

SHEPHERDSWELL WITH GOLDRED PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th March 2019 in Shepherdswell Village Hall at 1930hrs.

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

4 members of the public.

Reports

Please see Appendix B.

32/2019 Chairman`s Report

It was reported that Cllr A Williams had resigned and that as a consequence a Casual Vacancy would be declared on the 26th March 2019.

The Chairman reported that he had recently attended a DDC Tourism and Visitor Workshop. DDC attach a great deal of importance to tourism because of the large amounts of money it brings into the area. (Please refer to Appendix A)

33/2019 Apologies

Cllr R Edmond, Cllr J Collier, Cllr G Lymer (KCC), M Ovenden (DDC), J West (Community Warden) and M Danson (Neighbourhood Watch).

34/2019 Declarations of Interest

Cllr M Cobb OSI Min No
Cllr C White OSI Min No

35/2019 Clerk`s Report – Progress on items, for information or reminders only.

The `Emergency Access Only` sign for the recreation ground has been ordered and will be erected shortly.

36/2019 Finance

a) The following balances and payments were approved.

Balances as at the 5 th March 2019	£
Current A/C	3,583.78
Business A/C	52,278.19

Income

M Wright - Hairdressers (Rent Jan)	230.00
Bank Interest	10.14

Expenditure

C Tearle (Salary Feb)	555.47
Harmer & Sons (Feb)	475.01
C Tearle (Feb Expenses)	67.44
Shepherdswell Village Hall Committee (Mar)	69.50
K Beale (Small Works Contractor (Feb)	398.60
H Kennett (Flower barrels)	82.50
RK Graphics	90.00
KALC (Audit Workshop)	54.00

b) Appointment of an Internal Auditor

It was resolved to appoint Mr Lionel Robbins as the Internal Auditor for the year 2018/19. It was further noted that this work would be carried out on the 28th May 2019.

37/2019 Planning

Please refer to the minutes of the Planning Committee of the 20th March 2019.

38/2019 Parish Council Website

Cllr I Robertson who has kindly been running the Parish Council's website is retiring from the Council in May and will also stop doing that work. The Parish Council thanked Cllr I Robertson for everything that he had done and wished him well for the future.

- a) It was resolved to appoint Mr L Lyons to run the site.
- b) It was resolved that from May the Parish Clerk would submit the articles for the Parish Magazine.

39/2019 Shepherdswell Village Green Sign

It was resolved to release the balance of its £3,000 funding contribution to the Shepherdswell Village Green Association so that the village sign project could be progressed in accordance with the design, manufacturing and financial arrangements as reported, subject to planning consent being obtained.

That the Village Green Association prepares the required planning application for certification and submission by the Council. Planning fees to be met from the above funding contribution.

40/2019 Coldred Village Green

It was resolved to permit the planting of a line of trees on the border with the road inside the current chain link fence. The details were to left to the Coldred councillors and members of the Coldred Forum. Coldred Forum will fund this.

41/2019 Shepherdswell & Coldred History Society

It was resolved to give permission to use Shepherdswell Village Green on the 6th May 2019 for an event which is designed to mark the initial signing of the Treaty of Versailles, subject to a copy of a current public liability insurance being received by the Parish Clerk.

Permission was also given to display 28 plaques with the names of some of those local residents who served in the First World War on the rail and facing the village green next to the war memorial which will continue until the 28th June 2019. After that permission has been given for them to be displayed in the village hall.

42/2019 Reed Meadow Parking

Following receipt of the report from the Working Group it was resolved to purchase 720sqm of Grassprotecta to provide a surface for the parking of cars with associated U-Pins. A footpath was to be created on the opposite side to the current one for users to use with a hand rail and a footpath solar light. The budget for this project was set at £5,500 excluding VAT.

This was to be installed by the Small Works Contractor.

43/2019 Children`s Play Area – Recreation Ground

It was resolved to purchase an Hydraulic Soft Close Single Leaf Pro-safe 1m high gate x 1.2m wide gate in the colour of green from I.A.E, which the Small Works Contractor will install.

44/2019 Shepherdsweil Cemetery

- a) Memorial Wall - Following the receipt from the Working Group and receipt of quotes it was resolved in view of the costs to defer this item to a later date. In the meantime publicity will be given to this project at the forthcoming Parish Meeting, the website and parish magazine. Crowd funding would also be looked into.
- b) It was resolved to change the latch to the gates to a hand latch and ground bolt.
- c) It was resolved to request that the Parish Clerk gets the hedge cut straight away.

45/2019 Action with Communities in Rural Kent

It was resolved to continue to be a member.

46/2019 For Information Only and Matters Arising

It was resolved that for future meetings an item “Matters Arising” would follow the Minutes, and that an item “For Information Only” would appear at the end of the agenda.

47/2019 Date of the Next Meeting

This will be on the 17th April 2019 in Shepherdsweil Village Hall at aprox.1930hrs following the Parish Meeting and Planning Committee.

Appendix A

Cllr M Harris (Chairman)

A brief report of the workshop was given about the discussions held. DDC receive in the region of £218million in income from tourism and are very keen to move this area up their agenda in terms of importance in respect of the finance of the area. It was pleasing to note that the workshop was not just about the 3 towns of Dover, Deal and Sandwich but also very enthusiastic about what was going on in countryside surrounding those towns and how much is on offer, be it Lydden Race Track, the mining heritage of the area, East Kent Railway and our beautiful countryside etc. While we as residents perhaps do not pay enough attention to our own 'doorstep' there is much to offer visitors from other parts of the country and hopefully Europe. A report of the workshop is being prepared by the Tourism department.'

Appendix B

Cllr M Ovenden (DDC)

Sincere apologies but I won't be able to make this evenings meeting - if memory serves it's the only meeting I've missed this year.

Nothing much to report as I sent you the budget details insofar as Council Tax is concerned and I expect you have forwarded to your members. One other matter to raise is the possible knock - on effects from the Barville Road resurfacing closure on 29/30th although so well advertised people will probably have already decided to avoid the area ! As you are aware Shepherdswell / Coxhill suffer through traffic from Deal and the villages through to A2 . I've asked for signage to try to prevent HGVs from cutting through to Pike Road and although this will be in place I'm afraid some will ignore the signs.

J West (Community Warden)

Please accept my apologies for not attending the Parish Council meeting, I shall be engaged assisting with the annual Youth Conference in Sandwich on that date.

Please find below a brief outline of some of the issues I have addressed over the past month;

HGV obstructions/ traffic management

Bad weather traffic management

Parking/obstructions/junctions

Neighbour disputes

Thefts from vehicles

Individual welfare cases

Boundary dispute

Concern for welfare

First aid training refresher

M Danson (Neighbourhood Watch, Speed Watch and Op ShepherdsWatch)

A local resident reported that a hired dumper truck had been stolen from opposite their property overnight on 4 March. The vehicle was driven or pushed through the fields toward 12 Acre Wood and it is suspected that another vehicle was waiting to collect it in the vicinity of the grain store. CCTV has been examined and information is sought.

Police reported a theft of a central heating unit/tank from a garden of a property in Mill Lane, Shepherdswell between 0900 and 1405 hrs on the 5th March. They are asking for information.

An ongoing TV Licensing phishing campaign, first identified by the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) in September 2018, continues to be reported to Action Fraud in high numbers. Fraudsters are sending the public fake TV Licensing emails that are designed to steal their personal and financial information. Since April 2018, Action Fraud has received over 900 crime reports with victim losses totalling more than £830,000. Some residents have reported fake emails. Further details and advice are on the NHW FB page.

There have been several reports of dog fouling on pavements in Shepherdswell. There appears to be a pattern emerging in that fouling would appear to be taken place either very early morning or after dark. This is totally unacceptable and irresponsible. Please report any sightings.

Speed Watch

We have conducted 6 sessions since the last PC meeting.

A total of 1388 vehicles were observed. Of these 64 vehicles were reported for speeding. 15 received warning letters from the Police.

We have not had any interest in respect of new volunteers. At present we have 7 operators of which only 4 are regularly attending roadside sessions and declaring their availability on line.

Op Shepherds Watch

We are trying to concentrate on delivering Speedwatch as this produces recordable information. Specific days and times will be targeted as and when time allows and the information obtained will help to target SW activity.

My Freedom of Information Act application to Kent Police has still not been actioned. I have asked for information in respect of 'speed enforcement action' that has taken place along Cox Hill / Eythorne Road since 2010 when the road speed was reduced from 40mph to 30mph. I will be seeking an update from the Police soon.