

## **Minutes of Sheepy Parish Council Meeting Sheepy Memorial Hall – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015**

**1) Attendance and Apologies** – Pat Bingham, Andrew Gough, Stuart Hawksworth, Andrea Johnson, Brian May, Ian Papworth, Clive Stretton Rob Ward  
Mavis Bassett – Clerk, 2 Parishioners, Kevin Morrell, Ivan Ould  
Apologies: Jim Aldridge, David Clarke

In the absence of Jim Aldridge, the Chair was taken by Rob Ward (Vice Chair)

**2) Declaration of Interest** – Andrew Gough declared an interest on Council Tax and did not take part in the discussion

**3) Parishioners Open Forum** – parishioner said that the 30mph sign had now been put back in Pinwall Lane.

**4) Minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015** – the minutes were accepted as a true and correct record.

### **5) Matters Arising from Minutes**

- **Signs saying you are approaching 30 mph** – Clerk reported that permission is needed from Highways for these signs, as they are free standing street furniture, and Ivan Ould is to take it up with them.
- **Double Yellow Lines** will now be put in Mill Lane at end September.
- **Parking in Mill Lane** – Stuart Hawksworth reported that it was dangerous when dropping children off and could drivers use Giovanni's car park. Rob Ward said that he would talk to the headmistress.
- **Badgers disappearing** – Clerk was asked to write to the Police Wildlife Officer.

### **6) Report by County Councillor** – Ivan Ould reported:

- He was still pursuing 30mph limit in village but LCC now have to save £140 million and anything which is not statutory, will be stopped.
- He will be attending the meeting with Police at Parish Forum next week.
- He was dealing with a parish resident on children's social care.
- There is a cabinet meeting next week on budget issues.
- Broadband – Ivan still trying to find out the take up and said the farming community were concerned as there were still problems in some rural villages. It was noted that there was a £3,000 grant available for farmers, which could be used for alternative technologies.

**7) Report by Borough Councillor** – Discussion centred on the email received re Council Tax increase. The alternative options were discussed and Councillor Morrell explained that LCC have removed credits received for brown bins and this, along with having to re-negotiate the contract for bottles/papers etc., would leave a shortfall of £640,000. It was not possible to make any more savings from existing budgets and the options were to levy a £35 charge for the brown bin (plus £20 for second bin) but this would need an uptake of at least 45% to make it viable. The second option was to levy a £20 increase on council tax (based on band D). There would need to be a referendum if this option was taken. After discussion, the Parish Council said that they preferred the £20 increase option, providing the Borough Council continued to maintain the level of service they are providing. Parish Council also said that they would like some idea of penalties, if Borough Council did not meet their recycling targets.

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Kevin also reported on planning matters – Trout Pond Farm will go to September meeting; Pilgrim Homes is still under discussion.

**8) Correspondence** – the following was noted:

**Community Bus Partnership** – Clive Stretton to represent Parish Council at meeting.  
**HBBC** – email Kevin Morrell re council tax increase discussed under Borough Council report  
**HBBC** – Parish Forum meeting 8 September – Andrew Gough to attend.  
**LCC** – County Service Leicester Cathedral 18 October – no interest in attending.  
**LCC** – proposed double yellow lines, Mill Lane and Twycross Road  
**RCC** – AGM 17 September  
**Leicestershire Rural Partnership** – European Agricultural Fund  
**Environment Agency (EA)** – work undertaken in Sheepy the following was noted - On Thursday 27 August, the EA undertook vegetation management work on the River Sence in Sheepy which involved:

- Spraying of in channel weed growth in garden of no.23 Main Road, Sheepy.
- Spraying of Japanese Knot Weed around the Old Cattle Bridge
- Removal of a fallen tree branch near the entrance to the field (as river turns away from road)
- Spraying of in channel weed growth from the field entrance down to the footpath marker post (near where power lines cross river)
- Trimming back of any overhanging branches with potential to cause blockage (same area as above)

They hope that by undertaking the spraying following last year's more heavy duty weed removal they will be able to keep the growth in check to maintain a flow route in the centre of the channel.

**9) Neighbourhood Plan (NP)** – Copies of the minutes of the meeting were received and Revised Terms of Reference and it was noted that these now need to be signed. Andrea Johnson reported that they were talking to the RCC about how they could work with them. They had two resignations from the committee, for personal reasons, and were short of a representative for Wellsborough. The purchase of a fireproof storage container was discussed and Clerk to look into this.

**10) Broadband** – Stuart Hawksworth reported that Leicestershire was looking at different technologies.

**11) Litter and Footpaths** – a litter pick had recently been carried out and the problem area was still Ratcliffe Lane, with cans and bottles. The Parish Council thanked the litter pickers for the work they do.

**12) Accounts and Signing of cheques**

The following were presented for payment in September:

M Bassett	Salary and expenses	£565.45
HBBC	Sibson Heritage lights contribution	£2,000.00
HBBC	Emptying litter bins quarter charge	£39.31*

\*includes VAT

**13) Planning**

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The following had been circulated and no comment was made:

15/00907/FUL            Side extension to workshop adjacent Thompstone Cottage,  
Sheepy Magna

#### **14) Any Other Business**

The Clerk presented the crime figures:

##### **June**

3 burglaries Sibson, Manor View, Twycross Road and Lovelace Close

1 other theft Glebe Lane, Sibson

1 burglary, Black Horse, Sheepy

1 Anti-Social behaviour, Church Croft, Sheepy

##### **July**

1 violence and sexual offence Mill Lane, Sheepy Parva (offender given caution)

1 Bicycle theft near Twitchell Lane, Sheepy Magna (investigation complete, no suspect)

1 Anti-Social Behaviour, Riverside Close, Sheepy Magna

Andrew Gough reported that although overall the crime figures were down in Leicestershire, vehicle thefts and violence and sexual offences had gone up. He also reported on the meeting with the Police at Sheepy Memorial Hall in August and it was noted that a lot of people who use 101 are not happy. Cats eyes on B4116 have now been replaced and the nature camera which was put up in Sheepy was stolen. The Parish Council were asked for their thoughts on 30 or 40 mph stickers for wheelie bins for people on Main Road. The Parish Council were generally in favour and Andrew Gough was asked to find out how we source them.

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