

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting Held at St Michael's Church, Shirley,

Monday 10th September 2018

Attending

Councillors: Alvin Baker, Ian Crabtree, Tony Taylor, Hugh Tyler (Chair), Sue Walker
Also: Sian Bacon (Parish Clerk) and 7 Parishioners.

18/36 Apologies for Absence

None.

18/37 WW1 100th Anniversary Events Update by Mr Paviour

Mr Paviour reported that there are two committees within the village that try to raise funds for the sports field and the church. The committees get together to ensure that each committee does not duplicate activities and to do one major event each year. Given that it is the centenary of the Armistice and the date falls on Remembrance Sunday it was decided that it was fitting to do something within the village on that date. The Committees decided to do something internally within the village and have chosen to do a dinner at the Saracen's Head. The dinner is planned for the 11th November 2018 at 5pm for a 5.30pm sitting. The Vicar has agreed to move the church service from 6pm to 4pm to accommodate the dinner. The menu is not yet set. The tickets will be £20 and are not anticipated to make a profit so there will be a raffle and quiz either prior or after the meal to raise funds and to be followed with a sing song. Song sheets have been issued by Bill Leeney. Bill has also produced a cd with the songs on for everyone to sing along to. The proceeds will be shared between the sports field and church with a contribution to the Royal British Legion. There are members of the village who will be invited as guests possibly with sponsorship. The tickets have been designed and a flyer has been delivered to residents. Priority for tickets will be given to villagers to try to make it a village event and 60 tickets at least will aim to be sold. The ticket sales will begin at the end of September/ beginning of October. Tickets will be available from Bill & Debbie Leeney, Peter Paviour and Lucy Dentith. Anyone wishing to email in advance for tickets are welcome to do so.

18/38 Public Participation

A parishioner issued their thanks for the pot holes that had been filled in.

Cllr Tyler was thanked for creating and issuing the council newsletter to all the residents. It was requested that one be placed in the noticeboard if there is room and it was suggested that a few be placed in the church. The idea of putting it on the website was raised and the Clerk explained that it would be incorporated into the website's information sections.

A parishioner queried the situation with the planting of bulbs.

18/39 Declarations of Member's Interests

Cllr Taylor declared an interest in item 18/43

18/40 Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held Monday 12th March 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 21st May 2018 as a true record and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

18/41 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

1. The newsletter discussed at the last meeting has been issued in late August.
2. The Clerk had registered the council with the ICO as per GDPR.
3. The defibrillator code had been issued to the village via the newsletter.
4. The Clerk had obtained a cultivation license for the planting of bulbs around the village.
5. The Clerk had also obtained an object license for the bench. The Clerk reported that there had not been a final response from the District Council as yet.

18/42 Burial Costs Review

The burial fees were last reviewed in 2016 and Cllr Taylor advised the council that they required review every two years. Cllr Baker reported that the District Council and the Church of England have two very different rates with the Church being significantly lower. Shirley is in the middle of the two but somewhat closer to the fees of the Church of England. It was **RESOLVED** to raise the burial fees by 5% to the nearest pound, to bring them into line with inflation. Cllr Taylor also raised the fact that people wishing to be buried in the village must either have been born within the village or reside there for 8 years. The next review is to take place in 2020.

18/43 Repair of St Michael's Solar Panel Invertor

The Chair raised that the solar panel invertor at the church had failed and required replacing at a cost of £816. The PCC had reached out to the council to request assistance in covering the cost of its replacement. The Chair raised the point that it had been agreed not to include maintenance in the precept but that in the event of issues with the church the PCC could approach the council for help. The solar panels were originally paid for by the church. The Chair also raised the point that the parish council pays a proportion of the electricity bill through the rental of the Community Space. It was not possible to tell from the invoice from the PCC how much this actually was and how much of an effect to the council rent bills there would be in the long term should the invertor not be repaired. The Chair felt that the whole cost should not be met given that the church would obviously be using it as well. The Clerk reported that there was no allowance within the 2018/19 precept for maintenance and the only funds available would have to be sourced from the Heath Grant.

The Clerk raised the issue that she would need to check the Heath Grant was not bound by the S137 restrictions. It was agreed that the Clerk would check this with DALC.

Cllr Baker raised the point that the council doesn't necessarily want to set the precedent of continually repairing the church through grants and that his impression was that the council would help when it was something specifically linked to the Community Space rather than general repairs. It was also noted that the income from the solar panels had been excluded from rent negotiations with the council as they had been paid for by the church.

Cllr Baker suggested that a proper rental agreement was required outlining precisely what the council is paying for and where money is allocated in regards to electricity, building maintenance and other elements. The rental agreement would allow the PCC to raise the rent if the council was not paying enough.

It was also agreed to put the issue on the December meeting agenda subject to the PCC giving a breakdown of the electricity bill to determine how much more the PC would be charged if the inverter was not generating any electricity and to view a breakdown of how much is earned by the church from the solar panels. It will then be reviewed by the council and a decision made.

18/44 Payment Authorisations

The following payments were authorized by the Council.

- I. Transfer of Funds from General Account to Reserves - £218
- II. Clerk's Salary (April – Sept 2018) – £360.32
- III. Clerk's Training Expenses - £125
- IV. Community Space Rent - £3000
- V. Reimbursement of Clerk for GDPR fee - £35
- VI. SS&SA S137 Grant for 2018 - £250

18/45 Parish Clerk's Report of Ongoing Matters

The Clerk reported on the new website business contingency plan with Bill Leeney which will be put in place should Bill Ellis ever not be able or wish to continue with the website. The updates to the website were also raised the Clerk noted that the newsletter would be incorporated into the website and new page for Shirley Sports and Social Association was in place with more updates to the website to be ongoing.

The Clerk reported that the cultivation license had been received and there had so far been no movement on the object license.

18/46 Shirley Sports and Social Association Committee Update

The Chair of the SS&SA, Debbie Leeney, reported that the toilets at the playing field had been serviced however one had since broken and repairs were being undertaken. The Aztecs who used the pitch over the winter were unable to raise teams and so would not be using the pitch which means the SS&SA loses the money which would normally be paid by them but equally would not have the costs

either. This means income for next year will just be the summer season with Weston. There are 5 film nights proposed for the next season with the dates to be agreed and one games night. The committee are looking into other ways to raise the funds possibly a Bonfire night event. The push to grow the committee is ongoing.

Cllr Tyler queried the running costs of the fields and was informed that the committee is breaking even with the events, £250 grant from the council and the summer season.

Bill Leeney suggested it may be possible to use the field for internal team games and is in early consideration stages. Cllr Baker queried if the field could be used for other sports and was informed these were under consideration also.

The Council have granted £250 to assist with the continued running of the Association.

18/47 Pot Holes Update

The Chair reported that on Mill Lane there is a two-foot-deep hole that needs urgent attention it seems to have dropped into the drain. Cllr Crabtree will get on to it with the County Council. Cllr Crabtree reported that most of the holes previously reported have been filled. The Chair reported that in the newsletter there was the information for parishioners to report potholes for themselves should they wish to do so. Cllr Crabtree stated he was happy to continue reporting them if people preferred to bring them to him.

Cllr Taylor raised the issues of the drains around the village needing clearing before winter the ditch down Park Lane being particularly bad and having previously been promised by the County Council that they would be done. The Clerk agreed to chase getting them cleared.

18/48 Planning

There were no planning applications at the time of the meeting.

Two issues over enforcement were looked at:

1. The Heath Development – the issue of being over the boundary had been resolved prior to the meeting.
2. The Cottage, Mill Lane (18/00566/FUL) - It was agreed that the council would query the District Council planning and highways departments on their reasons for refusal given that the new garage was to be sited in the same place as the old one and previous permission had been granted for a garage on the site (07/00481/FUL). The council had previously not objected to the new plans however the point was raised that the parish council is only consulted and does not have the ability to make decisions in planning matters.

At this point it was **RESOLVED** to extend the meeting past 9pm for 10 Minutes as per the Council's Standing Orders.

18/49 Neighbourhood Watch Update

The Chair reported that Shirley had had a visit from a PCSO and that there had been a burglary and two attempted burglaries in the village.

18/50 Churchyard Maintenance

Cllr Baker reported that Derby College had attended again and carried out a further four weeks work. The supervisors have expressed an interest in continuing to do work in Shirley after the length of wall presently being repaired is completed. Cllr Baker stated the wall looked really good. The Chair reported that the dividing wall in the churchyard would be the next thing to be done and the decision would be made to either repair in situ or take it down completely in October, tape it off and rebuild in the spring.

18/51 Car Parking Signage

The Chair had received a suggestion from a parishioner that the council put up a sign directing people to park in the car park section rather than on the narrow village roads. It was **RESOLVED** to put up one sign initially, on Hall Lane on the neighbourhood watch signpost and that the Clerk would look to reclassify the layby into a carpark to enable this. It was also agreed to request the church recommend in the bulletins they produce that people park in the car park instead of in the village. Cllr Crabtree suggested that in the future a sign could be placed on the car park itself.

18/52 Thank You to Bill Ellis

Cllr Tyler and the other councillors expressed their gratitude to Bill Ellis for building and maintaining a fantastic website for the village and council.

18/53 Correspondence

The Clerk reported that correspondence had been received from the following:

1. DCC – reporting on the ‘Know your Heart’ campaign being run by Public Health England.
2. DDDC – informing the council of the current household waste disposal survey about the potential changes to household waste which is due to end on the 24th September 2018. It was reported that there is a forum taking place in Ashbourne on September 28th on the waste disposal.
3. Derbyshire Police – reporting on their Country Lines or Going Country campaign to raise awareness of drug dealers using the homes of vulnerable people to distribute and create drugs in rural areas.
4. DCC – reporting on Care Choices, the updated Derbyshire care services directory giving information on how to access and pay for care

in Derbyshire. – this is currently displayed on the parish council website.

18/54 Date of the Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is set for Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.02pm

UNAPPROVED