

SHARDLOW & GREAT WILNE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held at 7.30pm on WEDNESDAY 28th June 2017 at Shardlow Village Hall.

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

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

Part 1 - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

30/17: District & County Councillors' reports.

County Councillor Neil Atkin

1. Regarding the request for traffic lights to be erected at Sawley crossroads to ease congestion on Tamworth Road, both Simon Tranter and Richard Hanbury are aware and have replied to the clerk. This is currently progressing.
2. Peter White at DCC reported the litter at footpath 1 to SDDC. Clerk to pursue Matt Holford who is also considering new fencing, especially around the petrol station.
3. Tree planting on the Greenway. A CPO is in force hence DCC does not own all of the land, only a part. Clerk to arrange a site visit with DCC to establish ownership rights. DCllr Watson added that he will also write as district councillor.
4. CCllr Atkin will look again at the triangular sign that lies at an angle on London Road.
5. In the wake of the Grenfell tower disaster DCC in association with the Fire Service will assess buildings and schools in the area for cladding and asbestos. No evacuations are envisaged.
6. DCC has scrapped parking charges in and around Matlock; this practice may be rolled-out county-wide.
7. Changes are afoot at county hall which CCllr Atkin will report on at end-July.

Cllr Mitchell rued the poor state of road markings, especially at Sawley crossroads. Clerk to report the latter to NWL highways.

District Councillor Peter Watson

1. The inspector made changes to the Local Plan Part 2 which will now be heard by full council tomorrow. A final consultation will be undertaken in August with its possible adoption in September.
2. Three consultations are ongoing regarding affordable housing, green spaces and design guidance; he considers the latter 2 most important. A venue date has now been set for the drop-in event at Aston although the clerk awaits this.
3. Thankfully there are no blocks of flats the size of Grenfell tower in the area. That said DCllr Watson believes sprinklers should be fitted to all houses and flats. He favours lighting outside of buildings to be directed downwards in an effort to curb light pollution.
4. The Area Forum held on the 19th June was poorly attended although the Safer Neighbourhood section experienced more resident interest. DCllr Watson thought it better the police impart information at these rather than at individual parish meetings.
5. All relevant agencies attended the flood Liaison meeting on 22nd June although only 5 representatives from parish councils were present. However, some had submitted questions in advance which were discussed.
6. No further progress has been made at the Lady in Grey although the SDDC planning officer will now issue an enforcement notice to the owner.
7. Michael Stanton, chairman of SDDC, will hold a civic serviced at Repton School in July.

Cllr Mitchell asked about the enforcement notice; DCllr Watson is unsure of the demands at this stage. Cllr Barkway asked if the rules governing his planning application can be simplified; DCllr Watson will investigate. The resident noted that verges on the Leicestershire side of Cavendish Bridge are pristine whereas the bridge area is missed on the Derbyshire side. DCllr Watson will ask grounds maintenance to cut and to address both this and Cllr Hawksworth's complaint of overgrown verges on London Road, from the village entrance to the post office.

31/17: REPRESENTATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC. None.

32/17: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: DCllr Hilary Coyle.

33/17: To receive a presentation from Liz Fleuty, Development & Engagement Manager at East Midlands Waterway.

Liz explained that the Canal & River Trust is a national charity and cares for 2000 miles of towpath and canal, encompassing Gainsborough, Boston, Burton and river Soar in Leicestershire. More locally Barrow, Aston, Weston and Shardlow are all involved in team operations.

Up until 5 years ago it was known as British Waterways. It has many assets of an historic nature and relies on public and parish support as well as many volunteers.

The Trust has an agreement with central government over funding but also derives financial support from utilities (cables under towpaths etc), property income, HLF grants and direct donations from residents. Recent projects include the new noticeboard at The Wharf and information panels at Aston; no other projects are intended at present.

Liz viewed the Wilne Lane Bridge and considered it to be of good condition; however painting it is priority-based but will be achieved by 2021. In the meantime local groups could do this sooner.

DCllr Watson asked about restoration of the Derby - Erewash canal; Liz has no responsibility for this and cost would be high but would support a group activity for this purpose. DCllr Watson asked of possible intentions for marinas; Liz said the C&RT planning team handle this but she is adamant that such development must not disturb canal users.

The resident wished to arrange a canal festival at some point and wondered if support for this would be granted. Liz was in favour and would help to promote it; such events have been held in Nottingham and at Trent Lock. However, environmental appraisals would be undertaken first.

Finally, there are no facilities here to create recycling, shower or toilet amenities for boaters although Liz is enquiring with her supervisor. Signs could be erected in Shardlow reminding boaters to use the centres in Sawley and Swarkestone, but such services cannot be provided in the village. That said, larger facilities are useful but encourage fly-tipping. Local groups can adopt a section of the canal to care for.

The chairman thanked Liz for her informative presentation after which she and both district and county councillors left at 8.30pm.

34/17: co-option of resident(s) to the council. Members unanimously **agreed** to co-opt Martyn Clifton to the council (pp Cllr Barkway, seconded Cllr Shearing); the chairman congratulated and welcomed him to his role. Martyn immediately signed his Declaration of Office and Register of Interests.

35/17: POLICE REPORT.

The clerk reported that 14 minor incidents had been logged on the police website for March. Details are available on the Police website at <http://www.police.uk/derbyshire/DS03/crime/>

Cllr Hawksworth reported a mugging in the jitty between Ambaston Lane and London Road recently.

36/17: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Cllr Barkway at agenda item 12 (planning application 9/2017/0633).

37/17: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 24th May were **agreed** by members after which they were signed by the chairman.

38/17: ACTIONS ARISING FROM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

39/17: CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. None.

40/17: CLERK'S REPORT.

1. The environment agency will begin de-silting works on a stretch of the Shardlow Parish Dyke, hopefully towards the end of July/start of August. The stretch involved is from EA's pump station by the canal, upstream to the culvert, then through the culvert itself. Residents have been notified.

2. Director of Finance at SDDC wrote:

'Any bins that the parish councils add to the parish whether they be litter or dog bins will be charged for emptying. SDDC have a certain number of bins in each parish which they collect and all those extra ones are charged for. There may be some bins in these areas that are District Council bins. However, the Depot is going to undertake an audit to obtain some clarity against the list below and to ensure that the Parishes are being charged correctly. In the meantime, if bins are changed, they will still be charged'.

3. Regarding hedge & verge cutting SDDC wrote: 'We started the flail mowing on road junctions and completed the first cut of the district visibility splays at the end of May due to a clutch failure on the tractor. Due to the vehicle being off the road for a number of weeks I took the decision that it would be in the interests of safety to undertake the second visibility cut ahead of schedule rather than cut the road side verges. Once this has been completed we will be back on to the road side verge programme. We are currently working Saturdays to try and get back on course with this work programme. With regards to the hedge cutting this is an issue for the Housing Department as it is their hedge and they have been made aware of the situation'.

4. Clerk reported broken manhole cover to ST on 21st June.

5. A member is required to assume defibrillator checking; Cllr Clifton volunteered to assume this role.

41/17: PLANNING MATTERS

Applications

9/2017/0562 - new vehicular access & hardstanding at 1 Cheal Close. **Resolved:** objection on the grounds that dropping the kerb here would disrupt accessibility to buses for those passengers with wheelchairs/ buggies etc. A raised kerb should be maintained thereby making a vehicle entrance here ill-advised. There is no raised kerb in front of the public footpath to compensate.

9/2017/0633 - THE PRUNING OF TREES AT 1-3 HOLDEN HOUSE CANAL BANK.

42/17: Cllr Barkway left the room at 9pm.

Resolved: no objection.

43/17Cllr Barkway returned at 9.03pm.

44/17: MATTERS FOR DECISION or DISCUSSION.

1. To elect a chairman. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

2. Appointment of a flood warden. **Resolved:** Cllr Clifton to adopt the role.

3. Adoption of updated policies. **Resolved:** recently created and bespoke policies are adopted apart from Complaints, Grievance and Disciplinary procedures where NALC's will be used. Cllr Hawksworth proposed that these be reviewed annually at the APCM which was seconded by Cllr Mitchell.

4. Contractor quotes for a membrane and topsoil/ wood chippings at the village hall play area.

Resolved: held over to the next meeting; in the meantime members to view and assess. Clerk to ask SDDC whether its annual inspection took presence of glass into account.

5. Staining of notice boards. **Resolved:** clerk to ask Adam Henshall to proceed.

6. To set a date for defibrillator training. **Resolved:** Assuming the main hall is free clerk to confirm 30th September, to change to a 9.30am start, inform local groups such as Evergreens, church and Heritage Centre and advertise on notice boards/ website. It will cost £287 (10 attendees).

7. Lengthsman's recent report on hedges/ trees. Members discussed the laurel hedge and vehicular access in the track between Ambaston Lane and London Road and **agreed** that in the first instance the clerk write to the resident asking him to trim this hedge.

Several self-set ash trees and young shrubs behind the bus stop on London Road (Glenn Way). Members **agreed** that the clerk ask SDDC to remove them. Cllr Mitchell also requested that the self-set sycamore and ash next to the chestnut in the Maltings shrubbery be removed.

8. To decide on an August meeting. **Resolved:** only out of necessity.

9. Newsletter items. **Resolved:** held over to the next meeting.

45/17: FINANCE

a) The following accounts were approved for payment;-

Payee	Details	Amount	Cheque no.
J Irons	Clerk's salary June	£ 698.50	100958
J Irons	Clerk expenses 2 nd qtr 2017	£ 210.34	100958

P Postans	Lengthsman's wage June	£ 116.60	100959
DCC	Clerk's pension June	£ 170.95	100960
HMRC	Nil return for employees' NI & tax	-	-
SDDC	Allotment fee 2017 - 2018	£ 312.00	100961
Shardlow church	Donation under s.137	£ 100.00	100962

- b) Income: allotment rents £ 140.00
c) Bank balance as at 31st May 2017 £28,774.82

46/17: COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

- Cllr Hawksworth noted that the school's head teacher leaves at term-end. An acting head is in place and a new head will be recruited in January. She rued the return of several Persimmon Homes posters in the village.
- Cllr Mitchell was impressed with the repairs to Wilne Lane after the recent power cut disruption. She believes the traffic lights on Cavendish Bridge take longer to change although considers it may be due to overhanging trees interfering with the sensors. She and Cllr Barkway will conduct an allotment inspection in the next few weeks.
- Cllr Shearing thought it prudent that another member become acquainted with operating the projector.

47/17: AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

- newsletter items including litter picking;
- to complete a new bank mandate;
- date for defibrillator training;
- Update on the Lady in Grey (if any);
- Members' play area inspection (if held);
- Outcome of the allotment inspection (if held).

48/17: ITEMS FOR INFORMATION.

The Clerk circulated 1 item received since the last meeting.

49/17: FORTHCOMING MEETINGS : Parish Council: 26th July, 27th Sept, 25th Oct, 22nd Nov.

Part 2 - EXEMPT ITEMS

50/17: 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'*.

51/17: Letters of resignation and clerk salary from the April meeting. **Resolved:** the chairman to seek guidance from DALC in light of the adoption of revised council policies.

52/17: Approval of the revised budget. **Resolved:** agreed.

The Chairman thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 10.16pm.

Chairman's signature _____

Date _____