Shouldham Parish Council

**DRAFT Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the above-named Parish Council held on
Monday 19 February 2018 at Shouldham Village Hall**

Present

Parish Councillors:

Adele Berryman, Angela Caley, Paul Gascoyne (Chairman), Keith Matthews and Nigel Walsh.

Parish Clerk – Helen Carrier

Three members of public.

1. **Accept apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Kevin Carter, Geoff Hipperson and Tom Nickerson.

1. **Declaration of interest on agenda items**

None declared.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on Monday 15 January 2018**

Having been previously circulated, it was proposed and accepted that the minutes be agreed.

1. **Report on progress on items not on the agenda**

The Clerk reported that she had telephoned Shouldham Hall care home to ask them to clear the drain and will continue contacting them until the drain is cleared. The Clerk also reported that the surveyor for UK Power Network would be attending The Green on Tuesday 20 February to discuss the quote and asked councillors who were available to attend to meet at 9am.

1. **Correspondence**

All correspondence received had been forwarded to councillors.

1. **SAM2**

Defer to next meeting.

1. **Village Green**

The Clerk had received an email from a resident regarding parking on the grass in front of the Old Rampant Horse. It was agreed to purchase some metal signs to place on the grass to ask people not to park on the grass and the signs would be signed Shouldham Parish Council. Cllr Matthews will look into the purchase of some signs.

1. **Allotments**

The Clerk had done some research on prices and polices from other parish councils. It was agreed to keep the information on file and wait until an official enquiry was made before taking this further.

1. **Bowls Club**

Bill Lodge, Secretary and Chris Jones from Shouldham Bowls Club attended the meeting to discuss the name change and update of the current lease. Bill Lodge provided the following notes for the minutes.

*Our part of the Parish Council’s meeting began with Bill Lodge presenting the Council with copies of our old and proposed new Rules & Constitution and the current lease.*

*Bill explained the main rule changes as follows:*

*1 Change of name to Shouldham Bowls and Social Club*

*2 Membership changes*

 *- anyone can join, there is now no distinction between Shouldham residents and other applicants*

 *- new membership types (football and student)*

*3 Clarification of qualifications for committee membership*

*4 Addition of sub-committees into the administrative structure*

*5 Clarification of AGM and EGM procedures*

*6 Removal on restrictions of members being able to bring guests*

*7 Updates to accommodate revisions in licencing laws.*

*All these changes had been approved by Kings Lynn & West Norfolk Licencing, and had since been recommended by Shouldham Bowls Club Committee for endorsement by the membership at an EGM to be called for this purpose.*

*Chris then explained that these changes impacted on clauses of the lease between the Bowls Club and the Parish council as follows:*

*Clauses 5 and 10 require permission from the council to replace signs (i.e. outside the club and at the entrance to Fairstead Drove).*

*Clause 22. The alteration to our rules makes rule 22 redundant. All applicants now have the same rights of application as Shouldham residents.*

*Clause 20. On the recommendation of Licencing the club may consider at some future time a change of licence to a Premises License. If this were to happen the mechanism to allow non-bowling members to use the club premises would change, no longer requiring persons to be Social Members to use the bar etc. Also the nature of events which the club might host could change. Clause 20 would require modification to accommodate this.*

*The matter was discussed and the resulting decisions were that:*

*1 There is no problem with the change of name, nor of changes of signage to reflect this.*

*2 The other changes were acceptable in principle to the Council, but would require the lease to be amended. It was agreed that Shouldham should proceed with the next Committee meeting and EGM to set up the new rules. After the rules have been ratified we would then come back to the next Parish Council meeting to initiate the implementation of the lease changes.*

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*Bill Lodge, Secretary Shouldham Bowls Club*

All agreed to the change of name and Cllr Matthews will contact a solicitor to see what changes would need to be made to the lease.

1. **Finances**
* To approve monthly payments as listed below:

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| **Name** | **Description** | **Price** | **VAT** | **Total** |
| Unity Bank | Electricity – February 2018 | 61.40 | 3.37 | 64.77 |
| CGM | Grass cutting | 1548.72 | 309.73 | 1858.45 |
| Helen Carrier | Clerks wages & expenses | 252.52 | - | 252.32 |
| HMRC | PAYE October 2017 | 46.20 | - | 46.20 |
| **TOTAL** |  |  |  | **2221.74** |

1. **Planning Applications.**

 None received.

1. **Other Business – Any additional reports and items for inclusion on the next Agenda**

**Commemoration of 100th Anniversary**

Tim Peers attended the meeting to discuss Commemoration of 100th Anniversary of the End of the First World War. Tim provided the following notes:

*At present, the village has two events organised in respect of this commemoration. i.e. a large bonfire in the field adjacent to the church, in the same format as the two previous bonfires at that location. This will be preceded by a period of bell ringing at the church.*

*I am involved in both of those events, and took the view that this does not adequately reflect the enormity of the impact that the events of 1914/18 had on the community of Shouldham.*

*Twenty nine men from the village lost their lives during this war. That is in addition to the wounded, disabled, and traumatised. At that time the village had a population similar to today i.e. about five hundred. It does not take much to imagine the impact on the community.*

*There are numerous families currently living in the village and surrounding villages, who are direct descendants of the twenty nine men who died.*

*I have started to interview some of those descendants and the stories I have heard are quite astonishing.*

*A simple example is that of the Plaice family, who at that time lived in the cottage which is now addressed as 84, Westgate Street, Shouldham.  Robert Plaice is shown as 63 years of age in the 1911 census. He was a retired Metropolitan police officer, in receipt of a police pension. He was married to Mary Plaice and they had four sons Bertie, Arthur, Harold and Ashley, all still living at home at the time of the 1911 census. The census records them as being aged 16 years, 14 years, 13 years and 11 years respectively.*

*By the time that war was declared, Bertie was living at Sandringham Estate, where he was employed as a gamekeeper.  All four joined the army, Ashley being just fourteen at that time.*

*On 12th August 1915 the 1/5th and 1/4th battalions of the Norfolk regiment attacked the Turkish lines above Suvla Bay, Gallipoli, to clear out snipers.  Witnesses later testified that the men simply disappeared, and they entered into legend as the “vanishing Norfolks,” later becoming the subject of a BBC film starring David Jason.  Among the men was Private Bertie Plaice.*

*Harold Plaice was wounded at Gallipoli and died 11th November 1915.*

*Arthur Plaice was killed in Palestine on 19th April 1917. He was also serving with 1/5th Battalion, Norfolk Regiment.*

*As a result of the effort of his mother and other villagers, Ashley Plaice was sent home, and that considerable effort is a story in itself.*

*I have already collected a series of good quality family photographs, which will illustrate the part these men played in village life. I propose to have good quality enlargements made of some of the best photos, in order to make an immediate impact on the visitors to the display. One of the pictures that I have in mind for enlargement is a formal school group photograph taken outside the old Shouldham school on The Green (now Chalk and Cheese). That photo shows several of the pupils who would, within a few years, be killed during the war. It is a very poignant photograph.*

*The display would include the military history of each individual, together with the information gleaned from my interviews.*

*There is sufficient space within the church to create a display of whatever size would be preferred. The church wardens are already in agreement with the proposals.*

*I envisage that the display could be maintained for a few days, sufficient for all interested persons to view.*

*In the event that we are not successful with our application, I will use the churches flower display boards, stood on end, braced for stability and covered in a suitable white paper to create a clean background for the display. Unfortunately that option would inevitable have a “rough and ready “look about it.*

*I have received two quotes from Norwich companies who hire display boards. I will forward those unedited, separately to yourself.*

The Clerk will contact the BCLWN Environment and Community Panel for more information on applying for funding to help towards this project and will report back to Tim and the parish council at the next meeting.

**Horse Chestnut Tree**

Cllr Caley had contacted a tree surgeon who agreed that the Chestnut Tree in the Church Yard was diseased and would need to be felled. Cllr Caley will get two quotes to be discussed and decided at the next meeting.

**Mere Plot**

Mr Caley had asked if an invoice could be forwarded to him regarding the Mere Plot. The Clerk will make sure this is forwarded immediately.

**Dog Fouling**

Dog fouling is once again a problem. The Clerk will contact BCKLWN Clean-Up team to ask for more spot checks to be taken and to ask for some dog fouling signs to be posted out.

Items for next meeting

* Shouldham Bowls Club
* Commemoration of 100th Anniversary of the End of the First World War
* Chestnut Tree

Confirm date of the next Parish Council on Monday 19 March 2018 at 7.30pm in Shouldham Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Chairman

Date

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