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**COUNCIL**

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

at Shoreham Village Hall, Shoreham on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 from 7:30pm

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

Also Present: 11 members of the public  
District Councillor John Edwards-Winser  
District Councillor Irene Roy  
County Councillor Roger Gough

Clerk: Sarah Moon

Question Time: There were no questions from members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Powell.
2. There were no disclosures of interest.
3. The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (copies previously distributed) were received and signed by the Chairman.

4. **District/County Councillor Reports**  
**District Councillor**

Cllr Irene Roy introduced herself as Michelle Lowe's replacement. At Sevenoaks District Council, she sits on the Development Control Committee, Joint Transportation Board, Development and Conservation Advisory Committee and Housing and Health Committee. She has also been involved with several traffic and parking projects in Otford.

Cllr John Edwards-Winser confirmed that he was now Chairman of Sevenoaks District Council and thanked those parish councillors who had attended his investiture. He no longer sits on any committees but spends time attending events throughout the District.

**County Councillor**

Cllr Roger Gough reported that he had been contacted by a local resident in relation to the £80,000 promised by Govia Thameslink to improve Shoreham Station (see agenda item 10). There is little appetite for implementing the suggested 'passenger benefits' and residents have requested that this money be put towards installing a ramp to make the station more accessible. Cllr Gough confirmed that he would write to Michael Fallon, giving his support to this idea and also to contact Malcolm Richardson who has been involved with a similar initiative at Eynsford.

Cllr Gough also confirmed that he is pursuing KCC to cut back the hedges on A225. The overgrown vegetation is obstruction the line of sight and therefore is posing a danger to both pedestrians and traffic.

Finally, Cllr Gough confirmed that following a public consultation, KCC will now be charging for the disposal of non-household waste and this came into effect on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. In conjunction with this policy, £250,000 will be added to anti-flytipping initiatives. The Parish Council pointed out that they had strongly objected to this policy when consulted, fearing an increase in flytipping. The results of the consultation also showed a strong appetite for rejecting the policy and so it is puzzling why the decision to was taken to implement it nevertheless. Cllr Jeffery agreed to forward the list of fly tipping hotspots to both KCC and SDC.

**6. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the old barns at Timberden have been valued and marketed. The asking price is too high for Mr Muscat, who would have to spend a significant amount of money to rebuild or refurbish them. Building new barns on land he already owns would be much more cost effective. There have been other offers on the barns but as yet, no news as to whether a sale has been achieved.

**7. Report from the Clerk**

- The Clerk reported that the funding application for the sum of £22,000 in respect of the playground refurbishment had been successful. This needs to be spent within 6 months. The project has to start by the end of July.
- Voting for more funds for the playground is still underway in the Tesco Riverhead store and the final amount we will get is still being awaited.
- The outdoor table tennis table has been delivered to the warehouse and we are now awaiting an installation date. The ground is being prepared this week. Once installed, a competition between school children and over 60s club will be held.
- All allotment rents bar one have now been received. Total revenue to date is £1065.
- The pot hole in the steps at the top of the village hall has been repaired and the area re-concreted.
- The contractor who will be replacing the allotment fence is currently sourcing materials. Work should start this week or next but definite date is still awaited.
- An event to commemorate Peace Day on 19<sup>th</sup> July is planned to be held in the Centenary Wood. This will be organised jointly by the PC and the British Legion.
- The Clerk thanked Ann Ball, who had arranged to have the flower trough and bench at the war memorial cleaned.
- The Clerk thanked John Saynor, who has cleaned and treated the two benches at the top of the Recreation Ground.

**7. Annual Return**

The annual return was not available to be authorised and signed.

**8. Playground**

Due to lack of time, an update on the playground upgrade, was agreed to be deferred until the Amenities Meeting.

**9. Traffic and Parking**

- The effectiveness of the single yellow line opposite the Two Brewers pub and whether anything can be done to make this restriction more visible was discussed. As the position of the sign is a temporary one until the new fence to the right of the Village Hall steps is installed, it was RESOLVED to wait until it is re-sited to see if this makes a difference. It was also RESOLVED to put up an additional sign, notifying people of how they can report vehicles parked on the lines to Sevenoaks District Council, giving details of the telephone number, website etc. Finally Cllr Roy agreed to see whether the line itself could be repainted as it has already eroded.
- KCC's review into 20mph speed limits has now been published. Schemes where there is strong community demand will be looked at. This could mean reducing the speed limit to 20mph or implementing traffic calming measures. In any event, the Parish Council must put together a HIP (Highways Infrastructure Plan) which evidences the community support for a 20mph. Only then can it be considered.

- The update on the safety assessment planned for the A225 was deferred until July's Parish Council meeting.

10. **Shoreham Station**

Following disruption to timetables last year, Govia Thameslink Railway (GTR) have offered to compensate affected stations by allocating £80,000 of funding towards passenger benefits. However, residents would like this money to be spent on improving accessibility to the station rather than on solar panels, additional seating etc. Many local residents have already written to GTR requesting that they review how this money can be spent. It is unlikely that Shoreham Station will ever receive such large sum as this again and so it is vital that it is used correctly. It was therefore RESOLVED that the Clerk write to GTR on behalf of the Parish Council stating that the council wishes to be involved in how the money is spent and that its views along with those of all residents must be considered. Cllr Gough agreed to communicate with the Eynsford rail users, who are seeking to do the same thing and also to write to Michael Fallon MP. A further update on the outcome of these actions will be given at the net PC meeting in July.

11. **Wildflowers**

Due to lack of time, discussions on the idea of Shoreham becoming a wildflower friendly village were agreed to be deferred until the Amenities meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

12. **CCTV**

Due to lack of time, it was agreed to defer discussions on the viability of installing CCTV in the village to July's Parish Council meeting.

13. **Correspondence/Information**

- a) A request for financial assistance has been received from Citizens Advice North and West Kent. It was agreed to consider this at July's Parish Council meeting.
- b) A request has been received from a local resident for permission to install a memorial bench in the Centenary Wood. . As discussions on this matter resulted in no agreement, it was agreed to further consider this at the Amenities meeting scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019.
- c) Notification of the result of a consultation on the recycling of household waste in Kent has been received and charging for the disposal of non-household waste materials such as soil, rubble, hard core and plasterboard will commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.
- d) Permission has been granted by KCC for the installation of an extra litter bin in the car park.
- e) A request for financial assistance has been received by West Kent Mediation. It was agreed to consider this at July's Parish Council meeting.
- f) A request to plant a tree either on the river bank or in the Centenary Wood has been received from the friend of a former resident of Shoreham. . It was agreed to consider this at July's Parish Council meeting.

A motion was passed to extend the meeting past 10.00pm

- g) A request for financial assistance in respect of converting an outdoor room into a new learning space was received from Shoreham Village School. It was RESOLVED to award the school £500 towards this project.

14. **Financial Matters**

Payments, as per the schedule, were authorised.

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

- a) Planning/Amenities & Services Meeting : Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019, Shoreham Village Hall
- b) Planning/Council Meeting : Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019, Well Hill Mission Church
- c) Planning Meeting (if required) : Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Shoreham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.15pm

Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council