

## Notes of SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

Six Councillors plus County & District Councillors were present with Ken Durant in the Chair.

The minutes of the meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> May were approved and signed.

### **Matters arising:**

Dog Fouling – A notice has been put into the Parish Newsletter, reminding dog owners to clean up after their dogs and that action will be taken against anyone failing to do so.

'National Poop Scoop Week' 26/7-1/8 - Leaflets available and a supply of these will be ordered.

Improved Transport. Dial-a-Ride does not cater for villages this far outside of Sudbury. Cuts to transport services are likely, possibly towards the end of the year, as many routes are heavily subsidised

### **Police Report:**

PCSO Hannah Partington reported that there had been no crime reports in any category, from 1st May to 5<sup>th</sup> July. One ticket had been issued (on the A134) for a vehicle not having an MOT. Figures for the no of penalty tickets for speeding (A134) were available.

There was a discussion about speeding through the village, following information from SID, showing that over 100 vehicles exceed the 30mph limit, daily. It was decided that the possibility of sharing the Long Melford speed gun should be investigated and having speed limit roundels painted on the road, if this can be done free of charge.

### **Finance:**

The quarterly budget figures were discussed and it was highlighted that the cost for the production of the Parish Newsletter had risen steeply. It was decided that the amount of copy should be limited, where possible, and if residents could be encouraged to receive it by e-mail, to help reduce costs.

### **Planning:**

(i) Marchwood House: The Planning Dept. has refused the application for Marchwood House under three sections. A revised application has now been received and there were no objections.

(ii) A Planning application has been received for 'Beevers' and after a discussion about the change of use from agricultural land to domestic, it was decided that members should go and look at the site. Following a site inspection, there were no objections.

### **Correspondence:**

(i) Sudbury Court closure. The Council fully supported opposition to the closure of the court.

(ii) Shoe Bank. The council felt that there was no need for any re-cycling bank for shoes, as this is only a small village and there are other facilities within the surrounding area.

### **Village Hall:**

(i) An application for funding has been prepared to Suffolk Environmental Trust, for the insulation work.

(ii) Suffolk Acre is running a 'Challenge Acre' community project. A letter will be sent to see if this can help with the insulation work.

(iii) An estimate for the kitchen taps is still awaited.

### **Matters for Discussion:**

(i) Affordable Housing ; Funding for this scheme is available and Baker Construction have been appointed to do the work. However, the scheme has been put back, as the Council did not advertise change of use of the land.

This must be advertised for two weeks and a further two given for responses. The work scheduled to begin in June, will now begin mid-August. Completion expected late March 2011.

Applications for the properties will have to be made on-line, six weeks before the completion of work.

(ii) Children's Play Area: The Government has removed the ring-fencing of the funding for the Play-Builder scheme, so now all applications are in abeyance. Although a meeting was held on 23<sup>rd</sup> June, no decisions have been released.

The application had taken many hours to complete, Mark Taverner, from Babergh Council, had been extremely helpful, as had the Planning dept., but after meeting the dead-line, it was frustrating not to have a result. No further planning for the scheme can take place until it is known how much funding is available.

**County & District Councillors Reports.**

Councillor Kemp's report had been circulated to the Council members. Topics covered Schools Organisation Review Paused for Area Three, SCC Receives Award for Activities Unlimited, Full Council, New services to Reduce Drug Related Crime and Olympians to Train In Suffolk. He also spoke about the new Sure- Start Unit in Glemsford. He also advised the meeting of cuts to budgets that he had been made aware of.

The seminar on Travellers and Gypsies had been cancelled and the Chairman asked what the current situation was regarding this issue. It had been decided that 15 pitches should be developed across the region, but with a new Government, this is now being reviewed.

**Any other Business:**

i) Questionnaire re Decision Making in Babergh; The Chair read the options and the meeting agreed on the status Quo option.

ii) National Census: Will take place on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2011

iii) The issue of weekly collections of rubbish bins was raised and although this is unlikely in the current financial crisis, there may be some joint working with other authorities, which might look at this question again.

iv) The question of information being circulated was raised. The Chairman replied that this had stopped, as items of correspondence and also a Planning Application had gone astray. The practice will be reviewed.

**Next meeting:**

The meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 13th September 2010.