

FIRST ANNUAL PARISH MINUTES then

REGULAR PARISH MEETING of

SHEARSBY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 7.30pm at the Village Hall

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1. PRESENT Councillors Mrs J Vann, Messrs R Dahm, D Durran, A Timms, D Cllr N Hall.  
9 members of the public.
2. APOLOGIES for absence Cllr M Speight, C Cllr G Hart.
3. DECLARATIONS of interest. None.
4. MINUTES of previous inaugural meeting dated Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013 were agreed and signed at the first Regular meeting.
5. ANNUAL REPORT Councillor vacancy. The Clerk informed the meeting that due to moving district Cllr Speight had formally resigned. This now to be forwarded to HDC who provide a public NOTICE inviting interested parties who require an election to write to HDC within 14 days. 10 or more would trigger an election with likely costs of £2000. Otherwise the Parish can invite members on the current Electoral Roll of 94 to put forward for co-option until the next normal election in 2015.  
The Chairman then gave a brief thanks and report *as attached*.
6. ELECTION of new Chairman. Cllr Durran proposed Mrs J Vann, all 3 present agreed therefore carried. APCM formally closed at 7.42pm.

PARISH MEETING

1. MINUTES of meeting Thu 20<sup>th</sup> March as previously circulated, no corrections, proposed by Cllr Durran, signed by Chairman.
2. DISTRICT/COUNTY Councillor reports. Cllr Hall reported "Broadband" was due to be introduced but their mapping was unclear when. Next meeting awaited.  
Plans for Bruntingthorpe X-Roads with rumble strips and new signage are drawn but not yet funded.
3. FINANCE. First half of precept received at £3,525 and transfer of the remaining Parish Meeting account from Lloyds (closed by Clerk) at £404.29 taking current balance to **£10,785.15** with Santander. Cheques issued between meetings:  
**£366.53** No 229 CLIS annual insurance  
**£525.44** No 230 CLIS village hall insurance  
**£100** No 231 Mow-How 2 grass-cuts  
**£1500** No 232 2-Commune Ltd website

Invoices presented to the meeting:

**£140** No 233 Mow-How grass-cuts, mowing removal, weedkiller

**£157.46** No 234 Barry Jones Electrical (de-fibrillator)

**£468.00** No 235 P Baildon Clerks quarterly fees

**£122.41** No 236 LRALC annual subs

**£12.50** No 237 RCC annual subs

Proposed by Cllr Mrs Vann and seconded by Cllr Timms to appoint David Matthews as Internal auditor at **£20** in preparation for Grant Thornton External Audit. Clerk to thank Mr R Lamin for his past audit work for the Parish Meeting.

4. HIGHWAYS and STREET LIGHTING Clerk has ordered 3 new (green) salt bins from LCC at **£200** each due later after invoice. Siting as follows to be agreed by LCC  
Fenny Lane/Main Street junction (to replace yellow)  
Back Lane/Welford Road junction  
Mill Lane/edge of village  
Cllr Timms had met Nigel Dunsmore of LCC and agreed 3 sites for new foot X-gates. Mrs Jeffery asked how often footpaths were cleared. The answer is that LCC did not do this unless eg overhanging bushes, brambles obstructed the right of way. She and Mr Page had strimmed some in the fields off Fenny Lane. Cllr Durran said that farmers were obliged to leave footpaths clear in cropped fields but meadows were no required so. Cllr Mrs Vann to ask Mow-How how much would 2 annual strims cost to specified field paths.
5. PLANNING decisions, pending, appeals. Only One current application was received for circulation and comment. NEWSTEAD, FENNY LANE, New clear side window facing The Paddock. (Any comments must be in writing to HDC Planning)
6. CORRESPONDENCE various circulars had been received (inc MEP elections) some displayed, others not appropriate. Chairman & Clerk to attend free training by LRALC at HDC offices Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July.  
Lutterworth Volunteer Centre Community Transport scheme details promoted by Mr N Peake. Clerk and Chairman to enquire if for instance a Tuesday minibus service could operate to Harborough's main Market day... or Lutterworth.
7. VILLAGE HALL and VILLAGE GREEN had recommended Roger Taylor of Hedleys of East Horsley being specifically experienced in handling transfer, Land Registry etc. Clerk had spoken and the estimated legal fees are to be **c £2000 +VAT**. Clerk had written a letter of formal appointment subject to exchange of papers and meeting. The Hall fridge needs replacing, quoted at **£330.98 inc VAT** to be ordered from Marks Electrical Ltd of Leicester, (Currys OOS)

Wall repairs south side of The Green. 3 quotes had been obtained and brick samples to be seen before agreeing to one specific. In view of the urgent nature, Cllr Durran proposed Stuart Goodwin of Glen Parva, at **£2300 no VAT**, to be asked to start after final measurement checks on the wall. Seconded Cllr Dahm. Clerk to arrange checks. Eon could not upgrade the meter on The Green to satellite reading as no O2 signal was possible in Shearsby on Thur 8<sup>th</sup> May. They hoped in 2 years to share signal/satellite.

8. TREES, MOWING, PLAY EQUIPMENT. Overgrown trees on The Green were looked at by 3 contractors as they were too close to overhead wires and required attention. Tree Amigos of Countesthorpe at **£930 no VAT** proposed by Chairman, seconded by Cllr Timms. Clerk to write and thank Woodpecker and Longfield.

Mrs Jeffery had complained about the last cuts by LCC on Fenny Lane and it was acknowledged rain had ruined the contractors efforts. The last verge-cut by "Tarmac" was 17<sup>th</sup> May, next due July but brought forward to "1<sup>st</sup> June" (Sunday?)

Play equipment, the younger children's single climbing frame requires inspection and HDC have circulated all parishes offering safety checks and advice for **c £57.23+VAT**. Clerk has accepted the offer and report awaited. *A visual check after the meeting observed a worn anchor rope.*

Mrs Jeffery had made a very detailed précis of the 17-year history of the play frame from the Parish Meeting minutes and concluded that the original group responsible had now all left/dispersed except Mrs Poncelet. No clear handover had been made to the Parish Meeting in 2006.

Agreed to put it on next agenda to decide if it would be formally handed to the new Parish Council with maintenance and insurance, by which meeting the result of the Safety Inspection may influence the outcome.

9. DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The working groups look forward to meeting with a specialist, Helen Fudge as recommended by LRALC, to be appointed under the AWARD (see later) to produce a 5-year forward plan for the Village. Proposed she be appointed by Cllr Timms, seconded Cllr Durran. *Clerk to forward Minutes for her information and request an outline of what is proposed.*

10. COMMUNICATIONS. A new website to be set up by 2commune Ltd of Glenfield, as recommended by LRALC, at **£1250 +VAT**. Proposed Chairman, seconded Cllr Dahm.

A query was raised about the existing website and it was suggested it was not easily accessible but that could have been "operator error"

Laptop replaced by ABCS Ltd of Rugby for Clerk, year-old model **£200 inc VAT**.

Proposed by Cllr Timms, seconded Chairman.

New printer from Kazzoo Ltd of Wigston for Chairman and Cllrs for village circulars etc at **£199 + VAT**. Proposed Cllr Timms, seconded Cllr Durran.

11. SPECIAL AWARD The Clerk had prepared and issued a sheet outlining the successful Grant which will be financially controlled through LRALC at Anstey and over the next few months a selection made from the list of wishes to fall into the approved spending for setting up the NEW council. This excludes any regular or running costs etc. It is expected the Councillors will visit and host the only other English recipient of this Award, Queens Park in London-the comparisons will be interesting. Local media will be kept informed.
  
12. URGENT or LATE ITEMS The post-lady Sarah Hubbard had retired after 15 years and left the village. The Council and Villagers were grateful for her service. Mrs Jeffery asked why the village flag was not flown on appropriate days. The flagpole on The Green was near to the flag-holder Mr Spree who presumably decided when this took place. Clerk will suggest say half a dozen significant non-political occasions for consideration.

NEXT MEETINGS 2014-15 to be 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays Sep 11 Dec 11 Mar 12 Jun 11  
Plus EGMs as required.

MEETING CLOSED at 9.05pm.