

Minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 22 May 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Scout HQ, The Street, Sholden

PRESENT

Cllr Marsh
Cllr Wanstall
Cllr Wall
Cllr Morris
Cllr McArthur
Cllr Kewley
Mary Shaw - Parish Clerk
Tony Rich - Sholden Fields (Deal) Management Company
22 members of the public

1) WELCOME FROM THE CHAIRMAN	Cllr Marsh welcomed all present.
2) APOLOGIES	Cllr's Hawkins, Bond, Murphy, Robbins. Head teacher Sholden School
3) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE LAST PARISH MEETING	Proposer - Cllr Wall Seconder - Cllr Wanstall
4) COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS COMMENTS/REPORT	No District Councillors present.
5) HEADTEACHER SHOLDEN SCHOOL	Sincere apologies received from Sharon Bailey, head teacher at Sholden School: attending another meeting
6) THE SPORTSMAN UPDATE	<p>Cllr Marsh announced that the parish council has succeeded in their application to Dover Council to have The Sportsman included on the register of Assets of Community Value (ACV). Furthermore, the parish council has agreed to apply for 'listed building' status for The Sportsman. The implications of ACV status are that in the event of The Sportsman coming back onto the open market, the community will be given the opportunity to raise funds to purchase the pub. The parish council are to contact the owners requesting information as to what is planned for The Sportsman noting that the community as a whole are interested in the future of the pub. Dover council have already told the parish council that the current owners are not planning to re-open The Sportsman as a public house. Planning consent is needed from Dover Council in order for a change in status to go ahead. To date the parish council have received no notification of any such change.</p> <p>Q. Can they use The Sportsman as a licensed restaurant? A. Unsure. Any news will be published on the noticeboards, the parish council website and the East Kent Mercury</p> <p>Q. How long has the pub been closed for now? A. About 1 year</p> <p>Cllr Marsh noted that there is much speculation at the present time but we have received no 'concrete' plans.</p>

7) SHOLDEN FIELDS (DEAL) MANAGEMENT COMPANY	<p>Tony Rich gave a comprehensive account of the on-going issues and plans for Sholden Fields. Main points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Initially no bins on-site, now resolved having achieved a good deal with DDC and regular emptying ● Landscaping improving after what is required now clarified with the company tasked with the contract ● Lighting bollards vandalised and replaced on more than one occasion, (very costly at £400 per time), therefore the directors are seeking another solution which is proving to be a challenge. ● Relationship with Wards poor, they are reneging on agreements made with the parish council but we will persist. ● Some trees are in need of care, (Cottington & Hull Place boundaries). Tree surveys completed and an annual survey may go ahead . ● Inconsiderate / unneighbourly parking on-site problematic resulting in blockage of drives. ● Problems have arisen with the planning authorities re:garage doors. True situation relating to the covenant needs to be sought <p>Q. Power cuts affect Sholden, is this because of Sholden Fields? A. We get power cuts on Sholden Fields. Cllr Marsh encouraged everyone to report to UK Power Networks. Work has been on-going to solve the problems since early this year, they are now seeking permission to access the land. Report all power outages.</p>
8 SHOLDEN PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING A258 & PARKING RESTRICTIONS IN SHOLDEN NEW ROAD	<p>Cllr Marsh outlined the background to the 3 proposals: firstly, restricted parking on Sholden New Road. Secondly, traffic calming on the A258 paying particular attention to the area outside Sholden School calling for 20mph speed restrictions during drop-off and pick-up times and finally, safety around Sholden Village Stores for pedestrians by extending the kerb in order that vehicles will need to swing out further. Cllr Marsh referred to the recent traffic surveys commissioned by the parish council. They are available to view on-line at www.sholden.pc.kentparishes.gov.uk and indicate the high numbers of vehicle movements daily and traffic speeds. Cllr Marsh noted that the council are speaking with Amey and Highways and hope to make positive headway with the projects. Furthermore, Cllr Marsh said that in terms of cost, the parish council will have to bear some of the costs but hope to get some funding from DDC & KCC.</p> <p>Q.Can you clarify whether or not 20mph restrictions will be allowed on an A road and is the speed enforceable? A.Yes, there are 20mph restrictions on A roads outside schools. As to enforcement, that is a good question. Perhaps not enforceable in law but may /can stop speeding traffic outside the school.</p> <p>Q.What is the maximum capacity for the road? A.We don't know but will contact Amey / KCC for answers</p>
9) NEW PARISH CLERK	<p>New clerk Kevin Lynch will be working alongside the current clerk from 1 June. Cllr Marsh thanked the clerk for duties carried out over the past 8 years and she was presented with a bouquet of flowers. The audience showed their appreciation and thanks we given by the clerk.</p>
10) QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR	<p>Q.Marsh Lane over grown, can you please report? Q.Can you also report the overgrown area from Sholden Village Store to Sholden New Road</p>

	<p>Q.Can you say if there are any other developments in the pipe line for Sholden?</p> <p>A.None as we know of. Some properties near Sholden Bank nursery have been contacted by land developers re: the identification of land for development.</p> <p>Q.You asked about ideas for projects in Sholden for s106 monies. What size of project? How much money?</p> <p>A.The Parish council are being pragmatic, should any further developments come about the parish must benefit in some way. Projects identified so far are the crowning of trees in the churchyard that will maintain a view of the church, traffic calming measures and the upgrade of the Miner's Way cycle/footpath to current standards.</p> <p>Q.Are there any plans to upgrade the village hall?</p> <p>A.The village hall is managed by the Village Hall Committee and is not the responsibility of the parish council.</p> <p>A. There are funds coming our way from DDC and we hope to match fund in order to carry out restoration works. The money is over due and we had hoped to receive it 18 months ago.</p> <p>Q.Can anything be done to regularly clean the hall?</p> <p>A.Constant problem, we ask users to leave as they find. Sadly things get stolen and the hall is not inspected after use every time</p> <p>Q.Would it be an idea to introduce a booking form? Some of us would like to get the community together to clear the garden. We are happy to volunteer our help</p> <p>A.We are currently looking for a cleaner. We hope to put in automatic lighting / heating etc.once the renovations are completed.</p> <p>Q.What is the latest on the Churchfield Farm development?</p> <p>A. We have just responded to the second amendment: highways update. I would advise everyone to comment on this.</p> <p>Q.Some people in The Street have been told by the highways people that the highways side is 'cut and dried' in the area where the emergency exit was to be sited.</p> <p>A. We have heard nothing about this</p> <p>Q.Were you aware that bus shelters have been installed in Timperley Place, (2 in Hyton Drive & 1 in Hancocks Field) . The plan said bus stops only. Who will maintain them? Who put them there? Apparently enforcement is looking into this.</p> <p>A. We are not aware of this.</p>
<p>11) MEETING ENDS 8.30pm</p>	<p>Cllr Marsh thanked all for coming and again apologised for the non - attendance of county / district councillors and Sholden School head teacher as advertised.</p>