

SHEPHERDSWELL WITH GOLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 16th October 2019 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr C Woodgate (DDC), J West (Community Warden and 35 members of the public.

Reports

Please refer to appendix A

125/2019 Election of Chairman

Cllr M Elgar was proposed Cllr A Barter and seconded Cllr M Harris.

Cllr K Roberts was proposed by Cllr C Johnson and seconded by Cllr C White

The election was by secret ballot after a request for one had been received.

Cllr K Roberts was declared elected.

126/2019 Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr K Roberts signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

127/2019 Apologies

Cllr J Collier and Cllr L Keen (DDC).

128/2019 Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th September 2019

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th September 2019 were approved and signed.

129/2019 Matters Arising

Cllr B Crush distributed copies of the presentation he gave to Denton with Wootton Parish Council which is referred to in Minute Number 107/2019(c).

130/2019 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Taylor – DPI 134/2019

Cllr M Ovenden – OSI 138/2019

Cllr C White – OSI 136/2019

131/2019 Public Participation Limited to Items on the Agenda

Many concerns and opposition were expressed about the proposed development plan by Citi Nests near and between Bernard Gardens, St Andrews Gardens and the recreation ground. Land Register and KCC Footpath Maps were distributed by the Parish Clerk showing the site highlighted.

Amongst these objections were:

- a) Potential devaluation of property.
- b) Insufficient school places
- c) Potential access via Meadow View and St Andrews Gardens as being not fit for purpose.
- d) The development would cause an increase in rain run-off towards Meadow View and Bernard Gardens
- e) It will compound the already sewage disposal problem.
- f) Possible diversion of the North Downs Way which runs through the site.
- g) Overall insufficient village infrastructure to cope among other things the increase in traffic.
- h) Potential environmental impact to local flora and fauna,

132/2019 Clerk`s Report

- a) We are awaiting the play bark to be laid. This has been delayed because of wet weather, as has weed control in the car park and war memorial.
- b) The above applies to the erection of the new gate for the childrens play area.

133/2019 Finance

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

Balances as at the 1st October 2019	£
Current A/C	5,844.31
Business A/C	62,261.07

Income

Bank Interest	10.57
SVHC	658.67

Expenditure

C Tearle (Salary Sept)	604.83
HMRC – PAYE	468.93
C Tearle (Expenses Sept)	77.84
Harmer & Sons (Sept)	485.00
K Beale (Small Works Contractor Sept)	764.41
Shepherdswell Village Hall (Oct)	50.00
Satswana (Data Protection)	180.00
Play Inspection Co Ltd	78.00
ICO (GDPR/Data Protection)	40.00
Harmer & Sons	216.00

At this point Cllr J Taylor left the meeting having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

134/2019 Mike Goddard Planning (Citi Nests)

After hearing what members of the public had to say councillors had a wide ranging debate on all aspects of this proposal. Cllr M Elgar gave a detailed overview of all the stages in the Local Plan process and the current timetable. The Clerk was asked to write to the Community Land Trust (CLT) asking them to bring forward their planned Housing Needs Survey with the assistance of Action Communities Rural Kent (ACRK) so it was felt prudent to wait until those results were known before attempting to compile any `wish list` and call a public meeting.

The Clerk was asked to make sure that both the web site and the notice boards were regularly updated with information.

At this point Cllr J Taylor rejoined the meeting.

135/2019 Reed Meadow Car Park Lighting

The Clerk is still awaiting costings.

136/2019 Shepherdswell Village Hall Car Park

Discussions took place about the potential cost of erecting a gate/barrier at the entrance to the car park just above the hair salon. He was asked to obtain further quotes.

137/2019 Play School Trees

A tree surgeon had been brought in by the Parish Clerk to deal with a problem that had manifested itself. Three trees (two sycamores and one rowan) alongside the village hall have had their overhanging branches cut back to a height of five metres and the ivy cut away at the bases. Further work will need to be done once we can get permission from the landowners (Church Commissioners) to access their land to affect this. The work will go out to tender.

138/2019 Recreation Ground Facilities

Recently the Parish Council who owns the recreation ground has received requests from individual clubs for the creation of additional facilities each involving a separate planning application. We already have one application that has not been completed. In view of this the Council has resolved to call a meeting of all those clubs that use the recreation ground under the chairmanship of Cllr M Elgar. Also representing the Council will be Cllrs B Crush, E Stockley and C White.

The aim of this meeting is so that clubs can have a free ranging discussion as to how they see the future and how we should develop these facilities for the benefit of all. This meeting is currently scheduled for the end of November.

139/2019 Wildflower Zones

As a result of a costed set of proposals being presented to the Council it was agreed to award a grant of £756.00 towards the project.

140/2019 Parish Rights of Way ER80

A meeting with the Church Commissioners Land Agent was reported to the Council and an agreement reached on how to create a new access point and extend the fence alongside the road to the hedge. We await written confirmation. It was resolved to have the pathway access nearer the Village Hall rather than on the corner.

141/2019 Matters of Interest

New councillors especially were reminded to take advantage of the numerous KALC Training courses available.

A KALC Transport Conference will be held on the 19th October and the AGM on the 30th November.

There is a KCC Highways Seminar on Thursday 14th November.

142/2019 Date of the Next Meeting

This will be on the 20th November 2019 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

Appendix A

J West (Community Warden)

Last month she had to deal with the usual neighbour disputes and barking dogs causing a nuisance, smoke from bonfires as well as dog fouling.

Straying animals, of both dogs and sheep happened.

Thefts from vehicles is on the rise, mainly targeting those with tools as well as various scams.

Individual welfare concerns also occurred.