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COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

at Well Hill Mission Church on 4th July 2018 from 7:30pm

Present: R Blamey, A Collins, J Histed, B Jeffery, N McDonnell, M S Parkes, N Powell and L Spence

Also Present: 6 members of the public

Clerk: Sarah Moon

Question Time:

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hibbins, from District Councillor J Edwards-Winser and from County Councillor R Gough (all attending KCC's transportation event, 'The Big Conversation').
2. No disclosures of interest from members in respect of items of business included on the agenda for the meeting were received.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 6th June 2018 (copy previously distributed) were received and signed by the Chairman.
4. The actions arising from the meeting held on 6th June 2018 were agreed to be reviewed via email.
5. District/County Councillor Reports
No District or County Councillors were present.
6. Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that Mr Muscat, owner of the land adjacent to the disused barns at Timberden has submitted a pre-application for the erection of farm buildings to the left of the existing buildings (if stood with back to Hungrydown). It is likely that permission for these new buildings will be granted under permitted development rights although Mr Muscat's preference would still be to purchase the existing, disused barns for his cattle and to refurbish them in a style more in keeping with the surrounding area (i.e. using materials similar to those used at Hungrydown). Mr Muscat has also employed a Planning Consultant to submit objections on his behalf with regard to the proposed conversion of the disused barns into residential dwellings arguing that the disused barns do not need to be converted to ensure a 'viable future' as their continued use as agricultural buildings to house livestock would ensure this. They point out that whilst SDC admits in their own application for the conversion that the

existing barns are in a state of disrepair, this is purely down to SDC themselves, who, since having acquired them, have made no investment in the buildings whatsoever. As far as Shoreham Parish Council is concerned an objection to the conversion into dwellings will be being made in the next couple of weeks. It was RESOLVED to employ Planning Consultant, Lindsay Frost, to assist with the objection. Mr Frost had quoted £750 plus travel costs and the Shoreham Society confirmed that they would contribute 50% towards this. The Clerk was requested to instruct Mr Frost immediately with a view to him coming to visit the site in the early part of next week. In the meantime, each member of the council should come up with their own objections to the application and to send them to the Clerk and all other councillors. The Chairman also reported that he had been in touch with the firm of solicitors who acted on behalf of the CPRE in the recent Dover case to ascertain whether SDC have acted unlawfully. The firm advised finding a specialist Counsel to assist in the matter of SDC's failure to have regard to the AONB and in their failure to respond appropriately to several FOIs and to document their opinion in a letter. The cost of this would be in the region of £2000. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should instruct Richard Buxton immediately and that a budget of £3500 would be allocated for this piece of work.

At the same time, Cllr Spence was asked to call the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol to see whether the application could be called in.

7. Report from the Clerk

- Cllr Parkes and I met with Terry Housden from Fields in Trust to register the Centenary Wood as a protected field. The registration should be concluded soon.
- I recently visited Knocker and Foskett, the PC's solicitors to look at the deeds they hold on our behalf – recreation ground, woodland, cricket ground.
- One fencing contractor has been to look at the allotments with a view to replacing the High Street fence. To replace the entire fence with a 1.5m chestnut paling fence, to remove the old structure and to replace the main gate with a secure, clad model, would cost in the region of £2500. A visit from a second contractor is still being awaited.
- I shall be attending a Community Housing Workshop next week with Cllr Jeffery.
- I shall be meeting a Sharon Overy from Imago on Monday to discuss the preparations for the Family Fun Day in August.
- The noticeboard to be erected on the fence by The George has been ordered and should arrive any time soon.
- A soap dispenser and liquid soap for the toilets has been bought and is awaiting installation.
- Following plea in Gazette, a resident of Shoreham has donated lots of garden tools, particularly loppers and shears but a garden fork as well.
- A request for an extra bin on village green during the busy summer months has been suggested by a local resident. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk investigate whether SDC can provide something temporarily and for less than £50 that we sign up for 6 months.
- I would like to take 3 weeks holiday in August (weeks commencing 6th, 13th and 27th August)
- The plaque for the war memorial has been collected and is awaiting installation.

8. Timberden Farm

See Chairman's report for an update on the proposed developments within the Timberden Valley.

9. New Rail Timetable

Cllr Spence confirmed that she had attended the rail meeting held in Eynsford on 18th June at which representatives from Govia and South Eastern were present. Their reasoning behind the revised timetables was an attempt to provide a tube like frequency from Bromley South further in to London. This meant services further out had to be reduced. They confirmed that they would be unable to reinstate the old timetable, but would try and put a new timetable in place by December 2019.

Govia said they had consulted but Shoreham Parish Council were not consulted. The Clerk was requested to write to Govia and to Michael Fallon to ensure that the Parish Council are included in any further consultations.

10. Proposed Diversion of Footpath SR22 and Representation at the Regulation Committee Member Panel

It was confirmed that Cllr Spence would be representing the Parish Council at the Regulation Committee Member Panel scheduled for Tuesday 17th July 2018 at which she would put forward the reasons for objecting to the diversion of footpath SR22.

The Clerk was requested to notify KCC that Cllr Spence would be attending.

11. Recommendations by the Amenities & Services Committee

The recommendation made by the Amenities & Services Committee at their meeting held on 20th June 2018 with regard to allocating up to £1500 from the annual budget for the purchase of hand and power tools to be used for maintenance work on the Recreation Ground was considered.

It was RESOLVED to accept this recommendation.

12. Correspondence/Information

- a) An email has been received from a resident of High Street, asking the Parish Council to consider temporary parking arrangements during the planned water mains replacement work. The Parish Council argued that this was not put in place for any other streets and residents would therefore sometimes have to park slightly further away from their homes than may usually be the case. The Recreation Ground and Allotments would be left unsecure if gates/barriers were left unlocked to accommodate parked cars and this could lead to unauthorised encampments, particularly on the Recreation Ground.

- b) A request for a grant for a sum in the region of £1000 has been received from the Village Hall Committee in respect of an Electrical Inspection Report, an Emergency Lighting Test and PAT testing for 50 plus items.

As the Parish Council are exempt from paying VAT, it would be more cost effective for the Parish Council to pay directly for the items requested rather than to donate money in the form of a grant. It was therefore RESOLVED to agree to pay for :

- The Electrical Report
- The Lighting Test
- PAT testing of any items belonging to the Village Hall. The cost of PAT testing items belonging to village societies would need to be covered by those societies.

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

13. Financial Matters

Accounts/Payments: The schedule of payments was authorised.

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

- a) Planning Meeting (if required) : Wednesday 18th July 2018, Shoreham Village Hall
- b) Planning Meeting (if required) : Wednesday 1st August 2018, Shoreham Village Hall
- c) Planning Meeting (if required) : Wednesday 15th August 2018, Shoreham Village Hall
- d) Planning/Council Meeting : Wednesday 5th September 2018

The meeting closed at 9.58pm.

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Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council