

SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 17th October 2018 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

PRESENT

Councillors: A Barter (V Chairman), M Cobb, J Collier, B Crush, R Edmond, M Elgar, K Regan, C White and C Tearle (Parish Clerk).

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr M Ovenden (DDC) and 7 members of the public.

Reports

Verbal reports were given by Cllr M Ovenden (DDC), J West (Community Warden), M Danson (N Watch and Op Shepherds Watch).

127/2018 Chairman`s Report

Cllr A Barter reported that circumstances meant that until further notice he would be acting Council Chairman, and that accompanied by Cllr M Cobb and the Parish Clerk he had had a meeting at the cemetery about its gate, and with a DDC officer about the Community Caretaker Scheme.

128/2018 Apologies

Councillors: M Harris, G Peagram, I Robertson, A Williams and G Lymer (KCC).

129/2018 Minutes

The Minutes of the meetings of the 18th July and 19th September 2018 were approved and signed.

130/2018 Declarations of Interest

Cllr C White an OSI on 137/2018 and 138/2018.

131/2018 Clerk`s Report – Progress on items, for information or reminders only.

- a) 11th November 2018 – As well as the usual Remembrance Day event on the Shepherdswell Village Green I have been advised that some inhabitants will meet for a short time again in the evening at a time to coincide with the national commemoration. Afterwards they will retire to the church.
- b) All councillors are now using the new council email addresses.

132/2018 Finance

- a) It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments and note the bank balances

Balances as at 28 th Sept 2018	£
Current A/C	1,608.03
Business A/C	68,228.36

Expenditure

C Tearle (Salary July)	555.47
HMRC – PAYE	416.60
C Tearle (Expenses July - Aug)	110.91
Harmer and Sons (July)	475.01
K Beale (Small Works Contractor - July)	351.40
SVHC (Transfer of funds from NS&I account)	2,324.97
Black Forge Signs and Weathervanes	540.00
KALC (Courses)	144.00
J T Simmons Electrical Services	130.00
Thanet Community Transport Association	35.00
SVHA (Monthly Rent)	69.00
Playdale (Parts for play equipment – as per report)	37.05
Mowll & Mowll - Solicitors (Village Hall Lease)	600.00

- b) To note the receipt of Section 3 audit report from the District Auditor

133/2018 Planning

Please refer to the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the 17th October 2018.

134/2018 Facebook

The Council resolved to accept the offer made by Alison Cooper for us to utilise the current Shepherdswell News Facebook page because commenting can be “turned off”, which is what the Council require. This would be for a six month trial and the Parish Clerk is to handle the communications with the Facebook administrator.

135/2018 Shepherdswell Cemetery Gates

Following a site visit by Cllrs A Barter, M Cobb and the Parish Clerk, and a report by the Small Works Contractor it was resolved to renovate the gates using the Small Works Contractor, and review when completed.

136/2018 Shepherdswell Recreation Ground

It was resolved to have a sign erected at its entrance by the scout hut to try to prevent cars etc. parking and blocking the entrance.

This was to read, “Keep Clear – Emergency Access Only”.

137/2018 Shepherdswell Village Hall

- a) It was decided to not proceed with a height barrier.
- b) The Finance Committee was asked to look at the proposals for a car-park in Reed Meadow. Cllr M Elgar was to research and advise on any possible planning implications.

138/2018 Community Caretaker Scheme

It was resolved to offer a piece of land should DDC wish to progress this scheme and site it in Shepherdswell. The Parish Council would not finance the actual shed.

139/2018 KCC Highways Seminar 6th November 2018

- a) Cllr B Crush will attend as our appointed representative.
- b) It was resolved to see if we could obtain a tonne bag of salt as well as getting the salt bins filled this year.

140/2018 Date of the Next Meeting

This will be on Wednesday 21st November 2018 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

Appendix A

Cllr M Ovenden (DDC)

For future District Council elections Shepherdswell with Coldred would be part of a 3 seat ward which would include Aylesham and Eythorne.

DDC is soon to launch a blitz on fly-tipping.

There is a KCC consultation on its policy for charging and the disposal of waste, whilst Ovendens (Pike Rd), will take clean rubble from anyone who live locally.

On the 15th November there is a conference to discuss the future of local health provision.

There are a group of service veterans who propose to walk from the Menin Gate (Belgium) the Cenotaph (London) to celebrate 100 years since the end of WW1, during the course of this they will use the North Downs Way from Dover to Canterbury.

J West (Community Warden)

Amongst the issues dealt with have been:

Noise, straying animals, theft from vehicles, youth shelter damage (Approach Rd), various environmental and welfare issues, various highway issues such as HGV's, road works and closures, parking and overgrown hedges.

M Danson (Neighbourhood Watch)

Although rural crime seems to be on the increase it has been a quite month. There has been reported a couple of thefts locally. 19 suspects have recently been arrested as part of the County Line initiative.

M Danson (Speedwatch)

A number of surveys were conducted last month and found that nearly 30% were doing speeds in excess of 35mph and yet when a speedwatch exercise was done this reduced to 5%. He believes a large contributory factor would be the high-vis-jackets.

A Cooper

The Parish Council's attention was drawn to the fatal accident that recently occurred at the A260/Coxhill junction traffic lights, and the reaction on the local Facebook page.