

SHARDLOW & GREAT WILNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7.30pm on WEDNESDAY 22nd March 2017 at Shardlow Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Collison (Chair), Mitchell, Shearing Coyle, Hawksworth and Barkway.

In Attendance: CCllr Rob Davison, and J Irons (clerk).

Part 1 - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

177/16: District & County Councillors' reports.

County Councillor Rob Davison.

1. In his latest edition of the Broadside magazine CCllr Davison has raised the issue of inconsiderate parking, especially around schools; access to residents' driveways is being impeded by this behaviour. He believes a rewrite of road safety laws is needed.
2. The next sand & gravel liaison meeting will be held on 28th March.
3. CCllr Davison attended the last EMA Consultative Committee meeting and reports that no major or contentious issues arose.
4. CCllr Davison walked local pavements with a resident who had complained about the state of the drains recently. Despite a grate being broken and some showing weeds he believes they are functional and hence do not warrant money spent on them, especially in straitened financial times.
5. DCC officers will not routinely attend future Safer Neighbourhood and Area Forums because it is deemed impracticable to do so.

Cllr Mitchell wished to receive written confirmation of the clearance of drains. CCllr Davison offered to ask EA and at county hall but did not guarantee a response. DCllr Coyle added that a local flood warden keeps records. Cllr Barkway will monitor the drains in future.

District Councillor Hilary Coyle

1. The Area Forums should be revamped because the police officers spend too much of their time in attendance.
2. No further news on the Lady in Grey although SDDC planning officers will meet the owner on 3rd April. The chairman believes that the planning officer is 'managing the neglect of the site'.
3. The dog bin at the village hall will be replaced at the district council's expense. Members discussed bins opposite both the Navigation and Clock Warehouse. DCllr Coyle said large bins cost £471. Further discussion to be held over to the next meeting.

178/16: REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC.

None.

179/16: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs DCllr Peter Watson and Neil Atkin. CCllr Davison apologised for possible lateness but arrived for the start of the meeting.

180/16: POLICE REPORT.

The clerk reported that 2 minor incidents had been logged on the police website for January. Details are available on the Police website at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>
Cllr Hawksworth reported burglaries and theft of a motorbike on Wilne Lane recently.

181/16: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

182/16: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22nd February were **agreed** by members after which they were signed by the chairman (pp Cllr Barkway, seconded Cllr Coyle).

183/16: ACTIONS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

None.

184/16: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

None.

185/16: CLERK'S REPORT.

1. C&RT cut the hedge on the canal towpath; and Liz Fleuty will attend the APM on 26th April.
2. The Rotary Club of Castle Donington sent the clerk an update. It is 'giving a grant of £500 to the Shardlow School Cooking Activity. We were contacted by Katharine Lightbown of the Friends of The Shardlow School with a proposal which we were pleased to support. This is the 3rd Grant we have made to the school activities in the past few years. The Shardlow Evergreens will be coming to our Senior Citizens tea party on April 4th at The Church Hall in Castle Donington - I understand the bingo machine we bought for them is proving very useful. The Club does a number of fund raising activities, the main one in Shardlow is the Santa Sleigh which raised around £250'.

Clerk to invite George Tansley, the Club Secretary, to the APM in April.

3. Clerk asked DALC of any upcoming training courses; these to be formulated soon. Clerk will attend DALC's clerk day in April at a cost of £45 to be shared between the 3 councils clerked.

4. Clerk received a photo from the lengthsmen of the Marina advertising banner that was attached to a lamp post but had blown down. Cllr Coyle offered to enquire at district council whether a banner is permitted to be hoist in this manner. Pam also complained of more Persimmon Homes/ Charles Church posters appearing in the village advertising Buttercup Leys at Boulton Moor. She offered to remove them which was agreed by members; clerk to ask her.

186/16: PLANNING MATTERS

Applications:

9/2017/0161 - THE FELLING OF A CHERRY TREE COVERED BY SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 11 AT 7 ASTON LANE. **Resolved:** no objection.

187/16: MATTERS FOR DECISION or DISCUSSION.

1. Tax technician contract renewal; **Resolved:** after considering 3 quotes for the same work members agreed to retain her services (pp Cllr Coyle, seconded Cllr Shearing). Clerk to enquire whether the technician's payroll service is part of the audit process.

2. To purchase a new notice board for Wakelyn Close; agreed and clerk to order.

3. Update on progress with the flood store, sand delivery and leaflet circulation. Clerk announced that the flood store is almost complete; sand has been delivered but it is in 80 x 25kg plastic sacks. Ideally the sand should be transferred into the hessian sacks provided by county council which would require a hopper device. As these are expensive Cllr Shearing will ask Trevor Scott about an alternative cheaper solution.

Six new keys for the small padlock are faulty. Clerk to return these and have new keys cut. Clerk is also about to order new implements such as wheelbarrows, shovels etc from Travis Perkins. Ten reflective jackets provided by EA are in the store. Once finalised the chairman will invite voluntary wardens to the store to inspect after which the flood plan leaflets will be delivered to residents.

4. Update on the Lady in Grey. Mentioned earlier under DCllr Coyle's report.

5. Contractor quotes for a membrane and topsoil/ wood chippings at the village hall play area. The clerk received 2 quotes from one contractor and awaits another quote from a different contractor. In the meantime Cllr Coyle to ask district's parks department if it has ideas for a solution.

6. To set a date for defibrillator training. The chairman to arrange a date in the second week of June.

7. To arrange an allotments inspection. Cllrs Mitchell and Barkway will inspect on Saturday morning and report findings to the clerk to ensure any necessary comments may be included in the tenancy agreement and rent demands to be delivered on Monday. Clerk also to remind tenants of the importance of attaining council's permission for new structures.

One tenant had erected a greenhouse without seeking permission for which she has since apologised and has promised to request retrospective permission.

A vacant plot exists at Long Row and the clerk has offered it to 2 prospective tenants on the waiting list. One refused and the other has yet to view.

188/16: FINANCE

a) The following accounts were approved for payment;-

<i>Payee</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Cheque no.</i>
J Irons	Clerk's salary March	£ 674.22	100935
J Irons	Clerk expenses 1st qtr 2017	£ 97.80	100935
P Postans	Lengthsman's wage March	£ 124.60	100936
DCC	Clerk's pension March	£ 157.18	100937
HMRC	Nil return for employees' NI & tax	-	-
SDDC	Dog bin emptying 2016/17	£ 1164.46	100938
Robert Lewis Signs	Repair to the information board	£ 348.00	100939
Park Hall Designs	Website maintenance 2016/17	£ 233.19	100940
Village Hall Comm	Village hall room hire 2016/17	£ 132.00	100941

b) Income: none.

c) Bank balance as at 28th February 2017 £26,122.55

d) Clerk to provide a new bank mandate in the next meeting allowing Cllr Barkway to become a signatory.

189/16: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr Hawksworth noted that meetings of both gravel works are upcoming. She missed the last school governors meeting but will attend the next.
- Cllr Shearing attended the Donington Park Liaison meeting held on 9th March. The estate has been acquired by new owners but the existing management team will remain. The new owners are happy to continue to hold meetings in their present format. No Formula 1 car racing is intended but MotoGP is encouraged. Contrary to rumour the Glastonbury music event will not move to the site.
- Cllr Barkway missed the last EMA liaison meeting but will attend in future.

190/16: AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- larger waste bins to be placed throughout the village;
- newsletter items including litter picking;
- outcome of the recent allotment inspection (if held);
- Update on progress with the flood store;
- date for defibrillator training;
- Update on the Lady in Grey (if any);
- contractor's reply over a membrane for the play area (if any);
- to sign a new bank mandate;
- Budget approval and review of lengthsman's salary.

191/16: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

The Clerk circulated 1 item received since the last meeting.

192/16: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council: 26th April (APM & Ordinary), 24th May (APCM), 28th June, 26th July.

Part 2 - EXEMPT ITEMS

193/16: To move the following resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960): *'that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw'*.

194/16: To review lengthman's salary and pension provision (if applicable) and agree the clerk's annual appraisal. **Resolved:** the clerk's annual appraisal was conducted by the chair and vice-chair at Cllr Shearing's house the previous week; members and clerk were circulated the findings which were agreed (pp Cllr Barkway, seconded Cllr Coyle). Discussion over the lengthman's salary to be held over to the next meeting.

195/16: Budget approval in light of the above. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting; in the meantime clerk to circulate the latest budget figures to members.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.05pm.

Chairman's signature _____

Date _____