

**MINUTES of the MEETING of Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30pm
Of SHEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL in the Village Hall**

1. PRESENT Cllrs M Reynolds (Chairman), D Durran (V/C), Mrs C Alam and Mrs L Cosgrove. Clerk P Baildon, 2 members of the public.
Apologies for absence Cllrs R Dahm, N Hall, B Pain.
2. DECLARATIONS of INTEREST. None. Blank duplicate declaration forms handed to Cllr Reynolds to complete and replace those unavailable from HDC.
3. COPIES of the previous minutes were signed and dated by the Chairman.
4. DISTRICT and COUNTY reports, nothing further heard on “Unitary” proposals or the EAST LEICESTER RELIEF ROAD.
5. ITEMS from the public. Noted that LCC Highways were seen inspecting Mill Lane.
A short period of silence was kept for Lorraine Moore of Welford Road.

6. FINANCE and ACCOUNTS.

Balance at Santander on 3 rd September noted as		£3,207.38
Approved for payment:		
294 S Burton	Welford Rd/Green	£70.00
295 cancelled		£0.00
296 Hampshire Flag Co	Repairs to flag pole	£50.99
297 P Baildon	Clerk salary	£468.00
298 2 Commune	Domain name for 2 yrs	£180.00
299 Grant Thornton	2017 Audit	£120.00
300 CLI Insurance	Building & Contents	£557.33
301 LRALC	Training/planning/Cosgrove	£40.00
302 EON	Street lighting maintenance	£169.27
303 EON	Supply nr Cobblestones	£9.85
304 M Reynolds	Website	£359.98
305 Shearsby V Hall	Precept money	£350.00
306 HDC	Playground Inspection	£85.01
307 Water Plus	Supply to Green (due to leak)	£102.90
308 Chris Collet	Tap repair to Green	£54.00
309 P Baildon	Clerk salary & expenses	£485.00
DD ICO	Data Protection Registration fee	£35.00

Half-year VAT reclaim to 30 Sept in preparation.

7. PLANNING

5 Welford Rd, council supported, has been Approved.
Meadow Springs Farm, council has Objected.

HDC planning rules have changed to reduce committee time and delegate more to officers.
Parish can still request Ward Cllr to call-in.

8. DOCUMENTS and POLICIES

Policy Documents had been reviewed, amended and were signed off at the meeting:

- Code of Conduct
- Council Standing Orders
- Disciplinary Policy

- Grievance Policy
- Equality & Diversity Policy
- Financial Regulations
- Health & Safety Policy
- Publication Scheme under the Freedom of Information Act

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN after an extra delay has been returned this week from the Independent Assessor with a 22-page comments/amendments to consider. To be discussed with Cllr Dahm being his lead, provisionally scheduled for Tuesday 18th 6.30 Village Hall.

10. HIGHWAYS & STREET LIGHTING

Storm drains in Mill Lane are being looked at by LCC.

Damage to A5199 by lorries has been reported by Cllr Hall but will not be repaired until the adjacent works are completed.

Winter Grit, Clerk to email customerservices@leics.gov.uk to request “free” supply. Cllrs to obtain a matching 4th bin for Welford Road end, and new spreaders ASAP. Path & Road-sweep rota to be requested from FOCSA by Clerk.

Final three street-lights to be converted to LEDs by EON. One contact has left but Clerk has exchanged old quotes etc with Liz Hulse at EON who hoped to confirm it will be done by clock-change weekend 27/28 October. Requested for “all-night” to return but we were told it may be additional, quote awaited.

11. VILLAGE HALL and GREEN

Water leak on Green stop-tap checked by Severn-Trent but is NOT their responsibility. Repaired by local plumber (ch 308)

Small hand-gate required fixing to re-latch, done by local contractor. Invoice awaited. New “NO FIREWORKS” sign done by Cllr Alam.

12. TREES & MOWING

A tree warden is still required to create a list of trees within the public highways and on the Green, identify types and those requiring tree surgery. Mowing continues.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

- SCAM received by Clerk for fake company thought to be of Chinese origin. Companies Register is issuing documents towards deleting them, Amazon has had 11 parcels returned by the Clerk and seems to have stopped further deliveries. Inland Revenue has been told not to send more VAT demands. Ongoing.
- Tues 11th Sept. Clerks meeting at HDC, 12 present with Hayley Cawthorne, no more news on Unitary but await Annual Meeting on Wed 7th Nov. To be in slightly modified less formal presentation.
- New planning rules, a number of Clerks thought they had no input or could not request call-in. This was not clearly laid out by HDC but both CAN happen, via Ward Cllr.
- Wed 3 Oct, at Lubenham V Hall Invitation to “Healthier Community” ...possibly improved facilities. Clerk to book Cllr Alam.
- Tue 30th Oct Precept Information Event at HDC Clerk to book Cllrs Alam & Cosgrove.
- Wed 7 Nov, APL Meeting, agenda awaited.
- “Trust in Blue” nationwide scheme with retired police as decorators, handymen etc. Leaflets provided for distribution.

- Noise complaints ref Bruntingthorpe. These have been investigated by HDC with BPG and found NO breach of planning rules. It is a condition of safety that certain engines are tested at regular intervals and many pilots use the 2 mile runway as a marker on training etc flights. No control takes place from the airfield, RAF Wittering is the nearest active control tower.
- Drop-box. Cllrs Reynolds and Cosgrove are arranging this.
- *Welcome to Shearsby* booklets produced by Bob Spree, with local trades and tuition etc within, for £50, agreed to fund this by SPC. Simple invoice required.

14. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Activities suspended at present as crime seems to have done the same.

15. CROSSROADS ACTION GROUP

FOI request via Ann Blaine shows in 12 months fewer (reported) crashes at the X-roads but *increased* overall between Arnesby-Knaptoft.

Andy Sharp (of Gilmorton) monitoring traffic from Bruntingthorpe.

16. URGENT/LATE items at Chairman's discretion.

- Following precept meeting at HDC on 30 Oct a MID-NOVEMBER meeting to be convened to set precept for 2018-19 and update the village 5-year Emergency plan.
- No reply from Loughborough ref Emergency Training.
- E-plan to be on next agenda with spreadsheet of available vehicles, equipment etc as started by Cllrs Reynolds & Alam
- Items required Hi-vis tabards, Sanitiser, batteries (Cllr Reynolds)
- Flood Warden , village resident Mavis Jeffery has volunteered.
- Snow Wardens, Keith Beesley and Mehmet Izzet have volunteered.
- Data Protection to be on next agenda.
- Data auditor needed.
- Elections 2019. Names to be submitted to HDC when requested.
- Chairman concluded with formal acceptance of the Clerk's retirement on 30th September after 5 years seeing in the new Council, and a presentation pen was accepted with thanks. Clerk will hand over all keys and files to Chairman and notify as many as possible to re-direct enquiries to Chairman until a new Clerk is in place.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

NEXT meeting Thursday 13th December 2018.