

SHADOXHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES 395

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held in The Village Hall on Wednesday 10 February 2016 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Mrs S Ellis, Mr R Buss, Mr K Carroll and Mr D Ledger

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr M Angell

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 4 Members of the Public present for part of the meeting.

Prior to the start of the meeting, the Clerk informed councillors that Mrs Kozlowski had resigned with immediate effect.

As the Chairman, Mr Hollands had sent his apologies due to illness and Mrs Kozlowski, who was the Vice Chairman had resigned an election for the position of Chairman for the meeting was held.

Mr Carroll proposed Mr Ledger for the position of Chairman for the meeting, seconded by Mr Buss.

Councillors all wished to send their best wishes to Mr Hollands for a speedy recovery.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from Mr W Hollands (illness) and Borough Councillor, Mrs A Hicks

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest

There were no Declarations of Significant Interest.

i) Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

Councillors are reminded that they should update their Declarations of Interest with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes 393 of the meeting held on 13 January were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Ledger should sign them.

Proposed Mr Buss

Seconded Mrs Ellis

Minutes 394 of the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 26 January were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Ledger should sign them.

Proposed Mr Carroll

Seconded Mrs Ellis

4. BOROUGH COUNCILLORS REPORT

Nothing to report.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mr Angell reported that councillors were meeting on 11 February to discuss the budget. It is expected that KCC will increase the Council Tax by 1.9% and 2% will be added for Adult Social Care, resulting in a £43 increase on a Band D property. In spite of this increase, savings have still to be made. All KCC meetings are now recorded if anyone wants to watch the debate.

Kent is accommodating over 1000 asylum seeker children and we are running out of foster parents and space.

6. PUBLIC INTERVAL

The meeting was opened to the Members of the Public present from 7.39 – 7.56 pm for questions and comment.

7. MATTERS FOR REPORT ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising not covered on the agenda.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

9. SHADOXHURST WEBSITE

Nothing to report.

10. VILLAGE HALL, PAVILION, RECREATION FIELD AND VILLAGE GREEN**General Issues relating to the Village Hall**

The newly appointed cleaner/caretaker has resigned for personal reasons. Following discussion councillors agreed to contact the second applicant and ask whether he would be prepared to take the dual role of cleaner/caretaker at the rates agreed with the previous gentleman. The Clerk will contact him.

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to offer the contract for Cleaner/Caretaker to the applicant as above at a rate of £30 per hour for cleaning and £50 per month for caretaking.

Proposed Mr Ledger

Seconded Mr Carroll

Notification has been received from EDF that our current contract ends on 31 March.

Resolution: Following discussion, Councillors unanimously agreed to sign up with EDF for 3 years at a reduced rate.

Proposed Mr Carroll Seconded Mrs Ellis

Old Toys/Clutter behind the Village Hall

The toys and other items have all been cleared. To be removed from future agendas.

Provision of Crockery for the Village Hall

Councillors signed a cheque to go with a proforma invoice for the cups, saucers and mugs.

Inspection of Village Hall following Hiring

Mr Carroll will inspect the hall in March.

General Issues relating to the Pavilion

Nothing to report.

Field/Car Park/Play Area/Village Sign/Village Green

A tree in the Recreation Field has been blown over in the wind. Arrangements will be made to stake it.

Request for Community Exercise Equipment

Nothing to report.

11. CORRESPONDENCE, FINANCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

EDF Contract Renewal Information
 ABC Agenda for Parish and Urban Forum
 KCS Furniture

EMAIL CORRESPONDENCE – Forwarded to all councillors with email

Shadoxhurst Flower Arrangers
 CXK – The Clerk will invite officers from CXK to the next meeting
 Mr and Mrs MacGregor

Earmarked Funds

	Balance
	14.10.15
Recreation Facilities	2500.00
Bulb and Tree Planting + Planters	
Bulbs for Planters in Car Park	187.00
Recycling	2044.31
TOTAL	4731.31

Bank Reconciliation - Long term Deposit account

Opening Balance	460.00	Balance per Current Account	510.00
Add Transfer ex Treasurers Account	<u>50.00</u>		
	510.00		

Bank Reconciliation – Treasurers Account

Opening Balance	23850.89	Balance per Treasurers Account	24446.41
Add Receipts	<u>23112.84</u>	Plus Uncleared Receipts	<u>0.00</u>
	46968.73		24446.41
Less Payments	<u>23475.32</u>	Less Uncleared Payments	<u>658.00</u>
	23488.41		23788.41
		Plus Uncleared Deposit Received	<u>000.00</u>
			23788.41
		Less Uncleared Deposit Refunds	<u>300.00</u>
			23488.41
Less Earmarked Funds	<u>4731.31</u>	Less Earmarked Funds	<u>4731.31</u>
AVAILABLE FUNDS	18757.10	AVAILABLE FUNDS	18757.10

Accounts to be paid

PAYEE	DETAILS	CHQ NO	NET	VAT	GROSS
Mrs J Batt	Salary Expenses General Admin	822	434.78 12.87 18.16		465.81
Nisbets	Cups and Saucers	823	88.27	17.65	105.92
Broker Network	Insurance Premium	824	1466.36		1466.36
EK Fire	Fire Extinguisher Insp	825	116.95	23.39	140.34
Hirer of Village Hall	Deposit Refund	826	150.00		150.00
MBK Electrical Services	Repairs V H Heaters	827	217.52	180.00	397.52

Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above accounts and agreed with the amended Direct Debit Payments taken on 17 of each month.

EDF - £239.00 – Village Hall and EDF - £16.00 – Pavilion

Proposed Mr Buss Seconded Mr Carroll

Insurance

Mr Hollands returned the Insurance Renewal documents to the Clerk during the month and confirmed that all was in order. A cheque for the premium has been drawn.

The Council has a Long Term Agreement with AVIVA until February 2017.

Newsletter

Mrs Kozlowski, who undertook to produce the newsletter has now resigned from the council. The Clerk will produce a newsletter and email it to councillors for approval. Councillors asked her to include a brief questionnaire asking residents for their views on a number of projects being considered by the parish Council.

Risk Assessment

Mrs Ellis, Mr Carroll and Mr Ledger will complete the risk assessment in time for the audit in April.

Crime and Disorder

In the Weald South ward, a burglary was reported to a property in Woodchurch and a property in Warehorne. Two outbuildings were broken into, one on Stubbs Cross and another in Lancaster Close, Hamstreet. Nuisance off road bikes and quads were reported on the byways around Shadoxhurst. There have also been reports of suspicious vehicles and bogus door to door salesmen in the area and investigations are ongoing.

Defibrillators

Nothing to report.

KALC

Nothing to report.

Proposed Village Questionnaire

It was agreed to invite volunteers, via the newsletter to join a committee to produce a village plan for the future of Shadoxhurst. Mr Ledger will take this project forward.

12. PLANNING

Please see attached list.

Any other matters related to Planning issues within the Parish

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed that Mr Ledger should read the following on behalf of the Parish Council at ABC's Planning meeting on 17 February, in respect of Planning Application No 15/00539/AS - Land between The Hollies and Park Farm Close, Woodchurch Road, Shadoxhurst.

Shadoxhurst Parish Council met again, following the December Planning Committee Meeting at which this application was deferred to allow further consultation by the applicant with the Parish Council.

The Parish Council would like to re-iterate its decision to object to this application and support the Planning Officer in his recommendation to refuse this application.

The Parish Council objected to this application 2:1 with 2 abstentions on the following grounds: -
Overwhelming local opposition from parishioners – 21 residents attended the meeting at which this was discussed.

There are too many houses proposed for the size of the site.

Poor access from the site onto Woodchurch Road.

Poor access from Woodchurch Road into the site Woodchurch Road is a very busy road and this development will significantly increase traffic movements along the road.

The development will seriously affect the local wildlife.

Kent Highways should review the safety aspect of this application regarding the outlets onto Woodchurch Road, (this is an addition, still a concern and not referred to in the Officer's report).

In view of new information released by the Environment Agency there is a need to review the flood plain, flooding particularly down-stream of the site is still of great concern

Furthermore, the Parish Council see that the importance and value of retaining this green buffer far outweighs the consideration that granting permission might yield some £60,000 under section 104 planning obligations. Please refuse this application.

13. **OUTSIDE REPORTS**

Tree Warden

Nothing to report.

Footpath Warden

Nothing to report.

14. **VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Items to be reported to the KHS/PROW

The lorries working on the garage site are parking on the pavement in Woodchurch Road.

The road is breaking up outside the Kings Head.

The tarmac on the pavement is being damaged outside of Wymondham

15. **FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS**

Refurbishment of Play Equipment will be included on the next agenda.

Following the discussion with a proposed developer during the Public Interval, it was agreed to include his proposal as a discussion item on the next agenda.

The next meeting will be held on 9 March 2015.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed..... Dated
Chairman

SHADOXHURST PARISH COUNCIL

RECORD OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2016

FEBRUARY 2016

16/00100/AS 2 Moreton Terrace, Woodchurch Road, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent TN26 1LG
Single Storey rear & two storey side extension

Parish Council: Support subject to KHS carrying out safety checks with regard to the number of cars accessing and exiting the site

Decision Notices received from ABC

15/00755/AS Belair, 77 Tally Ho Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent TN26 1HX
Alterations and use of existing garage as annexe

Borough Council: Permit

15/00761/AS Milee, Nickley Wood Road, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent TN26 1LZ
Change of use of land for the stationing of 4 gypsy pitches and associated development and the erection of a goat barn

Borough Council: Permit

15/01157/AS Woodside, Nickley Wood Road, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent TN26 1LZ
Change of use to holiday static caravan site with ancillary recreational area

Borough Council: Withdrawn

15/01379/AS Nichols House, The Street, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent TN26 1LU

15/01385/AS 1. Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension

2. Listed Building Consent for same

Borough Council: Refuse

15/01594/AS Jenkey Farm, Church Lane, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent TN26 1LY
Minor amendments to elevational treatment of six bedroom detached dwelling approved under permission ref: 14/01142/AS

Borough Council: Permit