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COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

at Well Hill Mission Church on 10th February 2020 from 7:30pm

Present: Jonathan Histed (in the Chair)
R Blamey, M Cockburn, A Hibbins, S Hubble and N Powell

Also Present: 2 members of the public

Clerk: Sarah Moon

Question Time:

1. Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Sheward, Councillor Jeffery, County Councillor Roger Gough and from District Councillors Irene Roy and John Edwards-Winser.
2. There were no disclosures of interest.
3. The minutes of the meetings held on Wednesday 8th January 2020 (copies previously distributed) were agreed.
4. **District/County Councillor Reports**
District Councillor
No District Councillors were present.
County Councillor Roger Gough
No County Councillor was present.
5. **Chairman's Report**
The Chairman had nothing to report other than those items already included on the agenda.
6. **Report from the Clerk**
 - The free summer Family Fun Day has been booked for 29th July.
 - The annual playground inspection has been booked for March 2020.
 - The leaking overflow outside the Village Hall has been fixed.
 - Quotes are in the process of being obtained to lay bark chippings around the play tractor, which is currently unusable due to the mud.
 - Alison Collins is no longer co-opted onto the Council but will still offer her time to help out on an ad hoc basis.
 - The next PC surgery will be held at the Church Room on Thursday 13th February from 10.00am – 2.00pm.

7. **Broadband Upgrade**

Cllr Hubble reported that an application for the voucher scheme had been put in for the whole village (405 properties). This will probably not be economically viable so it may be the case that the vouchers are only obtained for the 188 homes, which have the lowest performance. The government have however recently changed their scheme so it could be that other properties become eligible.

8. **Traffic and Parking**

The following update from the Traffic and Parking Working Group was given:

- The speed survey on the A225 has been completed and the results are awaited.
- Traffic surveys have been distributed to all households via an insert in the February Gazette.
- Voting boxes are in place in the George and the Village Shop and these are in the process of being filled.
- Banners showing photographic depictions of the proposed changes are in place in the Church and the Village Hall.

The Clerk queried why the survey was not available on-line as several people had been asking this question. The reasoning behind this was that the Parish Council only wanted residents to fill in the survey so an insert via the Gazette was felt to be the best way of controlling this.

9. **Village Sign**

The following update from the Village Sign Working Group was given:

- Judging has taken place and the winners have been selected. All winners will be notified.
- Cllr Powell has taken elements from each of the winning designs and incorporated them into the final design, which he showed to members and which was well received.
- All entries will be displayed in an exhibition at the Village Hall, possibly coinciding with the 'Shoreham Big Weekend' in July.
- A grant application for funding from the Darent Valley Landscape Partnership Scheme for the sign to be professionally made and installed has been submitted. Letters of support from the Shoreham Society and the Village Hall Committee were also included with the application.

The Clerk asked whether the Chairman would like to donate some of his allowance to purchasing Easter eggs for all the children who took part in the competition but who did not win a prize. The Chairman agreed this would be a lovely idea and stated he would be happy for up to £50 of his allowance to be used. It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk produce certificates for all the children who took part and write to all the adults who submitted entries, thanking them for their contributions.

10. **Amenities**

The recommendation made by the Amenities and Services Committee at their meeting held on Wednesday 22nd January 2020 to allow the planting of more fruit trees on a vacant plot was agreed.

11. **Heritage Street Signs**

The refurbishment of the Bowers Road heritage sign, the last in the village to be restored was discussed. It was RESOLVED that the refurbishment should go ahead in order to complete the 'full set' of street signs in the village and that a budget of £200 be allocated to this.

12. **Website**

The Clerk explained how she had attended a course in January regarding web accessibility. In 2018 new government regulations were introduced which state that all public bodies must have websites which are fully accessible to all users. The current website, which is supported and hosted free of charge by KCC is not compliant and will therefore cease to exist as of September 2020. All parish councils using this template must therefore migrate to a new

website, for which they must pay. It was RESOLVED that a working group consisting of the Clerk, Cllr Powell and anyone else who wishes to be involved, be set up to investigate further and to report back to the Parish Council with its findings.

13. Correspondence/Information

- a) Issue 1 2020 of the Allotment and Leisure Gardener has been received.
- b) An update has been received from the Shoreham Station Accessibility Working Group stating that Govia Thameslink has confirmed that its contractors are working to produce their feasibility report by the end of March 2020. This should provide a basis to obtain the necessary additional funding to make the project viable. The most cost effective option under consideration seems likely to be a lift up to the London-bound platform.
- c) An email has been received from David Munn of KCC confirming that following the failure of the application to divert footpath SR22 at The Garden House, the landowner has fully complied with the terms of the enforcement notice and the legal route is now open and available. The landowner has however, entered into a legal agreement with KCC to make the unofficial diversion available as an alternative permissive path (PP22) so that walkers can choose whether to walk across the garden or go around the outside.
- d) A request has been made by an artist to make available a public wall in Shoreham for an art installation, which is being commissioned as part of the Valley of Vision project. The preferred wall would be on the Village Hall. It was RESOLVED that clarification as to who is responsible for the fabric of the village hall building is required before any decisions can be made and that the Clerk should investigate whether any documentation such as leases are available, which could clarify this.
- e) An invitation to the opening of the new learning space at the Village School, towards which the Parish Council made a donation, has been received. The Clerk will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.
- f) An invitation to a Community Led Housing workshop, which will be held on Tuesday 10th March, has been received. Cllrs Blamey and Histed to check their availability, otherwise the Clerk can attend.

14. Financial Matters

- a) The schedule of payments was authorised.

15. Dates of next meetings (all starting at 7:30pm unless otherwise stated)

- a) Planning (if required) and Finance : Wednesday 19th February 2020, Shoreham Village Hall
- b) Planning (if required) and Council : Wednesday 4th March 2020, Shoreham Village Hall
- c) Planning (if required) and Amenities : Wednesday 18th March 2020, Shoreham Village Hall

The meeting closed at 21.55

Sarah Moon, Clerk to Shoreham Parish Council