



Shadoxhurst Parish Council

Protecting the Woodland Gateway to the Countryside

SHADOXHURST PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES 460

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 6PM

PRESENT:	Cllr M Richmond Coggan (Chair), Cllr D Ledger (Vice Chair), Cllr E Yeomans & Cllr R Hills
PARISH CLERK:	Ms C Laming
BOROUGH COUNCILLORS:	Cllr D Ledger
COUNTY COUNCILLOR:	Cllr D Robey
MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:	There were no members of the public present.

1. INTRODUCTION

Explanation of the process and format of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There was 1 apology for absence from Cllr D Williams.

Proposed Cllr M Richmond Coggan

Seconded Cllr D Ledger

3. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND SIGNIFICANT INTEREST

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There was one Declaration of Pecuniary Interest from Cllr M Richmond Coggan for planning application 21/01612/AS Land and Buildings, South of Glebe Retreat, Duck Lane.

Declarations of Significant Interest.

There were no Declaration of Significant Interest.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes 459 of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2021 were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Cllr M Richmond Coggan should sign them.

Proposed Cllr E Yeomans

Seconded Cllr R Hills

5. CO-OPTION OF PARISH COUNCILOR

There were no receipts for the vacant position of Parish Councillor, so the vacancies remain open.

6. PUBLIC INTERVAL (18.08-18.25)

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT (See Appendix A)

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

County Councillor David Robey reported that KCC want to wait on the repair on Church Lane until they can tackle the lorry situation. More information has been obtained as a result of 2 measurement devices placed strategically on the roads, along with photographic evidence. He proposed that the Parish approach the planning department at ABC to gain further information.

The Reconnect grant is also available. Parish Councils, community groups and organisations can apply for funding to run additional projects, initiatives and activities for children and young people. The deadline for applications is midnight on Sunday 24th October 2021.

It was also reported by County Councillor David Robey the concern about growing pressure to build more housing in the Garden of England in Kent has led to Ashford Borough Council setting up an important Land Mapping Commission to help it protect the countryside and to avoid rural and urban sprawl. The Commission, which held its first meeting today in the modern market town and growing economic hub, will undertake an independent land mapping exercise that will inform the Council in shaping future strategies, including the continuously evolving Corporate Plan and the Ashford Local Plan. The Commission will pool the knowledge and expertise of its members in assessing the evidence given in order to strategically map out the Greater Ashford Borough. It will recognise that there is a need to identify suitable locations for well-designed housing, to meet the growing population and to create economic growth to support local communities. They will endeavour to determine future uses of broad areas of land, in such a way that ensures that rural villages are protected from becoming merged into suburbs of Ashford or “rural sprawl”. This work will go on right in the heart of the Garden of England, where the borough is located.

7. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT (see Appendix B)

ADVISORY GROUP REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS & AGREEMENTS

8. PLANNING (see Appendix C)

The Council’s decisions on applications received by the date of this agenda are shown in Appendix C.

9. FINANCE & POLICY

Account Balances

See attached sheet for September 2021 accounts.

Payment of Accounts

Accounts to be Paid

October2021

		net	vat	gross	total	Account
Clerks Salary	October Salary	628.33		628.33	628.33	SPC
Caretaker's Salary	October Salary	60.00		60.00	60.00	H&P
Martin Richmond Coggan	Expenses	7.00	1.40	8.40	8.40	SPC
Play Inspection Company	Annual Inspection	69.50	13.90	83.40	83.40	H&P
Spick n Span	Window Cleaning - September	10.00		10.00	10.00	H&P
C.M Cleaning	Hall Cleaning August/September	105.00		105.00	105.00	H&P
PKF Littlejohn	AGAR	340.00	88.00	428.00	428.00	SPC
ABC	Business Rates	110.00		110.00	110.00	H&P
Clerks Expenses	Fuel, Home Office	21.18		21.18	21.18	SPC
		1351.01	103.30	1454.31	1454.31	

Proposed Cllr M Richmond Coggan

Seconded Cllr E Yeomans

Unity Bank Trust

Unity Bank confirmed today that they had received the account opening form for Shadoxhurst Parish Council, and it will now be processed: the current anticipated processing time is 5 working days.

Precept 2022/2023

This is due by January 2022. The Clerk will forward on last year's figures.

Section 106/Budget 2021/2022

Nothing to Report.

Budget 2021/2022

Nothing to Report.

Forum, Fete & Land Trust Monies

Chairman Martin Richmond Coggan has requested the figures to be sent over for authorisation.

10. VILLAGE HALL

The problems with the hall heating were discussed as heaters had been turned off by users disabling the ability to control them remotely. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to all users to ask them to not turn them off. A flex outlet switch was also discussed for all 8 heaters and Cllr R Hills will investigate this.

All other purchases for the hall are to be put on hold.

The Clerk reported an increase in private bookings.

It was agreed that the caretaker will now be responsible for the opening and closing the hall for private bookings.

11. PAVILION & PLAYING FIELD

Drainage Works

The drainage works will now be commencing next week after a week's delay.

2022 Village Fete

The date 13th-18th April 2022 has been confirmed for Marsh Vintage Amusements. Shadoxhurst Parish Council Village will have their own fete on the 16th April 2022.

12. ADMINISTRATION

Nothing to Report.

13. UTILITIES ADVISORY GROUP/EXTERNAL RELATIONS (see Appendix D)

14. CONSERVATION & HERITAGE

Village Green Posts

Chairman M Richmond Coggan will arrange to meet with the second supplier for a quote for the village green posts.

Litter Picking

Litter picking is scheduled for the 23rd October 2021.

Notice Boards

The Clerk will forward on the Notice board quote and spec to Cllr R Hills.

Tommy Statue

It was agreed to purchase an Unknown Tommy for the wooden post village sign in the village for Remembrance Sunday 2021.

Proposed Cllr M Richmond Coggan

Seconded Cllr R Hills

15. WEBSITE & COMMUNICATIONS

Nothing to Report.

16. HIGHWAYS

Lorry Watch/Speed Watch

Another push for volunteers are needed.

Highway Improvement Plan

Nothing to report.

Items to be reported to KHS/PROW

Nothing to Report.

Lancaster Lorries

Nothing to Report.

Speed Limit Reduction – Magpie Hall Lane & Capel Road

Nothing to Report.

17. COMMUNITY & SPORTS HALL PROJECT

Cllr E Yeomans reported that the Architect had sent through the revised drawings for the proposed pavilion building. A meeting with a playground company provided new ideas and a quote. Another 2 companies will be approached for further quotes.

18. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

19. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.06pm

Date of next meeting: **10th November 2021** Time 6pm in the Village Hall

Signed
Chairman

Dated

2nd November 2021
Parish Clerk

APPENDIX A - BOROUGH COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Overview and Scrutiny met last night to discuss the Council's draft Carbon Neutral Action Plan. Consultation ended yesterday and there were only some 90 odd responses. The final copy will be completed and go to full Council to be endorsed in January. Due to a few changes following recent by-elections, I have now been appointed to the Climate Change Advisory Committee so I can get further involved with finalising the Action Plan. The O&S Task Group on S. 106 has been completed and the final report will come to the O&S meeting in November. The next Full Council Meeting will be on the 21st October and I hoped would feature the Hornash House petition. In spite of me trying hard, the Council decided it was not appropriate to be discussed by Members. It has thus been devolved to the Head of Planning Service to reply to Zoe and the residents.

David Ledger

APPENDIX B - CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairman's Report to Shadoxhurst Parish Council October 2021

This has been a relatively quiet month since the last meeting but with some important progress on a number of areas:

1. We are still struggling to fill the two vacant positions on the Parish Council. Even with a prominent advert in the Newsletter and reposts on facebook & nextdoor, we still have had no takers. Please can all Parish Councillors think who they could approach.
2. Progress continues on the new Pavilion. We now have a layout that we believe is close to what we want. A few tweaks and we should be there.
3. Otherwise, the main work is keeping on top of the various planning situations.

Nothing significant to report on the website; we are gradually adding more and more content.

Martin Richmond-Coggan

APPENDIX C - PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications are up for consideration this month. Please see the planning group's suggested responses:

21/01636/AS	Tara, Duck Lane, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, TN26 1LT Lawful development certificate - proposed - Residential mobile home Comments By – N/A	<i>We are not a statutory consultee for Lawful development applications. The Planning Officer will decide if it falls within an LDC, in which case it has to be approved; otherwise, the applicant will be asked to submit a full planning application. NO COMMENT</i>
21/01612/AS	Land and buildings south of Glebe Retreat, Duck Lane, Shadoxhurst Demolition of existing outbuildings and hardstanding and the erection of 2 dwellings with associated landscaping, parking and infrastructure. Comments by 3rd October 2021	<i>Comment: The Parish Council welcomes this new application that fits the site much better than the previous ones and supports it. In doing so, the Parish Council wishes to make the following comments: Para 6 of the Application states that there is no known contamination. This is clearly not the case as is referenced in the Environmental Protection response. Full contamination clearance needs to be undertaken We wish to underline the requirement from Environmental Protection that controlled waste should not be burnt; all contaminated material needs to be removed from site We request that the applicant provides a detailed plan for the treatment of foul water, with particular reference to the discharge from the packet treatment plant This site is within 200M of a SSSI (Alex Farm Pastures). We wish to stress the Parish Council's Dark Skies policy and request that there is a condition imposing minimal lighting The application includes the creation of a "semi-natural woodland/meadow" at the rear of the site. We request a condition that ensures that this area is properly created and managed into the future. At present, there is no access on the plans to this area; this needs to be specified</i>

APPENDIX D - Utilities Advisory Group

Utilities Advisory Group –

Hornash research continues. Peter has incurred some costs from the archive information, and I recommend that he be reimbursed.

KALC Joint Parishes Planning Committee – I continue to co-ordinate the Joint Parishes Planning Committee which met on the 15th September. We discussed the ever changing national planning situation. Having made comments on the government consultations, the group keeps a careful watch on any notifications. There was a bit of an update on Stodmarsh, and this is likely to drag on for one or even two years. This will hold up many key planning applications. In spite of lobbying by the affected Councils, the Government is not giving any wiggle room when it comes to complying with the five year Housing requirements.

KALC – the next meeting is the 3rd of November.

Village Forum – the Forum met on the 13th September, it was a positive meeting with some newer residents recruited through the Gardening Club. The next meeting is the 18th October to firm up the arrangements for the Craft Fair being organised for the end of November. At present, no one has stepped forward to lead.

ABC Parish Forum – The meeting on the 13th September was attended. There were a number of ABC officers speaking and it over ran timewise. There is a big push for tree planting with the Platinum Jubilee being used as a springboard for planting a tree to represent every resident in the Borough. They are looking for land, including privately owned, to achieve this over the next two years.

Chilmington Green – No further update

Newsletter – Final date for preparations for the next one is the 25th of November. Hopefully the changes made for the October one meets with approval.