

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

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

### Attending

Councillors: Alvin Baker (Vice Chair), Ian Crabtree, Tony Taylor (Chair), Hugh Tyler, Sue Walker

Also: Sian Bacon (Parish Clerk), and 4 Parishioners.

### 19/47 CCTV Notice

The Chair opened the meeting by reading the legal notice relating to the CCTV cameras within the Church premises, including community space, which had been installed for safeguarding purposes.

### 19/48 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

### 19/49 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

### 19/50 Declarations of Member's Interests

There were no declarations given.

### 19/51 Approval of Minutes for the Meeting held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2018 as a true record and the minutes were signed by the Chair.

### 19/52 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting not on the agenda.

### 19/53 Ground Maintenance Contract for the Churchyard

Cllr Baker updated that the previous gentleman who had been doing the churchyard mowing had notified the council, partway through the mowing season, that he could no longer continue with the mowing or finish the year. Several local contractors were approached with DJ Baker being the only one able to continue at short notice. The initial cut was to be £200 with each of the two cuts after costing £125. It was agreed to tender the mowing out for the next year and the Clerk will bring documents to the next meeting.

## 19/54 Payment Authorisations

It was **RESOLVED** to pay the following payments:

- I. R H Tyler – Post Box Reimbursement - £335.00 (Retrospective)
- II. R H Tyler – Printer Ink Reimbursement - £21.99
- III. S Bacon – Parking Sign Reimbursement - £21.99
- IV. DJ Baker Landscaping and Maintenance – Mowing costs from August to October 2019 - £520
- V. Miss S Bacon - Clerk's Wages – £253.68
- VI. Shirley PCC – Community Space Rent for June & July - £641.67 (Retrospective)
- VII. Shirley PCC – Community Space Rent for August & September - £641.67
- VIII. Shirley PCC – Community Space Rent for October & November – £641.67
- IX. DDDC – Elections - £111.64
- X. A.S. Baker – Reimbursement of Expenditure for Reclaimed Bricks - £264.00

## 19/55 Community Space Rental Agreement

Cllr Tyler updated that the council was still waiting on the rental agreement. The Clerk reported that she was not receiving correct invoices for the community space but instead was getting automated emails from the Hallmaster booking system with the wrong amounts on them. Cllr Tyler will chase up the rental and correct invoices agreement with the committee. It was noted that the insurance provisions would need checking once the agreement is available.

## 19/56 Income to Note

The following income was noted:

1. DCC- Action Grant for Churchyard Wall Repairs Phase 2 - £500

## 19/57 Parish Clerk's Report of Ongoing Matters

1. **Parish Council emailing list and social media update** – The Clerk reported that anyone who signs up can get an agenda by email prior to the meeting. The Clerk also reported that she had set up a Shirley Village Facebook page that is available for someone in the village to take it over if they wish to. Mr Leeny offered to take it on should no one else be willing.

2. **Drains** – The Clerk reported that the drains still haven't been repaired and have started to become a real issue. Photographs that correlate to the drain plan have been sent. Back Lane has been looked at but not Mill Lane. The Clerk will email Cllr Bull (DCC) to see if he can get them sorted. The Clerk has also reported. Cllr Tyler reported that the hedges and verges on Park Lane and Wormsley Lane are causing issues and complaints. The hedges are hanging out so much they are causing an obstruction and covering the entire verge. Cllr Taylor reported that the same issues had been seen on Hall Lane and that Amber Valley Council were able to keep on top of their verges whereas Derbyshire Dales are late and less frequent. A52 has issues with grass growing out of the drains. The Clerk will approach the District and County Councillors to discuss the issues.
3. **The Post Box** – The Clerk noted that the post box was now in place and Royal Mail had been notified. It was decided to change the addresses for all council documents to be delivered to the post box. Cllr Taylor checks the box every few days.
4. **Gutter Sweeping** - Cllr Taylor reported that Meadowside Close hadn't been cleaned on the last round. The Clerk has reported this to the Highways Department.
5. **Purchase of Bulbs for Planting** – The Clerk reported that it was now time to purchase bulbs for planting and that she had received a map and photos from Mrs Leeney which had been sent off with the application for a cultivation licence. Cllr Tyler reported that he had been looking at bulb prices. It was **RESOLVED** to get four nets for £100. The council will look for volunteers to plant them on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2019 with a 10am start. Mrs Leeney volunteered to put together a flyer to advertise the planting to the village.

## **19/58 Shirley Sports and Social Association Committee Update**

Mr Leeney reported that there had been some speeding issues down Park Lane during the summer season. The Committee involved the league who issued reminders not to speed and treat villages and grounds with respect. Derbyshire County Council were approached to see if they could reduce the speed limit but they rejected this due to the increased pressure on the police to enforce it. A sign had been up asking people to slow down. Generally, it's been a brilliant year for the committee apart from the loss of the Aztecs football team leaving Weston as the only source of income. Cllr Tyler's idea of the 100 club has been taken up by the Association and registered as a small society lottery with Derbyshire Dales District Council. If the 100 club is successful then the plan is to hand over future Film Nights to the church to run for its own benefit. This will be discussed at a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> September. Cllr Baker stated that the sports field looks fantastic at the moment. Mr Leeney expressed thanks to Mr and Mrs Steadman, and Mr Keeling for their donation of two benches. A little meadow space is planned for the corner of the field and Cllr Baker will donate 3 Red American Oaks that he has grown from acorns found at Ground Zero in New York.

## **19/59 Pot Holes Update**

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Cllr Taylor reported that the potholes outside the Old Post Office had been filled. The Pot holes on Wormsley Lane had been repaired by the residents. Cllr Crabtree will report the potholes to Cllr Bull to get them repaired if any one has any to report to him.

## **19/60 Planning**

1. 19/00889/FUL - Proposed extension of existing agricultural building and change of use of building to mixed agricultural, storage and distribution in association with groundwork and plant - Bridge Cottage Shirley Common Shirley Derbyshire – The Council had no objection to this application.

2. 19/01019/FUL - Replacement of chancel roof in terne-coated stainless steel - All Saints Church Yew Tree Lane Bradley Derbyshire – It was noted that this was out of area. The council had no objections to the application.

## **19/61 Neighbourhood Watch**

Cllr Tyler reported that there had been no incidents since the last council meeting. The AGM had been held in June and Cllr Tyler is looking to organise another meeting in late November. Cllr Tyler is attending a seminar at Wyaston held by the Rural Crime Team with a drone demonstration on the 16<sup>th</sup> September Monday. The Neighbourhood Watch sign on Hall Lane has been removed and is now on the pole facing the road into the village due to the post being taken up with the County Council's road signs. Cllr Taylor reported that the sign on Derby Lane had been removed.

## **19/62 Wall Repairs Update – Future Repairs and Costs**

Cllr Baker will order 200 more bricks to complete the first section. In the longer term the lecturer from Derby College has asked if the council wishes to take down and repair the bottom wall. The bricks are all in very bad repair and would need taking down completely and replacing. It was noted that it was free labour and a good learning resource. The neighbours garden run the whole length of the wall and it would need to be discussed with them. The wall would hopefully be replaced in sections to limit the disruption but although it may benefit them it may cause some disruption and take a while for it to be completed entirely around 4 or 5 years in total for the bottom wall. The costs were reported by Cllr Baker as roughly £5000 excluding labour. Labour costs would double the cost. Shirley could become a permanent training site for the College. It needs to be clarified who is responsible with the Church and Derbyshire Dales District Council and the Clerk will investigate this.

Cllr Taylor reported that the Sycamore Tree in the front of the Churchyard needs pollarding so Cllr Baker will approach the Mowing company to do this.

## **19/63 2019 Parish and Town Council Liaison Forum Questionnaire**

The Clerk reported that the District Council was looking for views as to how to improve the forums and links with councils. The Clerk will send out the questionnaire to the Councillors.

## **19/25 Correspondence**

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

1. **Defib Training** – on a Monday evening in February in the Community Space at 7pm. The Clerk will confirm whether it will be taking place on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, the 10<sup>th</sup> or the 17<sup>th</sup> at the December Meeting.
2. **Derbyshire County Council** – snow warden volunteers are being sought for the winter to clear snow and grit – Cllr Crabtree will be the Parish Council Snow Warden.
3. **East Midlands Airport** – Consultation on future airspace programmes.
4. **Derbyshire District Council** – Consultation about the ongoing Electoral Boundary Review.

## **19/64 Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next ordinary meeting is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 in the Community Space at St. Michael's Church, Shirley at 1930hrs

**The meeting closed at 8.59pm**