

SHADWELL ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Draft Minutes of Meeting held on 4th April 2016

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Debbie Potter presided over the meeting.

Present: Cllrs. Keith Pickford, Norman Taylor, Denise Trickett, Geoff Turnbull, Geoffrey Wilson, Ward Councillor Matthew Robinson, PCSOs Emmily Duffy Paul Hitchman, the Clerk and 25 members of the public

Apologies were received from: Cllr. Vickerman, Jenny Croston, Sheila Turner and Patricia Bullough.

Minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting 20th April 2015 - GW then proposed and NT seconded the minutes for 7th April 2014 be approved and signed. All agreed and the Chairman signed the minutes.

Chairman's Report to the Annual Meeting

Monday, 4 April 2016

The Chairman, Debbie Potter, opened the 14th Annual Parish Meeting welcoming the many residents present, the speakers and the Ward Councillors. She thanked Lesley Hoff, the clerk, for organising the meeting and for her professionalism and commitment to the Council

The Parish Council year started with three new Councillors joining: Juliet Shenderay, Vidya Venkatesh and Geoff Turnbull.

The Council deals with many of the same topics each month: Potholes/parking/lighting/flytipping, etc. A police report and update from Crime Prevention Panel is received.

The Parish Council has succeeded in having several new litter bins installed. These can also be used for dog waste. A new noticeboard has been erected at the library, and the two at the shops are to be repaired. It is hoped to have a noticeboard at the Shadwell Parks. The Defibrillator has been put on the Post Office wall, and it is hoped to have a second one at the Village Hall. More grit bins has been put around the Village and this helps with severe weather provision. Thanks go to the Shadwell in Bloom volunteers who have spread grit as required.

The quarterly newsletter is well received and the Chairman thanked John Macintyre for his help with its production. The Christmas Lights were once again put on the Library building in December. Thanks for this go to Mark Savage, John Macintyre and Ben Turner.

Working groups have been set up to include more residents. These cover Dan Quarry, Children's playground, allotments, young people and older people. We are working towards becoming a Dementia Friendly Village.

We welcomed the new head, Sarah Richards, at the school and look forward to working with her over the coming years.

The Chairman gave details of two events which have been organised to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.

Details of grants given to village organisations, and larger donations to community buildings and the Horticultural Society, were also given.

The Council is trying to get the Wetherby bus to run into the village. The 7S service seems to have improved.

The Chairman went on to talk about the many highway issues affecting Shadwell. Although a positive meeting was held with Highways Officers in November, nothing has actually been achieved. Issues include: parking at school/yellow lines/speed bumps/speed on Winn Moor Lane, Gateland Lane and Hobberley Lane, 20 mph restriction at the school. Of concern to many residents in the suggestion made by Highways to close the Shadwell part of Carr Lane in an attempt to reduce accidents on the A58. This is opposed by the Parish Council and the meeting indicated that it would like a petition raised against this idea if it progresses.

The Chairman concluded by thanking the Ward Councillors for their support over the year, and, in particular, Ann Castle who stands down as a Councillor in May after 24 years.

Police Report – PC Steve Atkinson

PC Atkinson reported on the crime figures for 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016 against the figures over the previous 12 months.

34 crimes were reported in Shadwell against 39 crimes in 2014/2015

2015/2016	2014/2015
Assault x 5	Assault x 1
Burglary Dwelling x 7	Burglary Dwelling x 11
Burglary Other x 6	Burglary Other x 3
Theft from Motor Vehicle x 2	Theft from Motor Vehicle x 15
Criminal Damage x 7	Criminal Damage x 0
Theft non-specific x 1	Theft non-specific x 1
Theft from dwelling x 1	Theft from dwelling x 0
Interference Motor Vehicle x 3	Interference Motor Vehicle x 3
Drug related x 3	Drug related x 3
Robbery x 3	Robbery x 3

PC Atkinson stated that, despite the figures, Shadwell was a low crime area and there had been a reduction in crimes.

A query was raised concerning Neighbourhood Watch. PC Atkinson advised that reports go to Maureen Brewer of the Crime Prevention Panel.

A resident mentioned there was drug dealing occurring in the car park in Holywell Lane and also in the Bridle Path. PC Atkinson asked that residents ring 101 with times and dates, so that the police could catch the offenders in action.

The Chairman thanked PC Atkinson for attending the meeting.

Special Constables Emmily Duffy and Paul Hitchman

Emmily advised that she had been a Special Constable for seven years and also a PCSO and was based in North West Leeds. She informed the residents that anyone who was a UK citizen and had no criminal record could apply to become a Special. They would have to go through a detailed application followed by an interview with role plays, a written test and one-to-ones. If successful, they would then be trained alongside police constables. The only difference between Specials and ordinary police constables was that their collar numbers started with a 7 or an 8.

Paul Hitchman advised that he had been a Special Constable, based at Leeds for 10 months and prior to that had been three years at Sheffield. He said that training took place at the Carr Gate complex, just off J41 of the M1. Training on this site included work in helicopters, with horses and dogs, traffic, firearms and Tasers. Police were sent from all over the country for training in Carr Gate.

The Chairman thanked Special Constables Duffy and Hitchman for all the information they had given.

“Know your Neighbour” and becoming a Dementia-friendly Community – Pam Hargreaves

Shortly after moving into the village 2 years ago, I received through MAECare, a flier asking if anyone was interested in becoming a neighbourhood connector. The volunteer would be someone as a point of contact if an elderly person was isolated or needing support/help. Might just be something as simple as exchanging a friendly word.

I have worked with “those of advanced years” and know people do need help at times and felt this would be something I would be interested in doing. It would also help me to get to know people in the village and at the same time be doing something worthwhile.

Having agreed to become involved, I needed to flag up the role. The best way to do this was through established social groups and as we all know, there are plenty in Shadwell. I visited some of these along with Barbara from MAE Care. Some people at these groups either said

they would welcome a visit, others knew of people needing a bit of a chat or help in other ways. I always say, ask their permission to give me contact details.

Following this, I learnt about someone new in the village who was feeling isolated and put them in touch with a neighbour. I took the new resident along for a coffee and now they call and see each other regularly.

Checking by regular phone calls to make sure people are ok and calling to see them, informing them of events, socials etc which they may be interested in are things I might do. I draw attention to both events organised in the village or by MAE care. MAE Care advertise their events through their newsletter.

One event coming up shortly is the iPad support session to be held at the library on 7th May. Anyone who is interested should come along between 10 and 12 that day either to volunteer to help or if they want to learn more about their iPad. This is advertised in the Shadwell News.

Collecting people to take them to village societies and MAE care events is something I've been involved in but I am also very much aware that Shadwell *is* a caring village and that many people already regularly give people lifts, call to see people who aren't well etc. It's good to be aware of anyone just requiring a bit of extra help and who maybe don't have family nearby. We recently have gained another neighbourhood connector, Jean Lister, whom some of you may know. If you are interested in this role or would like to help then speak to Barbara, Jean or myself or if you know of anyone who might benefit from this form of support, please don't hesitate to let us know.

That's a brief outline of my role as MAE Care neighbourhood connector but I've also been actively involved in the project towards making Shadwell a Dementia Friendly village and I want to tell you a bit about that too.

I became more aware of the increased incidence of dementia amongst elderly people and the movement towards communities becoming "Dementia Friendly". After discussions with the Parish Council, Vidya, one of our councillors, and I attended a volunteers course to become Dementia Champions and to find out more about what this entailed. The role enables the champion to help people to understand what it's like to live with dementia by organising information sessions. People can become a "Dementia Friend" by making simple changes when meeting people living with dementia. Little actions can make a big difference.

Many of you will know that dementia is a disease of the brain. It usually affects short term memory but can also affect communication and movement. However, with a helping hand, people living with dementia can still enjoy hobbies, have good relationships with friends and live independently for longer. Making our village dementia friendly would certainly be a worthwhile project. This can be done in simple ways such as being patient, giving people more time in shops etc. Both Vidya and I are willing to come along to any groups within the village to explain about this and to help people become dementia friends.

This might be at
Coffee mornings
Lunch groups
Brownies
Guides, scouts etc
Social groups

...in fact, it's open to anyone of any age. We are hoping to do fund raising events for activities in the village to support people living with dementia and their partners and families. The first fund raising event is an Indian dancing and artist exhibition. It will be held in the Village hall on the 23rd April. Please note that the details of the venue, date and time advertised in the Shadwell news are incorrect and hopefully you will have received an errata slip with your copy of Shadwell news giving you the correct details. Tickets are priced at £4 and are available from Vidya this evening. Please support these events if you can. All money raised will go towards activities for those living with dementia and the elderly. We also have plans for an information session with a couple of different speakers on Tuesday, May 17th. We'd obviously like as many people as possible to attend this and there will be a free light lunch provided. There will be more information later on this. Nobody knows whether they'll be affected by dementia in the future but together we can make life better for

those affected. If you'd like to be involved or you have any questions please speak to myself or Vidya.

Finally, I'd just like to tell you about another exciting opportunity which has a lot of potential. There is a proposal that the library will be open some mornings as a café. This will be a café open to everyone, but it could be made into a café with a difference. There are a growing number of Pay as you feel cafes. These cafes use food from supermarkets such as bread, vegetables, fruit which have reached their sell by dates. We all know by experience that food is often still ok by this date but supermarkets by law cannot sell this food. These cafes use the food but also have produce for customers to take away with them. They don't **sell** it but ask for a "Pay as you feel" donation. The idea is that we cut down on food waste nationally but it is beneficial to everyone. Obviously, this venture will require a number of volunteers to help run the café. If you're interested have a word with me or see a member of the council. It is still at the discussion stage and there is a lot to consider but without volunteers we can't do anything.

Thank you for your support.

Active Shadwell: focusing on Young People – Norman Taylor

Cllr Taylor advised that Active Shadwell was an initiative to increase both activity and junior development through sport. It is unfortunate that the Sports Development Unit has had staff cuts, resulting in only one remaining development officer. This means relying on volunteers. The Active Shadwell Initiative brings local sports clubs together to share information and to apply for grants. Richard Vincent is starting a Facebook page, so the clubs can talk to each other and it will be available for local residents.

The Shadwell Scouts group is particularly successful.

The Football Club has 60 members, although it now needs to find land for more pitches.

The Tennis Club has made remarkable progress in the junior sections.

The Cricket Club has now a modern pavilion and ground.

White Rose Canoe Club started 28 years ago and meets in Roundhay Park. It specialises in attracting young people and from May, will have a crèche.

Anyone wishing to start a new sports club for young people should contact Norman Taylor.

There is a Sports Grants Panel and each club has received a grant from it. Cllr Robinson is a member of the Panel.

Cllr Matthew Robinson, Harewood Ward Councillor

Cllr Robinson explained that it had been a good year for funding with both the Tennis Club and the Library receiving MICE money from the Ward Councillors. They were also looking for £20,000 for the Library, as it was in need of funding for the roof and was considered to be the village hub. He also advised of the Youth Activity Fund where local groups could bid for events – the Breeze culture – for training and coaching, to encourage youth in sport. There was also funding for grit bins.

He mentioned Broadband and said that most villages have now Superfast but there are still hotspots without. There has been a 25% take up.

Cllr Robinson advised that this area had no serious issues with flooding, although Linton Bridge would need £4.3 million to repair.

He informed residents that LCC had invested in hidden cameras in places where flytipping and dog fouling were rife. It was hoped that the CCTV signs that had been erected would act as a deterrent.

He was quick to praise the job done by the PCSOs, stating that there were changes in the ward, going from five per ward, down to three. This was despite the Police and Crime Commissioner's election promise.

He spoke about Highways issues, maintaining that the A58 was possibly the worst road in the ward. He agreed that more signage was needed in Hobberley Lane and that the speed humps in Main Street were difficult to remove but that there were far too many. It was hoped that a 20mph limit would be introduced around the school and although the parking issue was a problem, it would be difficult and expensive to find a solution.

The closure of Carr Lane would not go ahead without a meeting with Shadwell and Thorner Parish Councils, followed by a full consultation.

Cllr Robinson then asked for questions from the floor.

1. Secret cameras – this was being trialled around Wetherby and if residents knew of any sites, would they let Cllr Robinson know. There were to be press releases regarding this issue.

2. Speeding in Gateland Lane and Winn Moor Lane, needs signage. Cllr Robinson would look into it.

3. Flytipping – staff at the council tips need to be more understanding. Cllr Robinson agreed that more brown bins were needed in rural areas.

- In-Bloomers had difficulty getting passes. Cllr Robinson stated that the system had been abused but was too draconian. There was to be an incinerator installed later this year. The resident hoped that Shadwell in Bloom would get unfettered usage.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Robinson for attending, stating that both Cllr Ann Castle, who was retiring in May and Cllr Robinson were a fantastic help to the parish with their guidance and experience. She was pleased that the Parish Council had such a good relationship with the Ward Councillors.

Shadwell in Bloom - Norman Taylor

Norman Taylor explained that Shadwell in Bloom was not just about flowers but that the volunteers kept the village tidy in other ways. He stated that the work of John Ford, the Village Maintenance Contractor was invaluable, as he helped with planting and mowing, as well as other strenuous tasks.

He also mentioned how many times he had to go to the dump, with bags of “garden” and other waste.

He thanked the Friends of Shadwell in Bloom for help with funding but said that more was needed to provide for the planting and hanging baskets. He also thanked the Parish Council for its contribution.

He informed the audience that there was a Tuesday working group and it was hoped to start a Saturday working group. There had recently been five new members, looking after four specific flower beds. Anyone wanting volunteers can contact Mr Taylor to discuss.

Shadwell Independent Library - Denise Trickett

Denise Trickett advised that the main priorities were with renovation of the building. As a Grade II listed building, all work had to be done to conservation standards, which proved to be long-winded and expensive. The Library had been closed during March, as part of the ceiling had come down in the main hall. The roof also had been found to have 10 holes. This repair would be a big undertaking, costing thousands of pounds to repair and would be a major issue.

Kitchen units had been generously donated by Symphony Kitchens and would be installed during April.

Library Books – donations of up-to-date books in good condition would be welcomed. Any duplicates would be sold or given to charity.

Storytime for children was to start on a Wednesday morning and volunteers were being sought to provide teas and coffees. Two students were assisting as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. World Book Night was to be held on 23 April, during the day and craft sessions would soon start on a Thursday evening, with art on a Sunday morning. There were also regular book club meetings.

Anyone wishing to hire the Library should contact Meryll Wilford.

Questions from the Floor –

Local residents reported there was fly-tipping on Bay Horse Lane and on Coal Road. Cllr Robinson would report to LCC. He advised that there were Community Payback teams, who would be given this sort of work to undertake.

Chairman to close the first part of the meeting at 9pm and invited residents to accept refreshments and mingle.