

## SHEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL



### MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SHEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 16 MAY 2019

Present Councillors : M Reynolds (Chairman), D Durran, R Dahm, C Alam, L Cosgrove  
District Councillors : Stephen Bilbie, Charmaine Wood  
4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

None

2. Election of Chairman

Cllr Reynolds indicated he was prepared to stand again.  
Proposed by Cllr Durran.  
Seconded by Cllr Cosgrove.  
Cllr Reynolds was asked to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3. Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Durran indicated he was prepared to stand.  
Proposed by Cllr Cosgrove.  
Seconded by Cllr Reynolds.  
Cllr Durran was asked to sign his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. To sign as an accurate record the minutes of the previous meeting

**RESOLVED:** to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2018 as correct

5. Chairman's Report

Report was read by Councillor Reynolds – as follows

6. Meeting open to the public and to raise any items not on agenda

No matters were nominated

7. Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 14 May 2020, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 7.40pm

## Chairman's Report 2018/19

Following the recent Parish Council Election, it is time to say goodbye to outgoing Cllrs and welcome to new ones.

Ralf Dahm and Christine Alam have served the village well, Ralf since the Council first started and Christine for the last 2 years or so. We thank them both for their efforts. District Councillor Neville Hall has stood down due to Ward Changes and he has been a good friend to the village.

Our new Cllrs are Jon Gunnel and Andy Sharp and we welcome them to the fold. We also have two new District Councillors, Stephen Bilbie and Charmaine Wood, and we look forward to working with them all.

We parted ways with Philip Baildon, our Clerk of 5 years, with Cllr Lynn Cosgrove stepping up to the job as cover and performing the role excellently. It is now time to find new Clerk to take us forward.

Council supported activities continue to thrive. Pilates, Tea Break mornings, and Table Tennis evenings provide entertainment and encourage social inclusion. The History Group has ceased but may yet re-emerge in time.

Our finances are in better order thanks in part to an increase in the precept; we are aiming to secure future needs. We have passed the audit.

Councillors and Clerk attended the Annual Parish Conference and the Parish Liaison Meetings.

Training has consisted of Planning Nuts and Bolts and a deal of Mentoring.

The drainage in Mill Lane has been repaired and seems to be a success.

The Council has completed replacement of the street lighting in the village.

The website [www.shearsbyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.shearsbyparishcouncil.gov.uk) now has tabs for Elections, District and County, Emergency Plan, Neighbourhood Watch, Church and the Hexagon, Press, and the Community Association. There have consistently been over 100,000-page visits during the year.

The Council has commented on 12 planning applications in Shearsby over the last 12 months.

We are compliant with the General Data Protection Regulations.

The Neighbourhood Development Plan was approved at the Referendum by a large majority and with a very high turn-out, the highest in Leicestershire.

Over the next year the 5-year plan will be reviewed, and a further plan designed.

The NDP will be reviewed as required.

The A5199 and Bruntingthorpe Lane are due to have their speed limits reduced in the interests of safety.

The Council's Emergency Plan will be reviewed and refined.

We will monitor Leicester County Councils projects regarding a Unitary Council and an A46 Expressway.

I am proposing we instil a "clean the village day", like the litter pick day, where villagers would help clean street signs and benches etc. This perhaps just before the Live on the Green event so that the village is at its best for visitors. This is prompted by the fact that LCC will no longer be cleaning our street signage. Perhaps the Community Association can help with this?

Finally, I would like to thank all the Councillors and Clerk for their hard work during the last year, also the villagers that have helped and supported too.

Martin Reynolds

Chairman, Shearsby Parish Council