

**MINUTES of the Extra-ordinary Meeting held on Thursday 25 October 2018 at 7.30pm  
Of SHEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL in the Village Hall**

1. PRESENT Cllrs M Reynolds (Chairman), D Durran (V/C), Cllr R Dahm, Cllr Mrs C Alam and Cllr Mrs L Cosgrove. Clerk P Baildon, 48 members of the public.  
No apologies for absence.
2. DECLARATIONS of INTEREST. There were no declaration of interest from Councillors or any members of the public
3. RESOLVED that following notification from the Parochial Church Council of St Mary Magdalene Shearsby to transfer responsibility for the maintenance of the churchyard and its boundary structures to the Parish Council, that the Parish council pass responsibility for the church to the District Council. Proposed by Cllr Durran, seconded by Cllr Cosgrove.
4. MEETING DECLARED OPEN TO THE PUBLIC  
A member of the public asked if it would be possible to look into reducing the speed limit in the village due to the number of cars taking short cuts. Cllr Reynolds explained why this would not be possible or effective due to where signage has to be sited in accordance with legislation. Cllr Reynolds provided a number of updates:
  - An event due to held at Bruntingthorpe over the weekend of 27 October and measures had been taken were in place regarding traffic.
  - New grit bin has been requested to be situated at the top of Welford Road by the garage.
  - Street lighting has recently been updated so all lights have now been replaced and will remain on all night.
  - Changes are being made to the Council Wards, the purpose being to spread the population equally around the district. This will mean that we become part of the Fleckney ward.
  - Unitary Councils – the suggestion is that 6/7 councils will merge to become 1, resulting in £30m of saving. Discussions were taking place behind closed doors. Cllr Reynolds suggested updates on this could be placed on the website which was widely supported.
  - Proposal to build a new town / extend Lutterworth to the otherside of the M1 motorway towards Misterton.
  - New road suggested going towards Hinckley along A5 as the East Midlands will be affected by high speed train.
  - NDP – has passed the examiner assessment with flying colours. Some minor changes had been suggested to wording. Being discussed by HDC Executive Committee on 13 November with decision due to be communicated to us by 27 October. If successful then it will proceed to reference on 10 January 2019. Hope villagers will attend to support it. Further details will be provided at the next SPC meeting on 13 December.
5. PLANNING  
Cllr Reynolds explained changes that had been made by HDC regarding planning applications and decisions.  
In addition to the application for land off Fenny Lane, the public were made aware of recent planning applications that are available on for viewing on the HDC website.
  - Elmsbrook – trees
  - Yew Tree House – porch erection
  - Meadows Springs Farm – change of use to which the Council has objected
  - Orchard, Fenny Lane – notification of an appeal had just been received.

6. OUTLINE PLANNING APPLICATION FOR LAND OFF FENNY LANE.

Cllr Reynolds then gave a presentation on the above application, showing the documents that had been made available and invited discussion on the application. The view of the Council is that they should object to the application but before doing so wished to gain the views of residents. General discussion held and number of points require clarification

- Discrepancies had been identified on the Application Form which should be drawn to the attention of HDC.
- Question asked of who would maintain the community orchard?
- A member of the public provided background information on various planning applications the applicant had made since 2007 in and around the village.
- Bats were believed to be roosting in / around Bears Hole.
- Concern was expressed about the additional traffic that would be generated on Fenny Lane which already struggles to cope.
- The size of the plot of land for development needs confirming as there are discrepancies in the Application form.
- Details regarding the Water course (Q11) are incorrect;
- No sign has been placed regarding the development – Clerk to speak to Planning.

A vote was taken on the application and the vast majority (51 votes) were against the development

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

NEXT meeting Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018.