

Minutes of Annual Sheepy Parish Council Meeting Sheepy Memorial Hall –Tuesday 7th May 2019

Attended by: Ian Papworth - Chair, Clive Stretton, Rob Ward, Jane Nichols, Brian May, Johnathan Collett, David Clarke, Mick Toogood, Jessica Gurley-Ward, Jason Stephenson – Minute Clerk, 15 Parishioners, Kevin Morrell,

28/19 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Cllr Ian Papworth was nominated and seconded and unanimously voted on as Chairman of the Council.

Cllr Rob Ward was nominated and seconded and unanimously voted on as Vice Chairman of the Council.

29/19 Signing of 'Declaration of Office' (chairman and Vice Chairman) – The Chairman and Vice Chairman completed and signed the declaration of office and they were countersigned by the Clerk.

30/19 To receive apologies and approval of absences – Ivan Ould and Andrea Johnson. Andrea Johnson wanted to make it clear that the reason for her absence is that she feels disadvantaged by the lack of time given to properly prepare for the meeting.

31/19 Declarations of interest and request for dispensations – Ian Papworth Disclosed he had made the new noticeboard for Sibson

32/19 Parishioners Open Forum – There were in attendance residents from Highfield Close and they voiced their concern about the opening of the footpath between no 9 and 10 Highfield Close. They objected to this proposal as they feel there is no demand for another footpath and it will increase crime in the area due to a possible increase in pedestrians in the area. They agreed to put their concerns in writing to the clerk. A parishioner spoke of their concern regarding speeding in the village, the councillors outlined what they had done previously and what they are doing now to help with the issue i.e VAS, Highway barrels etc. Unfortunately any other speeding restrictions are the responsibility of the County Council. The parishioner kindly volunteered to help with the VAS when it needs to be moved. A parishioner asked what is happening to the street light which is overgrown and a hazard, this is on the agenda and will be discussed then.

33/19 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2019– The minutes were signed as a true and correct record.

34/19 Clerk's report

- a) Councillor Vacancies – All the councillors have been re-elected via an uncontested election. Jessica Gurley Ward has co-opted into the vacancy at Wellsborough. This leaves the council with one vacancy in the Sheepy ward **Action** – Councillors to try and suggest a candidate, if not the clerk will advertise on the website.
- b) Streetlight at Cross hands – The Works scheduled could not take place as the electricity connection has been capped, this is to for the scaffolding that is required to enable repairs to the affected building. **Action** Clerk to arrange once scaffolding has been removed.

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- c) Fitness Equipment Playing fields –A meeting was held with the residents who back onto the field to discuss their concerns on the location of the proposed fitness equipment. This has led the steering committee to change their proposals. The idea is to space the equipment around the playing field so that all the equipment is not located in one area **Action** – Clerk to produce map of final layout and publicise on the website once agreed
- d) Website – The contract is back with the supplier and the issue with the upgrade has been resolved. **Action** – Clerk to arrange meeting with supplier if contract issued aren't resolved.
- e) Defibrillators – Dates have been requested when Sheepy memorial hall is free in September to hold more training, the Memorial Hall also gave permission for the new defibrillator to be installed on the outside wall. **Action** Clerk to arrange the proposed dates with the first responders and to obtain quote for the new installation.
- f) Gullies at Wellsborough – Clerk confirmed the works shall be taking place by the end of the month
- g) Street Light Main Road– LCC will not cut the overgrowth down as it is their view it is in a 30mph zone and therefore not a problem – **Action** – Clerk to see if the Parish Council can get it trimmed.
- h) Church Mews it has been reported that the footway has become a trip hazard due to large roots. **Action** Clerk to arrange quote to fill in voids
- i) Telephone Mast – The clerk reported that the best way for a mast to be erected is by the telephone companies to install the equipment and if anyone has problems with a poor signal they need to contact their phone company. The Parish Council will then decide to support/object an erection when an application is received. **Resolved**
- j) Sibson Village Hall – The village hall committee are still looking into the best solution for the heating refurbishment at the hall and they will be asking for quotes shortly and assistance for funding of the PCIF
- k) Bin it – Volunteers from the litter picking group and councillors from Sheepy Parish took part in this event and collected 16 bags of litter from Wellsborough to Sheepy
- l) Community Response Plan – A representative from Hinckley and Bosworth Council are coming to discuss this at Junes meeting.
- m) Action plan – This now needs implementing now all the councillors are in post – **Action** Clerk to forward plan to the Chairman and Vice Chairman for them to discuss

35/19 Reports:

- a) **County Councillor report** this had been circulated, no comments or questions raised.
- b) **Borough Councillor Report** –
The result of the election has returned 21 Liberal Democrat Cllrs, 2 Labour Cllrs and 11 Conservative Cllrs.
Therefore there will be a change of executive from Conservative to Liberal Democrat.
The turnout was significantly down on the 2015 election bearing in mind that we also had a general election in that year as well.

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The voters were extremely angry over Brexit many not bothering to turn out to vote and considerable numbers spoilt their ballot paper.

This almost certainly affected the result.

In my ward the percentage of the vote remained almost the same but the overall turnout was down from 1978 in 2015 to 1041 in 2019.

I would like to thank everyone who voted for me and I will do my very best as the shadow lead on rural affairs that the strategy that we laid down from 2015 to 2019 will continue and improve.

Planning

An application has been received for development of 4 properties on Orton Lane.

Jenny Bradder is the determining officer, I have spoken to her, and she will be making a site visit this week.

Clearly this application falls out of any development boundary therefore would be considered as building in the open countryside and is contrary to our policies.

I will await her findings and report back.

- c) **Police & Crime figures** –The monthly newsletter had been circulated via the website. Crimes reported in March were:
 Criminal damage in Highfield Close Sheepy Magna
 Vehicle damage and Burglary Kingfisher Way Sheepy Parva
 Vehicle Crime Manor View Sibson
 Damage and Arson Glebe Lane Sibson

Neighbourhood Watch – No report had been received.

36/19 Neighbourhood plan

This item is to be kept in the report so the steering group can report back on matters they are dealing with on behalf of the Parish Council.

Nothing to Report.

37/19 Litter and Footpaths

- a) 16 bags had been collected throughout the month, but on the whole the litter issue has improved.
- b) 10 Highfield Close footpath – Clerk Reported LCC had confirmed it was a public footpath up to the boundary of the housing estate, there was then no public right of way after this point, it was suggested it was put in to link to T13, before the line of this path was altered. There has now been a lot of objection to the reopening of this footpath during Parishioners Open Forum. **Action** – Clerk to collate all the information and report back with recommendations at next meeting
- c) Right of way the glade – This had now been cut back by the Parish Council and T13 is now a clear path **Resolved**

38/19 Speed Awareness/Vehicle Activated Sign

- a) Highway Barrel Planters – The council will look into installing them in Sheepy and Sibson as these are the locations where areas of speeding were identified whilst using the VAS **Action** Clerk to arrange
- b) It was asked if the VAS could be moved to Wellsborough, there is issues with this as there is no post and it is unable to be erected in a 50mph zone. The next location will be on Twycross road coming into Sheepy **Action** Cllr to check if the restriction in a 50mph zone still exists

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39/19 Ground Maintenance Update

- a) Sibson has a new noticeboard installed. Upton noticeboard just requires a coat of paint, which the Cllr will carry out when he has spare time.
- b) Wildflower site –

On Saturday 23 March 2019, 10 members from the Sheepy Old Boys and Sheepy Playing Field Committee spent 2 hours clearing the 'Wildflower Patch' in the Glade.

On Saturday 13th April 2019, 4 members from the Sheepy Vegetable and Flower Show plus friend spent 3 hours planting and seeding the area

A grand total of 35 hours have been spent on the Wildflower Patch.

The *Wildflower Patch is made up of:

500g of (100% flowers) Bee Wildflower Seed Mix

100g of Hedgerow and Light shade Seed Mix (which includes grasses)

208 plants (plugs) were planted:

104 plants - Wildflowers for semi shade

104 plants - Wildflowers for Butterflies and Moths

Plus another 40 or so locally donated plugs which included Yarrow and Valerian

Plus 12 Teasels were planted close to the water (adjacent to but not in the Wildflower Patch)

The plant plugs are visible and the seeded flowers/grasses should be in all its glory next year.

**Grown without the use of peat, fungicides or pesticides'*

All of the wildflower seed in the mixes are UK origin and provenance – they are from UK stock and harvested in the UK. Our particular seeds are from a Warwickshire business.

40/19 LCC Highway matters

Notice had been put on the website about the road closures for the Bosworth Half Marathon on Sunday 12th May

41/19 Policies and Procedures

- a) The councillors had been circulated the data protection policy and the Code of Conduct for the council. Both documents were accepted by the Parish Council.

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42/19 Planning applications & updates

Reference	Application Details and Location	Dated
19/00314/OUT	Land West of Oakfield Orton Lane Sheepy – Erection of 4 dwellings	23 rd April
19/00195	Re consultation demolition of Agricultural building and construct new – Byrons Court Bosworth Road Wellsborough	22 nd April

- a) Hornsey Rise – Clerk has sent letter to HBBC outlining our concern on the trees being felled at this site. **Action** Clerk to report back response
- b) Gate Cottage Church lane Sheepy – Letter has been drafted about the hedge cutting at this site. **Action** Chairman to sign and send to HBBC
- c) Erection of 4 dwellings Orton Lane Sheepy – 2 emails had been received from parishioners objecting to this development. It was discussed and agreed that Sheepy Parish council would object to this application in line with the recently made Neighbourhood Plan **Action** – Response to be drafted and circulated by steering group, then submitted to Clerk to send to HBBC

43/19 General correspondence (emailed to Councillors)

- a) LRALC Annual Meeting and Representative - Cllr Jessica Gurley Ward agreed to attend this meeting

44/19 Finance

- a) Income, expenditure and signing of cheques

Date	Method	Payee	Details	Total	VAT
23/03/19	SO	Eon	Lights	£45.21	
01/04/18	101807	Haines Watts	Payroll	£23.22	£3.87
01/04/2019	101809	Dog Bins	HBBC	£250.57	£41.76
27/04/19	101804	MBG	Ground Maintenance	£349.94	£58.32
March	101810	Clerk	Wages	£667.55	
23/04/2019	101808	Maintenance Services	Sibson Noticeboard	£480	
27/04/19	101805	Insurance	Zurich	£994.01	
01/04/2019	101806	NALC and LRALC	Membership fees	£313.94	

- b) Insurance Renewal – The Council is currently tied into a 3 year agreement so the amount was accepted and once it is near the end of the policy period the council will look into adding cover for the additional insurances in the Parish.

45/19 Health and safety updates

None

46/19 Matters to note/add to a future agenda

Internal Audit

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4th June at Sibson Village Hall (7:30pm)

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