

**PRECIS MINUTES OF SHELDWICH BADLESMERE & LEAVELAND PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH APRIL IN BADLESMERE VILLAGE HALL AT 8.P.M.**

Present. Cllrs Harbour, Austin, Atkins, Scutt, Snell and Nimmo. Also present were Borough Councillors Prescott & Bobbin and Borough & Cty Cllr Bowles.

There were no declarations of changes in pecuniary interests or of specific items on the agenda.

Minutes. Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.

Chairmans Annual Report.

A quiet year without contentious planning applications. Much time has been spent on the School to Church path which has now been completed through the wood. We are now aiming to upgrade the existing track through the woods as far as the Church car park. The joint housing scheme with Throwley moves on but at a very slow a pace.

Dog Fouling. Dog Control Orders were introduced by SBC in 2008. It is an offence not to clean up after a dog. There is a fixed penalty of £80. Full details of the Dog Control Orders can be found at www.swale.gov.uk/dog-control-orders.

Waste Bin Replacement. Difficulty is being experienced in obtaining a commercial product that will fit the existing container. It was agreed that an approach be made to a local blacksmith and farrier.

Rural Housing Update. The slow progress is causing some concern. Architects have submitted a plan for consultation with SBC. Both Parish Councils approve of the plan for a cluster design but apparently the officers do not like this and would prefer a linear arrangement. Parish Council was concerned that their views and knowledge of the local area of the site in Badlesmere were not being considered and a letter will be sent to the planning department expressing this concern.

Queens Birthday celebrations. On 21st April Badlesmere are holding a beacon lighting ceremony on the Lees and this is part of the national beacon scheme across the country. Suitable music for the National Anthem will be provided as will a lit barbecue, public to bring own food. All are welcome. In Sheldwich on 12th June there is village picnic, on the Lees or in the village hall 12-4. Bring and share food but non alcoholic drinks only.

Forthcoming training sessions. It was confirmed that Cllrs Austin, Harbour & Snell and Mrs Prescott will be attending the planning training on the 12th May and that Cllr Harbour will be attending the emergency & resilience training on the 19th May.

Logo. It was agreed that letter headings and the new web site would be prefaced with images of all 3 Church building in the Parish.

Sheldwich School Path. The sub committee have looked at the path and the bark chippings have now composted down. Another layer was needed to bring it up to the required level. After discussing the 3 options available it was resolved that another layer of dressing was to be laid and a quotation would be obtained from Wychling Contractors to add a type 1 sub base.

Finance. Cheques were signed for KALC, Prospect Signs and the web site. The Bank balances were £2753.79 in current account and £4167.74 in the Business Reserve Account.

Badlesmere Defibrillator. This has still not been installed. Parish Council was advised that the insurance company stated that a key safe entry was unacceptable, despite this being the normal for most village halls and in particular Sheldwich Village Hall. Mr Treasure has agreed to install the defibrillator in his BT box on his land. This is a gesture much appreciated as the equipment was provided to save lives and has been unused since being provided by the Parish Council and Cllr Prescott. Most of the local villages now have the advantage of the availability of a defibrillator for use by residents and visitors alike. Training and demonstrations are available for interested groups.

Publications. Oast to Coast, Arbour and Open Spaces publications were available for Councillors.

Next meeting Tuesday 3rd May at Badlesmere Village Hall at 8 p.m.