

SHIPLEY PARISH COUNCIL

Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD TUESDAY 27th AUGUST 2019

THE COPPICE ROOMS, THE FIELD, SHIPLEY COMMENCING

AT 7.00 P.M.

In Attendance:-

Councillor K. Stevenson (Chairman) ex

Councillors G. MacDonald, Mrs. T. Skelton, Mrs. S. Iliffe. Also in attendance: three members of the public, Clerk S. Trower.

53/2020 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs. S. Bamford.

54/2020 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS & REVIEW OF REGISTER OF INTERESTS

None.

**55/2020 TO CONSIDER LEASE OF FORMER RECREATION GROUND HASSOCK LANE
SHIPLEY TO SHIPLEY ECO-ACTION GROUP**

The Chairman reported on the process of the meeting to consider an application to lease the above site for a period of years to establish a community garden. SEAG was launch in May 2019 and considered the above site as an ideal venue for the project it planned to deliver for the benefit of the community as a whole.

The Chairman referred to the previous presentation and consultation carried out by the Parish Council detailing the aims of the group for the site.

Various aspects of the proposals included the following:-

- a) Access to the site from Hassock Lane
- b) Security measures with gated access
- c) Water supply with recommendation of vandal proof tap
- d) Long term plan of action
- e) Maintenance of the site including baling of hay
- f) Shipley Parish Council would remain responsible for the boundary maintenance to Hassock Lane.
- g) Recommendation for Liaison Officer for the SEAG Group to report to Council.

The meeting noted there was currently no water supply to the Parish Council allotment site and installation to the Hassock Lane site by the Parish Council could cause tension to tenants. However, the Chairman reported this issue was separate to the application for lease of the Hassock Lane site. Discussion of potential installation of barn with water harvest area, toilet facility, investment in heritage fruit trees, hand washing facility.

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The Chairman reported on the general responses received from the residents of Shipley following consultation, none of which were against the use of the site for environmental use. The face of the project could change over time with community involvement. SEAG had reported pledges from the community to become involved in the project.

The Clerk advised a legal agreement between the parties would protect the land from potential alternative uses during the period of the lease with an option of renewal.

RESOLVED:-

- a) The Council agreed in principle to a 7.5 year lease (seven and a half years) at a peppercorn rental of £10.00 per annum, subject to presentation of a legal binding lease agreed between each party.
- b) A legal agreement to be drawn up between the parties and overseen by Amber Valley Borough Council legal team.
- c) Parish Council representative to liaise with SEAG
- d) Arrangements for vehicular parking/access through the local authority procedures
- e) Shipley Parish Council to maintain the hedges and gates.
- f) Water installation to be considered
- g) SEAG to consider funding options for the site and its environmental development.
- h) The Chairman agreed to arrange a meeting with SEAG prior to the next Council meeting to discuss the proposals further.
- i) It was agreed SEAG could commence works on the site informally prior to signature of lease agreement.
- j) Shipley Parish Council would arrange cutting and baling of the site for season 2019.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8 p.m.

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