the attention of the tenant the need to repair the windows of the hair dressing saloon under the terms of the lease.

The Parish Clerk was asked to write a letter to the tenant of the need to carry out these repairs under the terms of the lease.

- The goalposts at the recreation ground have been moved and the old goal areas repaired.
- I have been in communication with Mr G Gorman and Mr Williams about the memorial bench for the recreation ground. A meeting will take place shortly.
- Shepherdswell Cricket Club has sent a letter of thanks for the assistance rendered for the purchase of the new cricket nets.
- A cheque (£15.50) has been received for use of the recreation ground for the exercise class for the month of August.
- A cheque for (£265.22) was received on the 9th October for half year's rent from the Reed Meadow Allotment Association.
- I attended a Kent Association of Local Councils conference on Local Government Finance.
- Cllr. B Crush spoke about the noise problem caused by EKR, and the Council requested that the Parish Clerk send a letter to the Environmental Health Officer at DDC.

122/2017 Finance

a)	Balances as at October 2017	£
	Current A/C	1,158.23
	Business A/C	54,899.94
	NS&I A/C	2,303.59

- b) It was resolved to approve the following payments:

C Tearle (Salary Sept)	528.45
C Tearle (Expenses)	88.57
Inland Revenue (PAYE) July/Aug/Sept	396.20
Harmer & Sons (Sept)	465.00
K Beale	358.00
Landtech South East Ltd	630.00
KALC (Finance Conference)	60.00
The Play Inspection Company Ltd	78.00
The Information Commissioner	35.00

123/2017 Public Footpaths

It was resolved to ask the KCC Public Rights of Way Officer to get the landowners/farmers to re-instate and where necessary clear the following footpaths: Shepherdswell – EE 80, 81, 83 and 87 over re-planted arable land.

Coldred – EE 82, 86 and 95 where these intersect with the A2.

124/2017 Kent Association of Local Councils

Following the resignation of Cllr C Pickaver it was resolved to appoint Cllr B Crush as our representative, and as our delegate to the AGM on the 18th November 2017.

125/2017 Shepherdswell Village Green Association

The Council agreed in principle to their request of exploring the possibility of having a village sign on the Green at Shepherdswell. It was agreed that further work and details would be needed from the Village Green Association.

126/2017 Cemetery Hedge

To put out to competitive tendering the cutting of the cemetery hedge along with the roadside hedge at Meadow View. To ask the small works contractor to cut the hedges below the village hall and on the outside of the scout hut.

127/2017 Recreation Ground

- a) Following the receipt of the Councils` annual safety report it was decided to appoint a working party to review the options and costings for replacing the fencing surrounding the childrens play area. When its work is complete this working party will report its findings back to the Council and its membership is to consist of Cllrs M Cobb, K Regan and A Williams.
- b) Subject to the Councils` usual terms and conditions being agreed, Shepherdswell Spartans FC may use the main football pitch and the cricket outfield for youth football with no charge. Council expressed its appreciation and thanked the club for all the work it has done and is doing with the youth of the village.

128/2017 Occupiers Disclaimer Notice

It was agreed to erect Occupier Disclaimer Notices on all Parish Council land holdings. This task was delegated to Cllr K Regan to organise using R K Graphics.

129/2017 The Parish Notice Board on the Railway Bridge

It was decided to accept the kind offer from Mr and Mrs Cox to refurbish the notice board on the railway bridge.

130/2017 Remembrance Sunday

Cllr B Crush is to organise the two wreaths as in previous years and the Council would donate £100.00. Cllr R Edmond would present the wreath in Shepherdswell and Cllr M Elgar in Coldred.

131/2017 Date of the Next Meeting

This will be the 15th November 2017 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

Appendix A

Cllr G Lymer (KCC)

Elvington and Eythorne Parish Councils have made a complaint about the new bus time tables with regard to the evening scheduling of the 89 route in the evening which is being looked into.

KCC are continuing with their program of road repairs and pot-hole filling.

Many of the routing problems associated with foreign HGVs` are associated with `car sat-navs`. There may be soon an attempt to introduce legislation to make these drivers use only a UK sat-nav which help will stop them using unsuitable roads.

J West (Community Warden)

She has had to deal with issues associated with illegal parking. This has contributed to highway obstructions. As a result a leaflet drop was carried out.

There was also the usual issues with dog fouling, littering, stray animals as well as noise associated with motor bikes and barking dogs.

A bus service petition had been handed to Cllr G Lymer (KCC) which is currently being dealt with.

Support has been given to the Victim and Welfare Support Groups locally, as well as the Sibertswold School Community Project.

Appendix B

Tessa O`Sullivan gave a presentation about how Community Land Trusts work. The first thing to understand is that this would be a community led initiative to provide Affordable Housing such as with the Shepherdsweil with Coldred Community Land Trust of which anyone can be a member.

A local survey needs to be done like the one in 2014 to establish need and to find a site(s). These would be Exception Site(s) and have a land sale value at about 30% of normal land prices for housing development.

That survey established the need for 10 dwellings. Under such a scheme there is no right to buy, and the houses are always locked into occupation for local people overseen by the local CLT.