

Notes of SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 10th January 2011

Five Councillors plus County Councillor Kemp and District Councillor Long were present with Ken Durant in the Chair.

The minutes of the meeting on the 8th November 2010 were approved and signed.

Matters arising:

Waiting for contractor to install speed roundels. Councillor Kemp to chase

Police Report:

From 8th Nov. to 10th Jan. only one report of damage to vehicle, no other crimes. Good response to Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

Finance:

Figures were discussed together with the projected income and expenditure. No problem areas anticipated. Budget for next year completed and precept submitted.

Planning:

- (i) Planning Inspectorate will make final decision on Footpath 9 following one objection.
- (ii) Application for Flint Cottage has been amended.
- (iii) Shimpling Hall – application for demolition and restructure of stack – accepted by Planning.

Correspondence:

- (i) Parish Elections due to be held 5th May 2011.

Village Hall:

- (i) With most of funding available for insulation of walls, further meetings with potential suppliers will be arranged for further consideration at next meeting.
- ii) The exterior of the hall has been repainted and barge boards replaced.
- iii) Loft insulation now complete, which will bring it in line with the required specification and also hopefully help to reduce the costs of heating.

Matters for Discussion:

- (i) Affordable Housing : Work is progressing and we have received an assurance that work will be on target for completion on March 2011. Problems with mud on the roads etc have been discussed with builders, with an assurance that every effort will be made to control the problem whenever possible.
- (ii) Children's Play Area: Regulations being revised. Guarantee issues being finalised. Problems with vehicles causing damage to grass area will be rectified as weather improves.

County & District Councillors Reports.

Councillor Kemp reported on the closure of the Fire Control Room which will be relocated to Cambridge and the future of Parks and Suffolk Care Homes. It has been decided on divestment of Suffolk Safety Cameras. Cllr Kemp has arranged a meeting at Long Melford on 12th January to discuss cuts in services, such as libraries, public toilets and railway walks with a view to voluntary associations taking these over. Councillor James Long reported that the integration of services with Mid-Suffolk was proceeding.

Any other Business:

- i) The problem of local flooding was discussed and this would be investigated.
- ii) There will be a meeting with local organisations from Shimpling and Alpheton on 18th Jan. to discuss the possible organisation of celebration events for the forthcoming Royal Wedding

Next meeting:

Monday 14th March at 7.30 in the Village Hall