

Draft November Minutes of the Sholden Parish Council meeting held on Monday 27 November 2023 at 6.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllrs Marsh (Chair), Kewley, Wanstall, Hall, Dyer, Turner, Grimshaw, and Kevin Lynch, Parish Clerk.

Louise Sills (Stagecoach).

		Action
1. To receive apologies	Cllrs Bond and Manion.	
2. To receive Declarations of Interest to matters included on the agenda	Cllr Hall Item 8.	
3. Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting 30 October	To resolve that the Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30 October are a correct record. Proposed: Cllr Wanstall: Seconded Cllr Hall. Agreed All.	
4. Public Participation	None	
5. KCC and DDC Reports	None. In response to a request from Cllr Turner, Council agreed that even if KCC/DDC Councillors attended the Sholden Parish Council meetings, Council would like to see, prior to the Council meetings, KCC and DDC summary written reports. Council agreed that the Clerk should write to Cllrs Bond, Manion and Kenton copying in other DDC/KCC Councillors to ask for such written reports. Action: Clerk as above.	KL
6. Re-instatement of the Sholden Village Bus Service.	In response to various representations from Councillors who explained the impact of a lack of bus service in The Street and Sholden New Road, Louise Sills (operations manager from Stagecoach) sympathised with the plight of Sholden Residents and confirmed that she would take the idea of detouring the number 85 Deal-Worth-Deal bus via The Street/Sholden New Road back to her commercial managers. She would reply to the Clerk in due course. Council thanked Louise Sills for her time and meeting with the Council.	LS/KL
7. Meeting Dates for 2024.	Council agreed the 2024 meeting dates. The Clerk would put on notice boards, the website and inform the Village Hall management team. Action: Clerk above.	KL
8. Persimmon Update	Cllr Hall informed Council that despite more representations to Persimmon/HML concerning a litany of inactions and complaints from residents (not least the now dangerous and almost impassable flooding on the path by the children's playground – EE392A), Persimmon/HML had neither replied nor acted to resolve the numerous issues. Council agreed; (i) Cllr Hall to send the Clerk a list of outstanding complaints and the Clerk to draft a letter to Natalie Elphicke MP. Cllr Hall to contact Cllr Stacey Blair	LH/KL

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	<p>to brief Cllr Blair on the current situation and seek support.</p> <p>(ii) The Clerk to research the First Tier Tribunal Property Chamber (Residential Property) to see if that body could help.</p>	KL
9. Planning	<p>Council noted the Planning Committee decision to support 23/01201 Royal Cinque Ports application and (ii) no comment on 23/01220 the Algar Lodge Extension</p> <p>Action: Clerk as in (ii) above.</p>	KL
10. Finance Committee Report	<p>(i) Council agreed the November payments schedule and the October bank statement and reconciliation. In response to a question from Cllr Wanstall, Cllr Dyer explained that at each Council, Council is informed orally of the Caretaker's salary (which invariably comes in after the payments schedule is published). The timesheets are sent to the Finance Committee as soon as received from the caretaker. Council agreed that the Clerk would send the caretaker time sheets not only to the Finance Committee but to all Councillors.</p> <p>(ii) With the proviso that the Clerk correct the estimate for the Caretaker's annual budget/ceiling for 2024/2025 and re-circulate the revised estimates for the January meeting, Council agreed, in principle, the 2024/2025 budget estimates.</p> <p>Action: Clerk as above.</p>	KL KL
11. Correspondence	Council noted that all substantive correspondence had been circulated.	
12. Agenda Items for next meeting.	(i) The Precept (ii) Update on the Churchyard (iii) The KALC Parish Charter. (iv) revised 2024/2025 estimates.	KL
13. The Clerk's Salary	<p>The Clerk left the meeting.</p> <p>Council resolved that:</p> <p>The Clerk would receive the pro-rated flat rate pay award and would move on to SPC 30 of the NJC/NALC pay scales. The SPC movement would be backdated to 01 April 2023.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr Dyer. Seconded: Cllr Kewley. Agreed: All.</p> <p>Action: Clerk to recalculate and promulgate as above.</p>	KL
	The Meeting Closed at 20.06	