

# **SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL**

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

## **PRESENT**

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

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr G Lymer (KCC), Cllr M Ovenden (DDC) J West (Community Warden) and 2 members of the public.

## **Reports**

These were given by Cllr G Lymer (KCC), Cllr M Ovenden (DDC), J West (Community Warden) and M Danson (N Watch and Op Shepherds Watch). Please see Appendix A.

## **141/2018 Apologies**

Councillors; J Collier, G Peagram and A Williams.

## **142/2018 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 were approve and signed.

## **143/2018 Declarations of Interest**

C Tearle (Parish Clerk) DPI - Min No. 145/2018

Cllr C White OSI- Min No. 149/2018

## **144/2018 Clerk`s Report** – Progress on items, for information or reminders only.

- a) KCC Highways have agreed to put a bag of salt for the country lanes in the yard of Mr Fagg in addition to filling up the usual salt bins.
- b) I have commenced giving news items to the local Facebook run by Alison Cooper.
- c) The Shepherdswell Cemetery Gates have been repaired.
- d) The Parish Speed Indicator Devise (SID) is now up and operational.
- e) The Parish Clerk has met with our insurance brokers and has established that as long as we have our play equipment and playing area inspected once a month by our Small Works Contractor then we are covered for insurance purposes. This has been confirmed in writing.

## **145/2018 Finance**

The schedule of payments and bank balances were approved.

Balances as at 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

Current A/C

Business A/C

£

6,327.66

62,239.23

**Income**

KCC Highways (Grass verge cutting – Coldred)	290.85
M Wright (Hairdressers)	460.00
HMRC VAT Refund	1,674.93
Shepherdswell Pre-school	275.82

**Expenditure**

C Tearle (Salary Oct)	555.47
C Tearle (Expenses Oct)	199.73
Harmer and Sons (Oct)	475.01
K Beale (Small Works Contractor - Oct)	599.54
Leo Lyons Digital – Councillor computer configuration issues	120.00
SVHC (Oct)	78.00
ICO. (Data protection annual fee)	40.00

*At this point the Parish Clerk left the meeting.*

f) It was resolved to accept the staff salary recommendations as set out in the Finance Committee Minutes.

*At this point the Parish Clerk returned to the meeting.*

- g) It was determined that there was sufficient funding available for Reed Meadow improvements.
- h) It was resolved to approve the current Council cashflow (2018/19) and the budget forecast for 2019/2020.
- i) It was resolved to Precept for £39,900.00 for the forthcoming municipal year, which will be £52.95/annum for a Band D property.
- j) It was resolved to apply for a Debit Card for the Parish Clerk to be used for Council business/purchases should the need arise, with a limit of £500.

**146/2018 Planning**

Please refer to the Minutes of the Planning Meeting of the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2018.

**147/2018 To Review and Agree the Dates of the Meetings for the Forthcoming Municipal Year.**

It was resolved to approve the following schedule.

Council Meetings 1930hrs

January 16<sup>th</sup>  
February 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 20<sup>th</sup>  
April 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
June 19<sup>th</sup>  
July 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 18<sup>th</sup>  
October 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup>

Planning Meetings 1900hrs

January 16<sup>th</sup>  
February 20<sup>th</sup>  
March 20<sup>th</sup>  
April 17<sup>th</sup>  
May 15<sup>th</sup>  
June 19<sup>th</sup>  
July 17<sup>th</sup>  
September 18<sup>th</sup>  
October 16<sup>th</sup>  
November 20<sup>th</sup>

Finance Meeting 1900hrs

April 3<sup>rd</sup>  
November 6<sup>th</sup>

Annual Parish Meeting 1800hrs

April 17<sup>th</sup>

**148/2018 Bi-annual Tree Survey**

Following receipt of the report from Mr I Medgett, it was resolved to go out to tender.

**149/2018 Reed Meadow Parking**

This item was deferred until January 2019.

**150/2018 The Telephone Exchange**

Following a request from DDC to regularise the name of our property which is currently being used as a hair and beauty saloon, we have agreed to call it "The Old Telephone Exchange".

**151/2018 Shepherdswell Cemetery**

It was decided to defer consideration of a cemetery wall until January when we evaluate some design and costs.

**152/2018 Coldred Village Green**

It was resolved to permit the Rose Rail Training Academy in Shepherdswell to use Coldred Village Green for any subsequent City and Guilds back pack sprayer training courses following receipt of a suitable risk analysis.

**153/2018 Kent Association of Local Councils (KALC)**

Cllr B Crush gave reports of two meetings he recently attended:

a) The KALC AGM

Three resolutions were proposed which all received support:

- i) Not to pay for parking at railway stations.
- ii) To have 20mph speed limit in Wingham
- iii) For all villages to have a 20mph limit.

b) The Dover Area meeting

A talk on drugs and illegal immigrants was given by representatives of Dover Harbour Board.

It was also said that speeding and pavement parking was never going to be a priority over burglary.

#### **154/2018 KCC – Highways Seminar**

Cllr B Crush gave a report on the recent meeting which was all street lights would soon be switched to LED's and that they were doing more pot-hole repairs.

#### **155/2018 Date of the Next Meeting**

This will be on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

#### Appendix A

Cllr G Lymer (KCC)

The government has allocated £12m to KCC for social care in the next financial year which will make it a total spend of £410m. for next year.

£420m has been allocated to fix the pot-holes next year.

Commercial property rated at £50K or above will have their Council Tax reduced by a third.

KCC are conducting a survey on a new Lower Thames Crossing. At the moment it is planned to start in 2022 and finish in 2027.

Cllr M Ovenden (DDC)

Brexit – DDC have done some contingency planning.

There was to good turnout of people for the “Long Walk Home March” during the week before the 11<sup>th</sup> November celebrations.

She will be speaking to the Development Control Committee about the planning application in relation to 45 Eythorne Rd.

J West (Community Warden)

There have been parking problems in Westcourt Lane and also at the school because of the Mill Lane works.

There have been the usual problems with noise, neighbour disputes and with the youth shelter at the recreation ground as well as fly-tipping throughout the area.

M Danson – (N Watch/Speed Watch/ Op Shepherds Watch)

I have had very little reported this last period.

Reports were made concerning potential ‘coursing’ across the fields off of Cox Hill. Several related reports of youths allegedly trying car doors in the Station Road and Church Hill area.

Some rural crime/attempted crime was reported in local villages and details where appropriate were copied to social media; mainly theft of gates and farm equipment / tools.

A private vehicle was damaged on Cox Hill by a passing vehicle that failed to stop. CCTV covering the relevant area was used to identify the vehicle and the two parties have since been in contact.

There has been much discussion in the village in respect of the Lydden traffic lights and the dangers associated when negotiating these lights, and a whole host of reported ‘near misses’. As a result, the following link was copied to residents via social media and the link outlines how to report incidences of bad driving

[https://www.kent.police.uk/advice/driving/collisions-and-bad-driving/?fbclid=IwAR0H5\\_J4BVBHrmVcDuS50UbYcEP3H2sS\\_OD-TSrggegPXxhFW7tV9w5lGktM](https://www.kent.police.uk/advice/driving/collisions-and-bad-driving/?fbclid=IwAR0H5_J4BVBHrmVcDuS50UbYcEP3H2sS_OD-TSrggegPXxhFW7tV9w5lGktM)

#### Speed Watch

Speed Watch sessions along Cox Hill have been restricted this last period due to poor weather conditions and volunteer unavailability. We have conducted just **4** sessions since the last PC meeting.

A total of **960** vehicles were observed. Of these **68** vehicles were reported for speeding. **11** received warning letters from the Police.

We have been unable to recruit any further volunteers and the same **3** dedicated operators are still the only regular volunteers showing their availability for road side activity !

#### Op Shepherds Watch

I have only managed a couple of covert sessions this month, the weather and other commitments have impacted significantly, I have therefore decided to defer my next report until January 2019.

#### B Brenchley (Reed Meadow Allotment Association)

He said the combination lock was not a problem and would want to retain it and if possible have two locks.