

SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 15th November 2017 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Barter (Chairman), M Cobb, B Crush, R Edmond, M Elgar, M Harris, K Regan, C White, A Williams and C Tearle (Parish Clerk). Councillor J Collier joined the Council after item 136/2017.

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr G Lymer (KCC), M Ovenden (DDC) and 17 members of the public.

Reports

These were received from Cllrs G Lymer (KCC), M Ovenden (DDC) and J West (Community Warden). See Appendix A.

132/2017 Apologies

These were received from Cllrs G Peagram, I Robinson, P Walker (DDC) and J West (Community Warden).

133/2017 Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 15th November 2017

These were approved.

134/2017 Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Cobb – DPI Minute No.141/2017

Cllr B Crush – OSI Minute No. 140/2017

Cllr R Edmond – DPI Minute No.141/2017

Cllr C White – DPI Minute No.141/2017

Public participation limited to items on the agenda

1. Maria Goodwin spoke about the on-going problems with the East Kent Railway (EKR) in relation to alleged breeches of planning control and environment health problems concerning industrial noise from the site. In contrast to the assurances previously given to Cllr M Cobb about the `toning down` of industrial activity there was no evidence of this, in fact if anything it had increased.
2. M Pascall of the Allotment Association Committee expressed concern about the condition of allotments being an agenda item.
3. M Burkhardt and K Roberts spoke about the Village Hall insurance.

135/2017 Clerk`s Report – Progress on items, for information or reminders only.

- a) We have received a comprehensive report from Southern Water about the issues that may be causing the flooding in The Glen, possible solutions and a planned site meeting. (Full report previously circulated.)

- b) Environmental Services (DDC) have been contact with myself about the alleged excessive noise and working times from the East Kent Railway site.
- c) A VAT reclaim has been made for £1,164.49 for the period July – Sept 2017.
- d) The Small Works Contractor has reported continuing vandalism to the youth shelter on the recreation ground. I have passed this information onto the Community Warden, who has now notified the local PCSO.
- e) Mr and Mrs Cox have repaired the notice board on the railway bridge and put it back. The Parish Clerk has passed on the Councils` thanks to them.

136/2017 Co-option of a Parish Councillor

The Council received one written application within the period specified for the current vacancy for the Coldred Ward of the Council. This was Mr Justin Collier who was nominated by Cllrs M Elgar and M Harris and duly elected.

A Declaration of Acceptance of Office form was duly completed, and Cllr J Collier subsequently took his place on the Council.

At this point Cllr M Elgar left the meeting (2045hrs).

137/2017 Finance

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| a) | Balances as at 2 nd November 2017 | £ |
| | Current A/C | 1,092.23 |
| | Business A/C | 52,900.90 |
| | NS&I A/C | 2,303.59 |
| b) | To approve the following payments: | |
| | C Tearle (Salary Oct) | 528.25 |
| | C Tearle (Expenses) | 133.00 |
| | Harmer & Sons | 465.00 |
| | K Beale | 365.50 |
| | KALC (VAT payment) | 12.00 |
| | Shepherdswell Village Hall | 100.00 |
| | Royal British Legion (Poppy Wreaths) | 200.00 |
| | Coldred Plant Nurseries | 394.60 |

138/2017 Planning

- a) Please refer to the Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of the 15th November 2017.
- b) Planning Site Evaluation. Cllr J Collier has been appointed to work alongside Cllr M Cobb when dealing with planning applications associated with Approach Rd, Hill Ave, Meadow View Rd and Bernard Gdns.

139/2017 Coldred Forum

- a) Use of Coldred Village Green for a storage container. This was deferred.
- b) The repair of the broken post on Coldred Village Green was left to the Parish Clerk to organise with the Small Works Contractor.

140/2017 East Kent Railway

A discussion took place over the ongoing issues surrounding this site and on a previously circulated report by Cllr M Cobb.

At this point it proposed by Cllr A Barter and seconded by Cllr B Crush that the Standing Orders of the Council be suspended to allow additional members of the public to speak on the subject who had not done so earlier in the meeting. This was agreed.

When the meeting resumed the Parish Clerk was asked to write to the Planning and Environmental Health departments along with the Ecology Officer at Dover District Council and to Natural England re the site's status as a SSSI with the Councils' concerns and also to the East Kent Railway the site owners.

141/2017 Shepherdswell Village Hall

In an effort to remove the final impediment to the signing of the new lease the Council has agreed to cover any addition insurance costs associated with the new insurance arrangements.

The Council agreed to indemnify the VHMC for any additional costs to them caused by the Parish Council insuring the village hall structure.

This year the amount concerned is £360.22 (21st July 2017 to 31st May 2018).

In future years the amount will be the difference between the apportioned premium actually paid by the Council and the amount of any like-for-like quotation by the VHMC from a reputable insurance company.

At this point Cllr K Regan left the meeting (2130hrs aprox).

142/2017 Recreation Ground Memorial

The Council ratified the agreement made by the Parish Clerk on its behalf with Mr and Mrs Williams for the memorial to their son who tragically died last year. This will be a corner seat in the children's play area with his name inscribed on it to be erected in January 2018.

143/2017 Access Agreement 8 Church Hill, Shepherdswell

The Parish Clerk was asked to write to the above informing them that the existing agreement for access onto Reed Meadow does not allow for pedestrian access.

144/2017 Reed Meadow Allotment Association

The Council has agreed to the RMAA request to amend the rules associated with broken glass and changes to the sub-leasing arrangements. (See details in Appendix B).

Concern was expressed about the appearances of some unoccupied plots. As a committee member of the association was present it was hoped that these concerns would be taken on board without the necessity of mentioning the matter again..

145/2017 Cutting the Cemetery and Meadow View Hedges

Five quotes were received from which Landtec South East Ltd were awarded the contract.

146/2017 Meeting Dates for the Next Calendar Year

Council (1930hrs) and Planning (1900hrs) Meetings

January 17th
February 15th
March 21st
April 18th
May 16th
June 20th
July 18th
September 19th
October 17th
November 21st

Finance Meetings 1930hrs

May 2nd
November 7th

Annual Parish Meeting

April 18th

147/2017 Date of the Next Meeting

This will be Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 1930hrs unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

Appendix A

Cllr G Lymer (KCC)

He is with others currently reviewing the effects of the changes to the 89 bus service. One option discussed is the possibility of putting on a smaller bus to cut the running costs.

KCC is also consulting on the Waste Centre Planning Proposals in Eythorne and on the use of pharmacies.

Cllr M Ovenden (DDC)

The proposed Stanford lorry park has been cancelled with the use of the former Manston airfield to be extended.

Subsequent to the change of Council Leader at DDC there have been changes to the Cabinet and Cllr P Walker is now on the panel which is reviewing the DDC call for new building sites.

At the Waste Site in Eythorne it is now proposed to install cameras to monitor all lorry movements in and out of the site to ensure that none go through Eythorne, Coldred and Shepherdswell. As a result of this information the Clerk was asked to write to KCC asking that any such camera should be capable of monitoring both in-bound and out-bound movements.

J West (Community Warden)

During last previous month the following issues have been addressed:

Individual welfare concerns, victim support, neighbour disputes, boundaries and hedges, noise and smoke nuisance/pollution, parking and road obstructions, straying animals, scam calls and emails.

Appendix B

At the RMAA's AGM held in July there was discussion regarding the Association's rule that glass should not be used on plots. Many plot holders feel that this is an excessive restriction as they would like to construct greenhouses and/or cold frames. Moreover sheds are often provided with glass windows which members wish to retain. It was also argued that the alternatives to glass are often not as successful. The particular rule now being questioned currently reads as follows:

The Plot holder shall not ...

n) bring onto the allotment garden any galvanised or other sheeting, readily breakable glass, ironwork, tins, barrels, drums, anything containing asbestos of any sort or any other articles; water butts / troughs are acceptable when reasonable in number and size.

We propose that the words "readily breakable glass" be removed from this rule and that a new rule be added as follows:

2) The Plot holder shall ...

k) ensure that any glass used on the plot is safely secured and, if any such glass becomes broken, remove it from the allotment site as soon as possible and regardless of whether it is lying on the plot holder's own plot or another plot. The Association reserves the right to clear any broken

glass not quickly cleared away at the expense of the plot holder on whose site the glass was situated before it was broken.

Reading the terms of Rule 3n) as a result of the AGM discussion on glass, the breadth of the prohibition on "... galvanised or other sheeting" would also seem excessive as several members without sheds plan to use plastic sheeting to harvest rainwater". We would accordingly like to loosen this restriction as well, perhaps by the removal of the words "...or other...".

The Association is preparing for next year (we should have at least as many plots let as we did this year) and proposes, rather than getting all continuing plot holders to sign new leases, to get them to sign the attached extension agreement. It will save a lot of paper.

This agreement is made between:

1. The Reed Meadow Allotment Association; and
2., the current sub-leaseholder(s)

of plot.....

It is hereby agreed that the sublease between the two parties dated..... shall now run until 28 February 2019 at an annual rental of £.....with all other terms and conditions unaltered.

Signed..... for Reed Meadow Allotment Association

Signed..... Leaseholder

Note:

If the sublease holder wishes to add another signatory, then a new full lease will need to be signed.