

SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL
VILLAGE MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES
On Monday 9 January 2017 at 7.30pm
At the Recreational Centre, Holywell Lane

Norman Taylor (Chairman) (NT) (Present)
Debbie Potter (Vice Chairman) (DP) (Present)
Keith Pickford (KP) (Present)
Nirmal Tulwa (NT2) (Present)

In attendance: GW and the Clerk

18. All Members were present.
19. **Minutes** – NT and NT2 proposed and DP seconded that the minutes for April, July and October 2016 be approved and signed. The Chairman signed the minutes
20. **Declarations of Interests** – KP declared an interest in agenda item 5 – severe weather.
21. **Adjournment for questions from members of the public** – There were no members of the public present.
22. **Clerk's and Councillors' reports from the last meeting** – DP advised that she had spoken to the Chairman of Alwoodley PC to see whether any of our residents on the allotment waiting list could be offered an allotment at the new Alwoodley site. The Chairman had not ruled out the request but advised that the decision would be made in February, to give Alwoodley residents the chance to take up vacant plots.
23. **Severe Weather** – As KP is a severe weather contractor, he had no part in the discussion. It was noted that the Parish Council had two contractors to call on to plough the side roads in the event of heavy snow, Bardsey Tree Services and Mr Pickford. DP to contact when necessary. NT advised that the parish Council had plenty of salt and that SIB volunteers did most of the gritting on the footways. He stressed that there was no reason why residents did not help by clearing footways in front of their own properties, as volunteers could only do so much. NT also informed members that the gritbin champions held a key, as previously some people had helped themselves to clear their own driveways, when the grit is needed for the highway. These "champions" should not be expected to do the snow clearance.

NT asked that a recommendation should go to full Council on 16 January, to purchase a second salt spreader.
24. **Parish Paths Partnership** – DP advised that Emerald Garden Maintenance would now be clearing the footpaths annually, in April and August.
25. **Village Maintenance Plans for 2017** – the following was agreed –
 - i. Emerald Garden Maintenance to do any required work in Shadwell Parks
 - ii. Emerald Garden Maintenance to undertake any required work to the land at the Scout Hut.
 - iii. A replacement is urgently required for John Ford, who is retiring shortly.
26. **Urgent items which have arisen since publication of agenda** – DP advised that the gate had not been replaced on Path 102, at the ring road end. The Clerk was instructed to chase.
ACTION: Clerk

27. **The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm**

The next meeting to be on Monday, 24th April 2017

Signed.....Chairman

Dated