

# ***SHEPHERDSWELL WITH COLDRED PARISH COUNCIL***

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

## **PRESENT**

Cllrs: M Harris (Chairman), A Barter, J Collier, B Crush, M Elgar, C Johnson, M Ovenden, K Roberts, C White and C Tearle (Parish Clerk).

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Cllr L Keen (DDC), J West (Community Warden) and 7 members of the public.

Reports

Please refer to appendix A

## **106/2019 Dispensations**

The Council granted dispensations to the following councillors:

Cllr C White a DPI and an OSI for the following clubs and organisations: W.I., Swell Singers Choir, Wednesday Club, Village Hall Committee, St Andrew`s Church PCC & St Andrew`s Church Fund Raising Committee, Gardening Club, History Club, Recreation Ground Forum, Age Concern, Voluntary Transport Scheme,

Cllr K Roberts an OSI for the following clubs and organisations: Shepherdswell & Coldred History Society, Shepherdswell Village Hall Committee, Shepherdswell Spartans FC, Shepherdswell CC, Shepherdswell Wildflower Action Team and the T42 Community Café.

## **107/2019 Chairman`s Report**

He reported that he had attended several meetings/events on behalf of the Parish Council.

- a) The Shepherdswell Cricket Club BBQ medal awards ceremony at the recreation ground. He reported that about 25 children now play cricket there.
- b) The opening ceremony for the new village sign on the village green.
- c) A meeting of the Denton with Wootton Parish Council with regard to the Lydden Circuit planning application. This was also attended by Cllr B Crush who spoke at that meeting, the contents of which the Chairman thought had brought this Council into disrepute.

## **108/2019 Apologies**

Cllrs C Skinner and J Taylor.

## **109/2019 Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 were approved and signed.

**110/2019 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr C White – OSI 117/2019

Cllr K Roberts – OSI 120/2019

**111/2019 Public Participation Limited to Items on the Agenda**

Two Members of Shepherdswell CC gave a presentation on why they were asking for a place to make a storage provision for their equipment.

**112/2019 Clerks Report**

- a) The village green sign has now been erected on Shepherdswell Village Green.
- b) The External Audit has now been successfully concluded.

**113/2019 Finance**

It was resolved to approve the schedule of payments and bank balances.

Balances as at the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

	£
Current A/C	8,077.82
Business A/C	62,250.50

**Income**

M Wright - Hairdressers (Rent Aug)	250.00
Bank Interest	10.23
HMRC-VAT Return	3,985.72

**Expenditure**

C Tearle (Salary July)	604.83
C Tearle (Salary Aug)	604.83
C Tearle (Expenses July/Aug)	249.38
Harmer & Sons (July)	485.00
Harmer & Sons (Aug)	485.00
Shepherdswell Village Hall Committee (July/Aug)	8.00
K Beale (Small Works Contractor July/Aug)	253.00
A P Electrical (Mode Hairdressers)	320.00
Coldred Forum	180.00
Leo Lyons Digital	180.00
Shepherdswell Village Hall (Aug/Sept)	82.50
PKF Littlejohn LLP (External Auditors)	240.00

**114/2019 Children`s Play Area**

It was resolved to purchase play bark from Harmer & Sons for the children`s play area.

**115/2019 Reed Meadow Allotment Association**

It was resolved to approve the application to amend rule 3(p) for the Association to permit bonfire under certain circumstances provided this is done in an incinerator.

**116/2019 Reed Meadow Parking**

The Clerk was asked to investigate some form of lighting for the new car park and bring that back to the next meeting. Now that the laying of the car park matting has been completed the installation of the boundary marker posts will proceed.

**117/2019 Shepherdswell Village Hall Car Park**

It was agreed to investigate by how many we can increase the number of disabled bays along the front wall of the village hall and how much this would cost.

**118/2019 Meadow View Land-Request for a Memorial Bench**

The Parish Council have agreed to the request from Mrs Young to erect a memorial bench at Meadowbank. It was requested that the Council see the design specifications before erection.

**119/2019 Assets of Community Value**

To note that all four nominations have been agreed to by DDC.

They are:

The Carpenters Arms Coldred

The Bell Inn, Shepherdswell

The White Cliffs Medical Centre, Shepherdswell

The COOP Store, Shepherdswell

**120/2019 Recreation Ground Facilities**

It was agreed that Shepherdswell Cricket Club could have storage facilities for their equipment on the recreation ground provided planning consent was granted.

**121/2019 Wildflower Zones**

The organisers are to present costing to the next meeting.

**122/2019 Parish Rights of Way**

The Council is currently investigating whether it can establish an access to footpath ER80 from the village hall onto the field next to it. A meeting will be set up by the Clerk with Strutt & Parker.

**123/2019 Date of the Next Meeting**

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

**124/2019**

**Chairman`s Statement**

Due to health reasons the Chairman Cllr M Harris has announced his resignation from his office with immediate effect. He will still remain as a councillor.

The Council thanked him for his service as Chairman and wished him well for the future.

Appendix A

Cllr L Keen DDC – She has dealt with a lot of planning issues amongst which is 45 Eythorne Rd which has been “called in” by her to ensure that it goes before the planning committee rather be dealt with under delegated powers.

East Kent Housing DDC`s social housing partner has problems with gas certification with many of the properties it is responsible for. The tenants are to be balloted if they want to change how it is run.

The Local Plan Advisory Board will meet in October.

J West (Community Warden) – She has dealt with many neighbour issues as well as thefts from vehicles, burglary, problematic parking as well as perceived speed issues. There have been problems with substance abuse as well as individual welfare issues.

Mike Goddard Planning – Following DDC`s call for housing sites in 2017 a company called Citi Nests has acquired a 3ha site northwest and next to the recreation ground. They have asked for ideas and would like to build 2/3 bedroom community housing as well as develop some local facilities. They would be willing to hold an exhibition later and have asked us to send in a “wish list” by the end of the year.