SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of an EXTRAORIDINARY MEETING of SHOREHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Shoreham Village Hall, Shoreham on 26 June 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: Cllrs R Blamey, B Jeffery, J Histed (Chair), A Montgomerie, N Powell and J Thorpe

Also Present: 9 members of the public (Alex Hoffman and 3 representatives of the Cricket Club), and Amanda Barlow (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllrs G Owen and M Sheward, Cllr Roger Gough (County), Cllr Edwards-Winser (District), Cllr Irene Roy (District)

1. To receive any apologies for absence.

   Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs G Owen and M Sheward, Cllr Roger Gough (County), Cllr Edwards-Winser (District), Cllr Irene Roy (District)

2. To receive any disclosures of interest from members in respect of items of business included on the agenda for the meeting.

   None.

4. To consider, and approve if appropriate, which agenda items are sufficiently confidential as to warrant exclusion of members of the press and public under the provisions of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

None.

5. **Annual Governance and Accountability Return** (**AGAR)**

(i) To approve Section 1 (Annual Governance Statement) of the 2023-2024 Annual Return.

Members resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2023-24 and it was duly signed by the Clerk and Chairman.

(ii) To approve Section 2 (Accounting Statements) of the 2023-2024 Annual Return.

Members resolved to approve the Accounting Statements for 2023-24 and it was duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Public Forum

It was agreed that as no member of the public wanted to make representation on the AGAR the public forum should be taken after Agenda item 5.

Cllr Histed gave some background information on the matter of the banners at the Cricket Club.

Alex Hoffman and Cricket Club Representatives

- Thank you to the Parish Council for their support.
- The Cricket Club is aiming to be the best club in the area.
- It is very expensive to run the club with costs such as fertilizers, grass cutting etc.
- It was a kick in the gut to have the possibility of losing £2,200 revenue.
- They don't understand why the issue of the banners have come up as some of the banners have been there for 10 years.
- They would like to work with the Council about the number, size and type of banner and help with the application for advertising consent.

- In response to questions from Cllr Histed, Alex advised that the Cricket Club would see the present situation as a minimum.

- The Cricket Club cannot afford to pay for items without the funding. There is constant vandalism which is costing the cricket club. The Cricket Club desperately need the money.
- Harry, first team Captain, he asked the Council to consider where the money goes and if list, this will result in the reduction of providing services to children and ladies cricket.

Nigel, Shoreham Society
- For the record the Shoreham Society wanted a comprise solution for the banners to be there during the season and be removed out of the season.
- The Shoreham Society is a strong supporter of the Cricket Club.

Members and the Cricket Club discussed the issue over advertising consent.

A member of the Cricket Club asked why is it such an issue as the banners have been up for 9 years.

6. Shoreham Cricket Club

To discuss and agree next actions with regard to the advertising banners at Shoreham Cricket Club.

Members discussed the position of the Cricket Club.

- Cllr Montgomerie – in full support of the Club with advertising consent.
- Cllr Thorpe – in support of Cricket Club but does not feel the banners are not in keeping with the surroundings and felt that if the Parish allowed these banners they would be setting a precedent to encourage advertising in the village
- Cllr Powell stated that the Cricket Club should remove the banners and the Clerk advised that a resolution had been passed at the last meeting, in the majority, to re-open the discussions on the banners.
- Cllr Thorpe thought that a solution would be for the Parish Council to award a grant
- Cllr Jeffery congratulated the Cricket Club on their excellent running of the Club. He was totally in support of the Club and the banners. Cllr Jeffery thought that if the advertisements were tidied up in the all the same format that would be a good compromise.
- Cllr Blamey totally agreed with Cllr Jeffery and Cllr Montgomerie.

Cllr Histed put forward the following resolutions:

The Parish Council unanimously resolved that Shoreham and Otford Cricket Club do not have to remove the banners this season in 2024.

The Parish Council resolved, in the majority, that the Shoreham & Otford Cricket Club should be allowed to place advertising banners at the Cricket Club ground subject to the conditions agreed by the Parish Council, as the landlord, and that advertising consent is applied for and gained, if required, by the Cricket Club.

Cllr Thorpe voted against the resolution.

Cllrs Powell, Montgomerie, Jeffery, Blamey and Histed voted for the resolution.

It was agreed that Cllrs Jeffery and Montgomerie would put together a proposal to be agreed at the July meeting.

7. **Next meetings** (all starting at 7:30pm in Shoreham Village Hall unless otherwise stated)
a. Planning (if required) Committee – Wednesday 3 July 2024 at 7.30pm
b. Planning (if required) Committee and Council Meeting – Wednesday 17 July 2024 at 7.30pm

The meeting ended at 21.27.