

SHEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL



MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON 16 MAY 2019

Present Councillors : M Reynolds (Chairman), D Durran, L Cosgrove, J Gunnell, A Sharp
District Councillors : Stephen Bilbie, Charmaine Wood
4 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Blake Pain was absent

2. To receive declarations of interest and requests for dispensations

None

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

RESOLVED: to sign the minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2019 as a correct record.

4. To receive reports from District and County

Stephen Bilbie and Charmaine Wood introduced themselves as they were newly appointed District Councillors to our Parish following the ward changes at the recent elections.

Stephen gave a summary of the type of activities they have worked on in Fleckney and their achievements. Some good initiatives in progress (Theatre which will be for education needs / apprentice courses / corporate functions / cinema / opera) They have funding for a new Sports Center.

Discussion was had regarding planning, which is always an area of concern with lots of aggressive development at present in the area. HDC have a District Plan which carries weight but doesn't fully control planning.

An update was provided on the A46 Expressway – currently far too expensive with not enough money to fund. View is Parliamentary members will not back it. It's based on long term planning and there is lots of development coming up the country from Milton Keynes towards Lutterworth. Leicester City is expected to build 44k houses by 2050 but has no capacity so likelihood is they will develop outwards..

There is a Committee formed from different councils who discuss such projects – HDC were not part of the Committee as they did not have a local plan until recently but can now be part of it.

Magna Park passed for expansion – that results in 2k houses which will take 10-15 years to build. Hinckley is expanding too.

The hope is that villages can remain as they are and that they are not killed.

Recognised that speeding is an issue in some rural areas to which they are happy to provide assistance.

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

- One parishioner asked if there was a record of a Footpath at the side of Ashbrook house. Records to be checked.

6. Finance and Accounts

a) Balance as at 31 April was	£9,283.60	
Balance brought forward:	£3,581.42	
Receipts for month:	£6,276.61	(Precept + 0.61 interest)
Payments for month:	£574.43	
Accruals total	£1,634.00	(£1,426.00 b/fwd + £198)
Cash available	£7,649.60	

b) Payments for authorisation

29-Apr-19	S/O	Lutterworth Ford	Grass cutting	£180.00
08-May-19	022332	D Matthews	Audit	£60.00
08-05-19	022333	LRALC	Membership & Fees	£130.77

RESOLVED: Payments be authorised.

7. Audit 2018-2019

- Consideration of Internal Audit Report
- Approve the Annual Governance Statement
- Consider the accounting statements
- Approve the Accounting Statements by resolution

RESOLVED: These are approved.

Accounting Statements were signed and dated by the Clerk and Chairman presiding at the meeting.

8. Review of Planning Applications / Appeals for consideration

Applications

19/00114/FUL | Erection of a single storey extension with mezzanine within new roof space | New Inn Barn Welford Road Shearsby Leicestershire LE17 6PD
Refused

19/00340/TCA | Works to trees | Yew Tree House Fenny Lane Shearsby
Approved

19/00535/TCA | Works to trees | The Well House, The Square, Shearsby (White Gates)
Approved

Appeals

18/00028/REFUSE | Erection of a single storey dwelling | The Orchard Fenny Lane Shearsby Leicestershire – Dismissed

9. Elections

The following persons nominated for election as a Parish Councillor for Shearsby Parish

- Cosgrove, Lynn
- Durran, David Elliott
- Gunnell, Jon

- Reynolds, Martin Edward
- Sharp, Andy

With the exception of Martin Reynolds and David Durran, who signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office at the Annual Parish Meeting) the remaining Councillors all signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office and provided their Register of Members' Interests form to the Clerk.

10. GDPR

- Website and paperwork are all complaint with 2 remaining documents requiring redacting before being updated.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plan

- Next NDP review meeting will take place over the next 6-12 months now the new Council is formed and then it should be reviewed every 5 years.
- There is a Neighbourhood Planning Conference being held on 6 June in Market Harborough. Councillors to book on course directly should they wish to attend.

12. Highways / Street Lighting

- Drains on Mill Lane were better – being kept under review and monitored.
- A sign was down on the A5199 by the crossroads on the Mowsley side – Clerk had reported to LCC and it was awaiting repair. Clerk to chase.
- Grit bin to be ordered for Welford Road. Clerk to arrange.

13. Village Hall & Green

- Yeoman Cottage have permission for a gas pipe to go down the side of the village hall. Work had commenced but been stopped – issues to resolve between Cadent and LCC Highways.
- Christine Alam used to be responsible for putting up the poppies in the Village and these were returned to the Council.
- Cllr Gunnell offered to conduct weekly Village Green and Playground Equipment checks.

14. Trees / Mowing / Daffodils / Dog Bins

- Cllr Gunnell and Cllr Sharp offered to take on the Tree warden role.
- Mowing – it has been suggested the current Contractor may be looking to terminate his contract in the next few months. Councillors to speak directly with contractor.

15. Correspondence

Insurance is due for renewal on 1 June.

Existing insurers have provided quotes:

- Village Hall Allied Westminster £565.93 (v £557.33 £8.60 increase in prior year)
- Public/Product/EL Zurich £373.59 (existing provider) no increase

BNIB had quote for Public / Product / EL insurance at £370.91 (subject to there being no claim in 3yr)

RESOLVED: Remain with current insurers.

16. Neighbourhood Watch

Neighbourhood watch is currently dormant but will be resurrected if required

17. Crossroads Action Group

- Awaiting spring review as per Cllr Blake Pain.
- Crossroads review due June 2019.
- Speed reductions to be implemented – details awaited of timescales

18. Urgent / Late items as the Chairman's discretion

Emergency Plan

- Some supplies needed replenishing as they were now out of date – being actioned.

5-Year Plan

- Now the new Council has been formed this will be reviewed. There was discussion regarding a cycle path that was in the plan – Cllr Bilbie advised that HDC were promoting a healthier lifestyle and that he would assist in getting a grant if he could.
- VAT claim for the first quarter had been submitted.
- Bank Account – forms were issued to the Clerk so new signatories could be set up.
- T-Break – 21 May
- European Elections – Thursday 23 May
- LRALC – AGM 15 June

21. Date of next meeting

Thursday 12 September 2019 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Meeting closed at 21.11