

Minutes of the Sholden Parish Council meeting held on Monday 31 October 2022 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Marsh (Chair), Wanstall, Robbins, Hall, Murphy, Jull, Manion, Williams and Kevin Lynch, Parish Clerk: Two members of the public.

Action

1. To receive apologies	Cllrs Dyer, Kewley, Bond and Kenton	
2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	<p>Cllr Marsh Item Nine.</p> <p>Cllr Murphy informed Council that because of his economic portfolio in the Cabinet of Kent County Council he would have to abstain on matters such as planning, the draft Local Plan etc.</p>	
3. To resolve that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28 September are a correct record	<p>Proposed: Cllr Hall: Seconded Cllr Wanstall.</p> <p>Agreed: All</p>	
4. Public Participation	<p>In response to a question, the Clerk updated members of the public on the outstanding Reserved Matters planning application for the land on Churchfield Farm.</p> <p>In response to a second question, members of the public were asked to report speeding issues direct to the police on 101.</p>	
5. KCC and DDC Reports	<p>Cllrs Jull and Manion updated Council on various matters: the refurbished King Street toilets, small business awards, and grants (including those from the local lotto).</p> <p>Cllr Murphy updated Council on Investment Zones (probably, for Kent, Ebbsfleet), apprenticeship graduates, a briefing with Lord Waverley concerning logistics in Kent, homelessness and rough sleepers.</p> <p>In addition, Cllr Murphy re-stated the KCC position that KCC did not have any more funds for reinstating any withdrawn bus routes. He confirmed that KCC/Stagecoach meetings had been held and that a subsidy had been made available for routes 82 and 82A.</p> <p>In answer to questions from the Clerk, Cllr Murphy agreed to provide details of KCC/DDC Reserves and whether they were exposed to the stock market and/or exchange rate movements.</p> <p>The Clerk agreed to write to Cllr Murphy concerning a KCC loan to Quinn Estates.</p> <p>Cllr Wanstall asked Cllr Murphy to raise with DDC the lack of visibility of the DDC Parking Manager and other enforcement officers.</p> <p>The Chair thanked everyone for their reports and contributions.</p>	<p>KL</p> <p>DM</p>
6. Timperley Place	Cllr Hall detailed a list of issues concerning the maintenance and management of private areas of the Timperley Development. Of particular concern were:	

	<p>(i) The vandalism in the park and the graffiti on the slide. Cllr Hall will contact HML on Monday for them to come out and clean the slide. Cllr Wanstall to chase up the PCSO Manager to ascertain to seek advice on the vandalism and whether or not PCSOs were being withdrawn</p> <p>(ii) Hyton Drive still has no waste bin in the playground. Cllr Hall has asked many times over the past 12 months for a replacement.</p> <p>(iii) The Hyton Drive playground, the dog litter bins have not been emptied yet again. They are overflowing. Cllr Hall has asked for them to be emptied on every visit but, at present, to no avail.</p> <p>(iv) The Hyton Drive verges have not been mown the last 3 times the contractors have been on site (owing, allegedly, to road adoption issues). Cllr Hall has written to HML stating that the road will not be adopted until end of 2022 early 2023 and cited correspondence from Persimmon's correspondence adoption department that HML must continue to mow the verges. Nothing done.</p> <p>(v) Cllr Hall has asked for dog litter bins to be installed in the other two playgrounds. To date no installations.</p> <p>(vi) Litter around the estate is still not being collected properly.</p> <p>(vii) The Cornfield Row's damaged street name post still has not been replaced.</p> <p>(viii) Cllr Hall detailed the continuing problems with replacement trees on the estate including the fact that residents seem to be now paying for mistakes of others.</p> <p>(ix) Cllr Hall's letter to Austin Smith about the building site at the top of Hyton Drive ensured a visit from management and parking was much improved. There is damage to some of the kerbs which will need to be repaired/replaced. Cllr Hall has have photos of the damage if needed for a dispute as to who pays to repair the damage.</p> <p>(x) Cllr Hall indicated that the lifebuoy by the pond needs relocating as it is only accessible from the furthest route. It should be put by the footpath along the side of the pond where the dog litter bin is situated.</p> <p>(xi) Cllr Hall will write to Persimmon's director who has visited the estate before.</p>	<p>Cllrs Hall/Wanstall</p> <p>Cllr Hall</p>
7. Hull Cottage	<p>Council agree that the Clerk would try to find the owners of Hull cottage and also report the overgrowing vegetation in the area of the cottage.</p> <p>Council noted that, in its present state, the cottage and its garden was an eyesore. Action: Clerk as above.</p>	KL
8. Tree Planting	<p>Council agreed that the Clerk would re-contact those five residents who showed an interest in receiving saplings for the plant a tree for the Jubilee project. In addition, in the next Newsletter, there would be a one-page request to plant a tree in memory of the late Queen Elizabeth II.</p>	KL
9. The Scout HQ	<p>Council resolved to provide a £100.00 donation to the Scout HQ for its use during the mourning of the late Queen.</p>	KL

	<p>Proposed: Cllr Wanstall. Seconded: Cllr Robbins. Agreed: Cllrs Hall, Murphy.</p> <p>Abstain: Cllr Marsh (see agenda Item 2)</p>	
10. Community Christmas Tree	<p>Council resolved to have a budget of up to £200.00 for the purchase of a Sholden Community Christmas tree.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Marsh: Seconded: Cllr Robbins. Agreed: All.</p>	
11. SPC Response to the Regulation 19 draft Local Plan consultation	<p>Council resolved, unless necessary, not to comment further on the latest Regulation 19 consultation.</p>	
12. DDC Town and Parish Meetings	<p>Council agreed retrospectively the Council's response to an invitation to provide subjects for discussion at future DDC arranged town and Parish meetings.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr marsh. Seconded: Cllr Wanstall. Agreed: All.</p>	
13. Planning Committee Reports	<p>(i) The Planning Committee had no objections to the retrospective 22/01281.</p> <p>(ii) The Planning Committee had no objections to 22/01302</p> <p>(iii) On 22/01152 (120 bed hotel), the Planning Committee objected strongly on the grounds of damage to the ecology; damage to the flora and fauna on the site and the severe impact on local and wider vehicle movements and road capacities.</p> <p>(iv) On 22/01158 (the proposed surfing lagoon), the Planning Committee objected strongly on the grounds of damage to the ecology; damage to the flora and fauna on the site and the severe impact on local and wider vehicle movements and road capacities.</p> <p>Council noted the ecological expertise already published by many objectors to both the hotel and lagoon and asked the Clerk to refer to these (alongside traffic issues) when writing the above objections.</p> <p>Council resolved all to agree all four of the above actions.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Wanstall: Seconded: Cllr Robbins. Agreed: Cllrs Marsh and Hall.</p> <p>Abstain: Cllr Murphy (see agenda item two).</p> <p>Action: Clerk as above.</p>	KL
14. Finance Committee Report	<p>(i) Council agreed the October payments (with a petty cash addition of £11.99) and the September bank statement and reconciliation.</p>	
15. Correspondence	<p>Council noted that all substantive correspondence had been circulated.</p>	
16. To receive agenda items for next meeting on Monday 28 November.	<p>(i) Timperley Place (Cllr Hall) (ii) Meeting Dates (KL)</p> <p>(iii) 2022/2023 budget estimates (KL)</p>	

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