

SHARDLOW & GREAT WILNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7.30pm on WEDNESDAY 24th January 2017 at Shardlow Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs (Chair) Mitchell, Hawksworth, Stenner and Leggett.

In Attendance: DCllr Peter Watson, 1 resident and J Irons (clerk).

Part 1 - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

167/17: Cllrs agreed to Cllr Mitchell sitting as chair for the evening.

168/17: District & County Councillors' reports.

District Councillor report - Peter Watson.

1. Last week DCllr Hilary Coyle was elected leader of SDDC. Members asked the clerk to send their congratulations to her.
2. The owner of Lady in Grey has not responded to SDDC's requests to tidy and conduct remedial works therefore the legal process has begun to enforce compliance.
3. SDDC agreed a council tax increase of 1.9% in the forthcoming year which remains unchanged from recent years.
4. £250k is available for local projects through the Community Partnership scheme; up to £25k per parish may be awarded and applications will be decided by the summer. Multiple applications are allowed if several projects are intended. In addition SDDC will fund some associated fees (advice for instance).
5. DCllr Watson received a complaint from a resident in Cavendish Court about street cleaning and emptying of gullies. The street has since been swept.
6. DCllr Watson will attend the East Midlands Airport liaison meeting next week where the priority will be to focus on reduction of aircraft noise.
7. The next Safer Neighbourhood Meeting and Area Forum is on 5th February at the Melbourne Assembly Rooms. The former is usually well-attended but the AF hosts very few, if any, residents. District council is now considering how to make this part of the meeting more interesting. Suggestions, such as inviting guest speakers and reducing the duration of the 2 meetings, have been made but more are welcome.
8. DCllr Watson kindly offered to ask any questions at SDDC about upcoming planning applications should council wish.

Cllr Mitchell noted that street cleaning would be welcomed near to the Lady in Grey although parked cars would hinder the sweeper. DCllr Watson stated this is a problem at this time of the year although one answer may be to close the road. Cllr Hawksworth thought that the street cleaning programme has been hampered by weather, which encourages leaves and debris to be strewn.

County Councillor report - Neil Atkin

CCllr Atkin was not in attendance and no report had been submitted. He sent the clerk his belated apologies later this evening.

169/17: REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. See minute 170/17 below.

170/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllrs Shearing (moving house), Clifton (prior engagement), CCllr Neil Atkin and DCllr Hilary Coyle.

171/17: Co-option of resident(s) to the council. Mrs Teresa Bowles expressed her wish to become a member. Cllr Hawksworth proposed a motion to co-opt, which was seconded by Cllr Leggett and agreed. Cllr Bowles duly signed her acceptance of office after which members and the district councillor introduced themselves and welcomed her to the council.

172/17: POLICE REPORT. The clerk reported that 10 minor incidents had been logged on the police website for November. Details are available on the Police website at <https://www.police.uk/derbyshire/SS03/crime>

173/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None

174/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 20th December were **agreed** (pp Cllr Hawksworth, seconded Cllr Stenner) after which they were signed by the chairman.

175/17: ACTIONS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Nothing further.

176/17: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: None.

177/17: CLERK'S REPORT.

1. Orchard Windfalls Fund Invites Applications from Community Groups (UK)

The Tree Council is inviting Charities and not-for-profit community organisations operating in the UK to apply for a grant to pay for fruit trees to be planted during National Tree Week (24th November to 2nd December in 2018). The Tree Council is able to fund projects costing between £100 and £700 with successful applicants receiving up to 75% towards their planting costs. Grants can cover the cost of the trees, necessary supports and aids to establishment (stakes, ties and guards, plus fertiliser, mulch and soil amelioration where conditions make this appropriate). Applications to be submitted by the 31st March 2018.

2. Cllr Neil Atkin wrote that SDDC is *'reviewing its front line services regarding the bin collections over the festive season. There has been a number of complaints in the last few days from around the District including side waste collection the overflowing bring sites and dog bins. SDDC would be grateful to hear from anyone or any issues relating to the above to help us improve the service for the future not just during the festive season, all year round as well'*.

3. The Canal & River Trust is *'pleased to announce a new scheme to encourage local community groups to get involved in looking after and improving their local waterways. An application form can be found at canalrivertrust.org.uk/yourwaterways. All applications must be received by 31st January 2018. The scheme is designed to support small, locally identified projects which can be completed by 31st March 2018, working with groups who would like to continue to be involved beyond the initial project. If your parish council or local group is interested but does not yet have any specific projects in mind, we would still be very happy to meet up to discuss opportunities'*. Clerk to ask C&RT whether it can meet one evening.

4. The lengthsman provided a comprehensive report for which the clerk has thanked her and is updating her with regular feedback. She conducted a thorough tidying of several footpaths. Footpath 1, near to the service station on the A50, remains in a poor state; clerk to remind CCllr Atkin of a site visit he was to arrange. Pam collected several bags of refuse which the Clean Team has collected. A fallen tree blocks Footpath 5 in the section along the side of the old nurseries site between Boxwood cottage on London Road and the bridge over the brook. Clerk to ask the contractor to cut up and remove the debris.

178/17: PLANNING MATTERS:

Applications

9/2017/1351 - THE CROWN REDUCTION BY 1 METRE OF 2 SILVER BIRCH TREES COVERED BY SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NUMBER 295 AT MILL GREEN 1 THE WHARF. **Resolved:** no objection

9/2017/1387 - THE ERECTION OF A TWO STOREY SIDE EXTENSION AT 11 ASTON LANE SHARDLOW. **Resolved:** no objection.

9/2017/1298 - SUBDIVISION OF EXISTING DWELLING TO CREATE TWO SEPERATE DWELLINGS AT 27 LAND ADJACENT TO THE WHARF. **Resolved:** objection on the following grounds: the track in front of the property is narrow and limits the amount of car parking space available. Also, it is essential that the farmer gains access to his field along this track both day and night which may be impeded. Council feels this development sets a precedent of a large building which is not to be in keeping with this location. This council objected to a previous application at the same property in 2012 but it was passed. Therefore in the first instance we request a site visit from planning inspectors.

179/17: MATTERS FOR DECISION or DISCUSSION.

1. Outcome of the beacon and Christmas tree lights meeting. Not held, intended soon (to include Cllrs Clifton, Stenner & Leggett).

2. Outcome of the meeting regarding WW1 commemoration next year. Not held, intended soon.

3. Newsletter items and distribution. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

4. Outcome of site visit regarding tree planting on the Greenway. Not held, clerk to remind Cllr Atkin to chase and arrange the visit.
5. Reply from the PCC over a presentation (if any); **Resolved:** PCC cannot attend the next 3 meetings; clerk to ask of his availability in the May, June or July meetings (to begin at 7pm).
6. Website review. Cllr Leggett has a web developer in mind and showed members an example of his work on her tablet. The clerk provided her with the present web developer's costs. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting. In the meantime members to consider the design of site they prefer; and clerk to confirm that no contract exists with the present web developer.
7. Possibility of installing a 3rd defibrillator. **Resolved:** clerk to ask the village hall committee whether it wishes to have a device outside the hall.
8. Update on the GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (if any); none at present.
9. School's poster at Glenn Way. **Resolved:** members agreed to the poster's wording; clerk to inform the school.
10. Comment over standing orders; none.
11. Review the risk assessment. **Resolved:** members agreed it after which both chairman and clerk duly signed the document.
12. Allotment issues. Clerk reported that a tenant on Wilne Lane had vacated a plot and so a prospective tenant on the waiting list has accepted it. Clerk presented a quote to trim hedges and close 2 gaps in the Long Row hedge adjacent to the flood bank. However, one hedge has been omitted from the quote. **Resolved:** the quote was agreed with the omitted hedge to be included. Clerk to emphasise clause 8 of the tenancy agreement to tenants (hedges to be maintained) and that this costly husbandry is an isolated tidying exercise and not a regular service. .
13. Provision of summer activities. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.
14. Waste bin request on footpath at Glenn Way. **Resolved:** to order a new bin at a total cost of c£300 (pp Cllr Leggett, seconded Cllr Stenner); in the meantime members to decide the location. Clerk to ask SDDC of its policy on yellow stickers (denoting the acceptance of dog waste besides general rubbish).
15. To finalise the bank mandate. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.
16. To sign both the Precept Form A and the s.136 concurrent functions forms. **Resolved:** chairman and clerk duly signed both forms. The precept to be requested from district council in the forthcoming year remains unchanged at £13870.

180/17: 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 January	£ 698.30	100995
P Postans	Lengthsman's wage January	£ 116.60	100996
DCC	Clerk's pension January	£ 170.95	100997
HMRC	Nil return for employees' NI & tax	-	-
J Chamberlain	Hedge cutting at allotments	£ 144.00	100998

b) Income – none.

c) Bank balance as at 31st December 2017 £ 25145.06

181/17: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr Hawksworth asked the clerk whether he had received notification from Hanson that its lorries will travel through the village during recent wet weather; clerk confirmed he had not and will remind Hanson. She complained of the disrepair of road kerbs on the stretch from her farm to the post office; clerk to report to Highways.
- Cllr Mitchell attended a recent meeting with Kinchbus and provided a report:

Meeting held on 5th January at Kinchbus, Sullivan Way Loughborough at 11am.

Present: Alex Kerr (General Manager); Vicky Williams (Secretary); Tony Hurrell (Aston PC), Sheena Butcher (Clerk to Aston PC); Alicia Mitchell (Shardlow PC).

A general discussion of the pros and cons took place on the request made by Aston Parish Council to Kinchbus to consider diverting Skylink through Aston between 2pm and 4pm and from Derby after 5 pm to make up the

shortfall after Nottingham-Derby reduced its bus service.

It was agreed that Vicky Williams would ascertain the numbers using both services at the moment and the alternative services, grants etc that could be made available to Aston to supplement the existing service. It was agreed that all parties would be advised of the results of VW's search and any implications that might arise.

- Cllr Mitchell thought the 'A' boards outside the Clock Warehouse will hinder grass cutting of the verge once the cutting season starts; clerk to contact the firm.

182/17: AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- co-option of new members (if any);
- outcome of the beacon and Christmas tree lights meeting (if held);
- outcome of the WW1 commemoration meeting (if held);
- Newsletter/ card update;
- Outcome of the Greenway inspection (if held);
- Reply from the PCC over a presentation (if any);
- Website review;
- defibrillator at the village hall;
- Update on the GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS (if any);
- SNM/ AF suggestions to garner interest;
- C&RT reply over a meeting to discuss its project scheme (if any);
- Provision of Summer activities;
- Suggestions for the Community Partnership scheme;
- Dog bin location at Glenn Way;
- New finger post at footpath 5;
- Shardlow Parochial Charity;
- To set a date for the March meeting.

183/17: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION. No essential items had been received by the clerk since the last meeting.

184/17: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS: Parish Council: 28th February 2018

Meetings in 2018: 28th March, 25th April (APM & Ordinary - 6.30pm).
Safer Neighbourhood Meeting and Area Forum at Melbourne Assembly Rooms on 5th February at 6.15pm

Part 2 - EXEMPT ITEM

185/17: 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'*.

186/17: Letter from a former member. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.10pm.

Chairman's signature _____

Date _____