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**COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES of a MEETING of SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL**

at Shoreham Village Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 from 7:30pm

Present: Jonathan Histed (in the Chair)  
M Cockburn, A Collins, S Hubble, B Jeffery, N Powell and M Sheward

Also Present: 2 members of the public  
District Councillor Irene Roy  
County Councillor Roger Gough

Clerk: Sarah Moon

Question Time:

1. There were no apologies for absence.
2. There were no disclosures of interest.
3. The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2019 (copies previously distributed) were agreed.
4. **District/County Councillor Reports**

**District Councillor**

The District Councillor confirmed that she had visited the Fort Halstead development with the Development Control Committee. There is currently an impasse regarding a second access via Star Hill and KCC have raised a lot of issues about this. If access cannot be approved, there will be no development unless the number of homes is significantly reduced.

Permission has already been granted for 400 homes and this has increased to 750. As the site boundaries cannot be expanded, the increase is coming from density in the middle of the site. Because of the size of this site, the application will come to DCC in February.

**County Councillor Roger Gough**

- A225 traffic speeds will be conducted this month.
- Go Coach has confirmed that they will be reinstating the 421 bus service and offering one return journey each Wednesday. Another transport alternative is the Kent Carrier scheme, which allows eligible residents to subscribe for £5 per year. The Clerk stated that she was not aware of this service so County Cllr Gough promised to forward her details of the scheme in order that local people could be made aware of it. Details of the 'on-demand' taxi bus service are still being worked on.
- KCC launched its draft budget on Monday. The KCC council tax will increase by 4%.

**5. Chairman's Report**

There was no report from the Chairman.

**6. Report from the Clerk**

Due to time constraints, the Clerk agreed to communicate her report via email.

**7. Budget**

It was RESOLVED to approve the budget for 2020/2021 (subject to changing the title of the 'Allotment Parking' allocated reserve to 'Traffic and Parking') in its entirety as recommended by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**8. Precept**

It was RESOLVED to increase the precept for 2020/2021 from £40,000 to £43,200 as recommended by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**9. Schedule of Meetings**

- a) It was RESOLVED to approve the Schedule of Meetings for 2020/2021.
- b) As the Clerk will be absent for the Parish Council meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020, it was RESOLVED to reschedule it for a week later (Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.)

**10. Broadband Upgrade**

Actions required to be taken in order to progress the broadband upgrade following the recent presentation by KCC were considered.

It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council commit to initiating take up of the voucher scheme to enable an upgrade for the village.

As a first step, it was RESOLVED that a working group lead by the Parish Council but comprising local residents be established, with the aim of gauging interest for the scheme. Cllrs Cockburn and Hubble agreed to lead this.

The Clerk was asked create a post on the Village Facebook page, asking for local champions to help get the scheme set up.

**11. Traffic and Parking**

Having been prevented from distributing the Traffic and Parking initial survey at the Village Hall on election day, alternatives methods of distribution were discussed.

A motion to extend the meeting past 10.00pm was passed.

It was RESOLVED that the working party meet on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the George to discuss this and that the Clerk to send a reminder email reminder to all members.

**12. Village Sign**

The closing date of the Village Sign competition is 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020. Cllrs Powell and Jeffery along with a representative of the Shoreham Society will judge the winning entries. Cllr Cockburn to ask for a volunteer from the Shoreham Society at their meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January.

The Clerk confirmed that she had received confirmation that the village sign project would be eligible for funding from the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership providing the winning design sufficiently depicted the heritage and history of the area.

**13. Community Award**

A local resident was agreed to be nominated for the 2019 KALC Community Award.

14. **Shoreham Big Weekend**

Christine Euman, Co-Chair of the Shoreham Society explained plans for a 'Big Weekend' event scheduled for 11/12 July 2020, which will involve a concert and picnic on the Recreation Ground as well as guided walks around the village.

It was RESOLVED that permission be granted for the Recreation Ground to be used for this event on this date.

It was RESOLVED that a donation of £500 to cover the cost of the history boards be granted now with an expectation that more can be requested once accurate costings and plans are available.

15. Correspondence/Information

- a) A letter has been received from the Planning Inspector confirming that the diversion of Public Footpath SR22 should not be allowed.
- b) A letter of thanks has been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau in respect of the recently awarded grant.
- c) A bench has been installed by Ralph Abbott on the tennis court.

16. Financial Matters

- a) Accounts/Payments: Authorisation of payments as per schedule (to follow)  
It was RESOLVED to accept the schedule of payments.

17. Dates of next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated)

- a) Planning and Amenities Meeting : Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, Shoreham Village Hall
- b) Planning and Council Meeting : Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Shoreham Village Hall
- c) Planning (if required) and Finance : Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Shoreham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 22.15

Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council