

PRECIS MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SHELDWICH PARISH ROOMS ON TUESDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2017

PRESENT. Cllr Austin, Snell, Brookes and Harbour
Apologies. Cllr Nimmo and Borough Cllrs Prescott ,Bobbin and Bowles
There were no declarations of changes in pecuniary interest or in items on the agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and signed.

Defibrillator maintenance. It was proposed by Cllr Harbour and Seconded by Cllr Austin that the Parish Council meet up to 50% of the maintenance costs of both defibrillators if the need arises.

Rural Coffee & Information Project. The Parish Council consider this a good scheme and hope it is successful.

Great Spring Clean. S.B.C have advised that this is due to take place on 3-5th March. However any date is acceptable throughout the month if it is more convenient. Bags etc are available from SBC who need to be advised of the dates chosen. It was resolved that this information be sent to Mr Ian Earl of Badlesmere Village Hall as well as Cllr Harbour so that he may disseminate the information throughout Sheldwich.

Fire Hydrants. Chairman had attended a meeting to discuss the location and maintenance of fire hydrants. There are over 29500 in Kent. 12 of these are within the Parish boundary and a map detailing their location will be made available to the Parish Clerk shortly.

Planning. 16/507763FULL 6 Newhouse Cottages -ground floor extension. Approved by the Parish Council who raised no objections.

Faversham & District Engagement Forum. Another letter has been received but it was agreed that with 3 Borough Cllrs & 1 County Cllr representing the Parish and the Vice Chairman of KALC on the Parish Council, membership or attendance at yet another group was not necessary.

Finance. Cheque was signed for HMRC, Parish Magazine and KALC for the Rural conference.

Training Policy. Cllr Harbour will be attending the Rural Affairs event on 9th March as well as the jt KALC/KCAC conference on the 28th February. Cllr Harbour will also be attending the planning training on the 23rd March and Cllr Brookes at the Dynamic Cllr workshop on 23rd May. The training chart and record needs to be set up as a matter of urgency and Cllrs were advised to let Cllr Scutt know asap the courses they have attended in the past 2 years so that he may raise the training chart in accordance with the Parish Council's training policy.

Speed Watch. Chairman has held informal discussions with Doddington Parish Council on the benefits and practicalities of the scheme. Training is given for volunteers. Once a motorist has been recorded 3 times exceeding the speed limit

along the stretch of road chosen the Police issue a letter to the individual. Cost of the equipment is £2200 but deemed worthwhile for the safety of residents. Funding towards the costs could come from the Borough and County Cllr in the new financial year. The Clerk will contact Speedwatch to ascertain if a speaker could attend the annual Parish meeting on 29th March

KALC Report Cllr Austin reported on an excellent meeting. Peter Blandon from Protect Kent spoke on protecting hedgerows, tree wardenship and tree preservation orders. The second speaker was Cllr Austin who spoke on Parishopocalypse. This means IT terminology, binary codes etc. The next Swale KALC meeting has Matthew Scott the new Police Commissioner.

An exhibition of the Local Housing Needs Scheme will be held in Sheldwich Village Hall on 10th April between 3-7p.m. Volunteers are needed to man the exhibition at various times. Anyone interested in so doing should contact Cllr Harbour.

Parish Clerk Vacancy. 2 applicants have applied and interviews will be held on 27th February.

Parish Councillor Vacancies. There are still 2 vacancies for councillors on the Parish Council.

Annual Parish Meeting will be on 29th March in Sheldwich Parish Rooms.

Future Dates. 7th March, 11 April, 2nd May, 6th June, 4th July, 5th September, 2nd October, 7th November, 5th December, 2nd January, 6th February and 6th March.

Meeting closed at 9.10p.m. Next meeting 7th March in Sheldwich Parish Rooms.