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COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

at Shoreham Village Hall, Shoreham on 7th November 2018 from 7:30pm

Present: J Histed (in the Chair)
R Blamey, A Collins, B Jeffery, N McDonnell, N Powell and L Spence

Also Present: 7 members of the public
District Councillor John Edwards-Winser
County Councillor Roger Gough

Clerk: Sarah Moon

Question Time:

A member of the public requested that Roger Gough be asked to get notices put on our salt bins stating that the salt is for roads only.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Hibbins and Cllr Parkes.
2. There were no disclosures of interest.
3. The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 (copy previously distributed) were received and signed by the Chairman.
4. The actions arising from the meetings held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 were agreed to be reviewed by email.
5. District/County Councillor Reports

District Councillor

- The District Councillor reported that his fellow District Councillor, Cllr Lowe had recently received an award for Health and Care.

County Councillor

- County Councillor Roger Gough confirmed that he had once again raised the issue of gritting at East Hill with Carol Valentine or KCC, who promised to speak to Cllr Jeffery about this. Cllr Jeffery reported that this had happened at the recent KCC Parish Seminar at which it was confirmed that a pilot scheme being introduced by KCC would include the gritting of secondary roads. The two areas chosen for this pilot are Fackenden Lane up to East Hill and Halstead. The trial scheme will run for two years during which, in the event of snow, the roads in question will be gritted by a local farmer.

- At a recent bus summit, it was confirmed that from next spring taxi buses will run from Stansted, West Kingsdown, East Hill, Otford and Sevenoaks.
- A further meeting to follow up on the broadband situation at Well Hill shall be taking place in the near future.
- The drainage outside the former police house should be looked at soon.
- The national budget looks relatively good for KCC and there should be more money available for roads and social services. Many cuts had been planned but now as a result of the budget, these should hopefully be avoidable.

6. Chairman's Report

Timberden : As the planners have yet to make a decision on the planning application, there is little to report. Mr Muscat is still anxious to lease the barns as winter is coming and he needs shelter for his herd, particularly as some of the cattle have recently calved. He is also trying to pursue the possibility of creating a cutting over the woods in order to move the grazing animals from one side of the hill to the other.

The Chairman reported that he had visited the owners of the Darent Valley Golf Club who had confirmed that they would like to do things for the village. So far, they have provided a large storage facility, which is being used by various village societies, and have offered to make equipment available for works such as the removal of fallen trees. The creation of a footpath from the station now looks extremely likely and the first stretch of this should be completed by Christmas. The path will run down the golf course side of the road from the station to the golf course entrance through cleared scrub, covered with bark chippings. No trees would need to be felled and low level LED lighting would be installed. An extension to this path from the golf club entrance to the public footpath has also been offered but it would need to stop there because the golf club do not own the next piece of land. The golf club have also offered to clean and straighten the signs and the lamppost outside the golf club.

7. Report from the Clerk

- First CIL payment for £8590 has been received.
- Title Deeds and Plan for the Centenary Wood have now been received from the Land Registry. The dedication plaque has also been received.
- The Village Hall Committee have applied for CIL funding from SDC for their refurbishments.
- Tree work to re-instate the line of site between the Cross and the war memorial is underway and will be completed this week.
- I have met with Jeremy Clark of SDC to discuss where to position the signage for the new primrose line.
- I attended the KCC Parish Seminar on Monday with Brian where the topics of gritting, highways, drains and street lighting were discussed.
- In the process of meeting with contractors to get quotes for tree survey and tree felling in allotments
- Two new cradles for the swings in the playground have been ordered.
- I have written to Community Payback regarding the recent incident of vandalism and requested we be reimbursed for the new net. No response has been received to date.
- Currently in the process of getting quotes for scrub clearance and hedge cutting in the car park.

8. Reports from Councillors

- i) Cllr Collins updated members following the residents' meeting held to discuss the alleged noise/disturbance emanating from the Mount Vineyard. She confirmed that most people in attendance were from Church Street and were not happy with the

noise levels and traffic from delivery vehicles and taxis. The group have spoken with SDC and have been asked file a report each time there is noise. Also people can still complain about the Food Fest if they were affected by the noise last summer.

- ii) Cllr Jeffery provided an update following the meeting held at Halstead in regard to the proposed development at Broke Farm. He confirmed that the Green Belt Group have organised a march for 10th November to the SDC offices.
- iii) Cllr Spence to confirmed that she had attended the AGM of the Darent River Protection Society (DRiPS), who are involved in many interesting projects concerning the protection and restoration of water sources.

9. Amenities

The following recommendations made at the Amenities & Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday October 17th 2018 were considered;

- i) That the quote for treated softwood posts with arris rails clad with chestnut pales to replace the fencing along the High Street boundary with the allotments be accepted. RESOLVED that this quote be accepted.
- ii) That the quote for to replace the roof of the tennis shelter with metal tiles be accepted. RESOLVED that this quote be accepted.

10. Conservation Area Consultation

A response to be submitted on behalf of the Parish Council in regard to the above consultation is required to be drafted however, it was RESOLVED to delegate this item to Planning Committee for discussion at their meeting scheduled for 21st November 2018.

11. CIL

Following confirmation of Shoreham Parish Council's first CIL receipt, consideration must be given on how best to spend this money. Due to time constraints, it was RESOLVED that this item be discussed at the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 5th December.

12. BT Mast in Shoreham Woods

To consider whether to comment on the proposed sale of the BT Mast and the land on which it stands, given that this is located in woodland which is registered as an Asset of Community Value. RESOLVED that Sevenoaks District Council be informed that Shoreham Parish Council will not contest this sale.

13. CCTV

It was RESOLVED to receive an update on the implementation of CCTV at the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 5th December.

14. Resilience

It was RESOLVED to receive an update on from the Resilience Group at the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 5th December.

15. Village Sign

Due to time constraints, it was RESOLVED that this item be discussed at the Parish Council meeting scheduled for 5th December.

16. Gate to Cricket Ground

Further consideration was given as to whether or not to remove or replace the gate to the Cricket Ground given the fact that it will not form part of the Samuel Palmer trail.

It was RESOLVED to that the fence be taken down by Cllr Powell but that the iron gate remain in situ.

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

17. Correspondence/Information
 - a) The Autumn/Winter edition of CPRE's 'Kent Voice' magazine has been received.
 - b) A letter of thanks has been received from the Allotments Association in respect of the grant given to pay towards the hiring of a skip.
 - c) A request for a grant for the sum of £1850 in respect of two memorial slabs for a planned 'Garden of Remembrance' has been received from the Church.
RESOLVED to award a grant for the full amount.

18. Financial Matters
 - a) Accounts/Payments: The schedule of payments was authorised subject to changing the payment amount for the village hall.
RESOLVED that Village Hall payment be reduced by £689 as the cost of repair of emergency lighting should have been paid for using the recently awarded £10,000 grant.

19. Dates of next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated)
 - a) Planning Meeting (if required) : Wednesday 21st November 2018, Shoreham Village Hall
 - b) Planning and Council Meeting : Wednesday 5th December 2018, Shoreham Village Hall
 - c) Planning Meeting (if required) : Wednesday 19th December 2018, Shoreham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council