

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SHELDWICH PARISH ROOMS ON
TUESDAY 8TH MARCH .**

**PRESENT:CLLRS HARBOUR, NIMMO, AUSTIN, ATKINS, SCUTT, AND BOROUGH
CLLRS PRESCOTT AND BOBBIN AND CTY CLLR BOWLES.**

CLLR SNELL was absent.

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest changes or of items on the agenda.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

16/7301Kent Men of Trees. Villages did not win this year and it was agreed to enter the competition again as the villages have been so successful in the past.

16/7302 The B T telephone box The unsightly box has now been cleaned and future cleaning will be undertaken at regular intervals upon request via B T.

16/7303 The Amicus fencing that has been a problem for some considerable time has now finally been replaced with an excellent sturdy metal fence and there has been the addition of several trees and a new beech hedge. The Parish Clerk will write to Amicus thanking them on a good job.

16/7304 There have been complaints about the level of dog fouling. It is an offence under a Borough by-law to foul a public space and dog owners are reminded of this and of the health hazard especially to the young and elderly. Leader of SBC will advise the Clerk of the relative By-Law number so that a notice can be placed in the Parish magazine.

16/7305 The 3 waste bin inserts that need to be replaced in Sheldwich could be obtained from a specialist company who are now looking into possible replacement parts. The Chairman expects to hear from them by the time of the April meeting.

16/7306 Rural Housing project is now finally showing some progress, a site plan has been produced and hopefully planning submission will take place in the near future.

16/7307 Sheldwich gullies. Cllr Prescott reported that he has been in regular contact with County over this matter and for a long period. Kevin Gore from County has agreed that the gullies are very bad and that they will be attended to in the next 2 weeks and then on a 6th month rolling basis.

16/7308 Sheldwich signage. Cty Cllr Bowles reported that the signs are indeed in need of replacement but there could be a long delay as there is a very long waiting list and finances are not infinite. They are however now on the list.

16/7309 New electoral arrangements for KCC. Cllrs have already responded by email and confirmed that none had any objection.

16/7410 KALC membership survey. It was agreed that KALC provided excellent facilities, particularly for Parish Clerks and Cllr Austin will respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

16/7411 Swale KALC report. Cllr Austin, who is on the F&GP committee said that all agreed that Swale KALC needed better representation from the local Parish councils at the meetings. They are presently searching for a common thread and will be setting up a new initiative to ensure this fuller representation.

16/7412 Chairmanship training conference. Cllr Austin reported that he found the day an excellent training tool, but as usual the reports were too wordy and the powerpoint presentations were not very professional. Ann Millington, the Chief Executive of Kent Fire and Rescue gave an excellent presentation and it was well worth attending for that alone. Greg Clarke also gave a very good and informative talk.

16/7413 Planning -material considerations training session at SBC. Unfortunately no Parish Councillor attended this event but a set of the slides had been sent to all the Parish Councillors by the Clerk for their future deliberations.

16/7414 Outer Thames Special Protection Area. Councillors considered that the biggest impact would be in Essex rather than Kent. (Route C) However there could be problems where the M2 meets the A2 and Brenley and Farthing Corners could be clogged with traffic

16/7415 Planning-16/500816. Church Cottage Dayton Rd.-2 storey rear extension. Council fully supported this application.

16/7415 Finance- The Parish Council accepted the update to the Financial regulations and adopted them fully. Cheques were signed for the ACRK, SBC, School Path signage and HMRC. The Village Hall contribution to the Sheldwich defibrillator should be in the account before the end of the month as well as the Cty Cllr funds for the path.

16/7416 School Path- There was a full discussion on the finances and management of the school path. The funds from the Cty Cllr's award have not yet been received. There have been problems with the path being used inappropriately. There will need to be a maintenance programme in place and all community groups that are contributors will be contacted later in the year. As this path is a community project then a maintenance agreement should also be considered and the matter of insurance liability will be researched by the Parish Clerk.

The meeting closed at 9.40p m. Next meeting at Badlesmere Village Hall on Tuesday 12th April at 8p.m.