

## SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held in Shepherdswell Village Hall on Wednesday 20 April 2016 at 7:00pm

**PRESENT:** Councillors K Regan (Chairman), M Cobb, B Crush, M Harris, M Elgar, G Peagram, C Pickaver, I Robertson, C White, A Williams

7 Parishioners

**IN ATTENDANCE:** S Durbidge (Clerk to the Council)

**039/2016 Apologies:** Councillors A Barter and R Edmond

**Declaration of other significant interests:** B Crush and C White 045/2016a

**040/2016 Minutes of last Parish Council Meeting:**

Minutes of 16 March 2016 were proposed, seconded and approved as a true record.

**041/2016 Public Participation:**

One member of the public spoke regarding item 045/2016b

**042/2016 Clerk's Report** – on Matters Arising

- The brushwood pile has been removed from Reed Meadow as requested.
- The linear drain at the village hall car park has been replaced.
- Order for new play equipment sent to Playdale Playgrounds Ltd who anticipate installation week commencing 16/05/16.
- The 'bridge' item of play equipment has been removed for safety reasons and the second practice goal reinstated at the Recreation Ground.
- KCC Highways removed silt from Westcourt Lane soakaway and reinstated white lines at the Coop crossroads.
- Further incidents of local fly tipping have been reported to DDC.
- Mode Hair & Beauty lease reassigned as requested.
- UK Power Networks to install underground power cables at the Recreation Ground commencing 09/05/16.
- The NS&I Account interest rate will be reduced to 0.45% from 01/07/16.
- Vat claim submitted.
- Precept and Parish Grant received from DDC.

Correspondence and verbal update

**043/2016 Finance:**

a) Balances as at 20 April 2016	£
Current Account	1,192.49
Business Account	81,451.42
NS&I Account - Village Hall	2,220.90
b) The following payments were made since the last meeting	£
Playdale Playgrounds Ltd (50% Total cost with order – see 033/2016a)	17,397.78
Ovenden Tipper Services Ltd (Green waste removal – see 021/2016c)	702.00
Kent Association of Local Councils (Chairmanship Conference *1)	72.00

c) To approve payments	
English Landscapes (March)	465.96
Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC – Annual subscription)	608.02
Landtech South East Ltd (Remove Coxhill steps etc – see 008/2016b)	1,315.20
NS&I Account (Hire of village hall from 01/04/2015 – 31/03/2016)	214.50
TRM Groundworks (Village hall surface drain repair – see 021/2016d)	1,050.78
All Clear Services (Safety work, graffiti removal, Coldred Green post)	333.28
Kent Association of Local Councils (Good Councillors Guide *4)	11.29
S Durbidge (Expenses from 17/03/16 – 20/04/16)	33.24
S Durbidge (Salary from 01/01/2016 – 31/03/2016)	1,512.90
Post Office Ltd (PAYE)	378.20
Philip Court (Hedge cutting)	360.00
H C Kennett (Bulk-bag of play-bark)	70.00
Kent County Playing Fields Association (Annual subscription)	20.00

#### **044/2016 Planning:**

- a) The Planning Committee Chairman reported on five decisions at the 20 April meeting (see Planning Committee minutes).
- b) DDC call for Brownfield Sites: **It was resolved that** a Working Party (Cllr M Elgar, M Harris, C White) consider the matter and circulate a report.
- c) **It was resolved that** expenses be funded to arrange a public meeting to present Community Land Trusts to the parish.

#### **045/2016 Village Hall and Reed Meadow**

- a) A report was given on a meeting with the Solicitor regarding finalising the new 30-year lease for Shepherdswell Preschool and a new 30-year lease for Shepherdswell Village Hall. **It was resolved that** a draft lease be presented to Shepherdswell Preschool (comments to be submitted to the Council before 31/07/16). It was reported that new plans for the Village Hall lease were awaited for forwarding to the Solicitor.
- b) **It was resolved that** a request from Shepherdswell and Coldred History Society to access the whole of Reed Meadow next month to complete a magnetometer survey be agreed.

#### **046/2016 Highways**

- a) A reply from Kent Highways regarding Coop crossroads priority request was noted. It was agreed that further investigations into The Traffic Signs Regulations be undertaken.

#### **047/2016 Other Items**

- a) **It was resolved that** a request from the Village Green Society to use Shepherdswell Green on 11/06/16 for The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations be agreed.

**048/2016 Date of next scheduled meeting**

**Wednesday 18 May 2016 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.

**049/2016 Closure of meeting:** The meeting closed at 7:30pm

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