

Minutes of the meeting of Sheepwash Parish Council held on Wednesday 30th January 2019, 7pm in the Village Hall, Sheepwash.

Present: Cllr. Hackett (Chairman); Cllr. Hutchings; Cllr. Trace; Cllr. Tubby; Cllr. Newby; Cllr. Ritson; 6 members of the public; Penny Clapham (Clerk).

Co-option to Council – to fill a vacancy for a councillor to Sheepwash Parish Council. Michael Francis having expressed an interest was co-opted onto the council.

1) Apologies For Absence: County Cllr. Parsons.

2) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at Torridge District Council within 28 days of the change. None declared.

3) Public Discussion – To allow any questions, reports by members of the public on any matters relating to the agenda of this meeting, or any matters the public would like the Council to consider on a future agenda.

The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes.

A reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

Parishioner commented on the retirement party for the postman; a splendid job and thank you. Council thanked Cllr. Ritson for organising the event.

Cllr. Ritson informed everyone that there is some salt outside the shed – he is also posting up a list of key-holders to the shed for extra salt if needed. A recommendation to wear gloves as this salt is very corrosive.

4) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st November, 2018, having been circulated by email were approved and signed by the Chairman as an accurate record. The planning minutes for 5th and 19th December 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

5) Chairman's Report together with District Councillor Report–

Homelessness in Torridge is a current problem; hate crime is also an issue; No Excuses team trying to bring up driving standards within the area.

Holsworthy hospital beds – may re-open in the autumn if there is doctor cover, and if staff can be recruited, which previously has proved difficult.

Hatherleigh market – concerns raised that the site may go for housing. It is hoped that the Community Interest Company may purchase this site/or another auctioneer may show an interest in the purchase.

Ruby run takes place on Sunday 9th June, starting in Holsworthy to Hatherleigh; hopefully also a shorter run. A dangerous dog in Sheepwash is featured in the police and crime report; the dog is known within the village.

Police and crime precept. Cllr. Hackett is attending the meeting where this precept will be set.

Consideration is being given to a 41p per week increase on top of the £3.20 average already being paid.

The Crime Commissioner would like to see a stronger police presence locally with the addition of an extra policeman per sector in Devon & Cornwall.

Standing orders suspended for all to comment.

Cllr. Francis does not agree with this proposed increase as unlikely to see a policeman in our rural area.

Standing orders resumed.

6) County Councillor report – none received.

7) PLANNING:

Planning Applications - Torridge District Council has asked for comments from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

- a) 1/1151/2018/REM Reserved matters application for appearance, layout, landscaping and scale, (amended description) Eastfield, Sheepwash.
Noted

Planning Decisions:

- a) 1/0949/2018/OUT Outline application for one dwelling with all matters reserved, Land adjacent to Lake Farm, South Street, Sheepwash.
REFUSED

8) FINANCE:

Expenditure:	Fine Memorials renew lettering on war memorial	£299.52	BACs
	DALC 7 copies of Good Cllr. Guide for Election	£24.43	BACs
	Employment December & January	£240.00	BACs
	PAYE Q3	£90.00	BACs
	Torridge Gates for the shed	£648.72	BACs
	Mike Ritson – expenses with shed	£25.42	to be paid
	P. Siddall – hedge trimming	£49.00	BACs to be paid
	Clerk’s expenses 1 st August to 31 st December	£133.26	BACs

Income: Interest to 31st December 2018 £16.19

Bank Reconciliation and Statement: noted.

Council resolved to accept the accounts. Proposed by Cllr. Trace, seconded by Cllr. Tubby, all in favour.

9) Budget: to agree and resolve to set the budget for the financial year 2019/2020. Budget agreed, after some reductions.

10) Precept: to agree and resolve to set the precept for the financial year commencing 1st April 2019. Council resolved to set the precept at £6,500 for the year 2019/2020 to balance the reduced budget. Proposed by Cllr. Trace, seconded by Cllr. Hackett, 6 in favour, 1 against. Motion carried.

11) Annual Parish Meeting – to agree a date for this meeting to be held between 1st March and 1st June 2019. Tuesday 2nd April. 7.30pm. Cllr. Francis will write a short piece for the Chronicle.

12) Questionnaire – agreed date for the community meeting 2nd April.

13) Garden Party Nomination – to consider nominations to be put forward. No nominations made.

14) P3 Parish Paths annual forms to be completed. Clerk to liase with Cllr. Ritson.

MEETINGS ATTENDED:

Items for Information

The next Council meeting is on Wednesday, 20th March at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.
Meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed..... Date..... Position.....

Email circulations

DALC News December Latest news from the ICO Rural Policing update

