

Shimpling Parish Council Meeting 13th July 2009

Seven Councillors were present (Ken Durant part time) and the meeting was chaired by Robert Rush. Also in attendance District Councillor James Long and the Clerk Charles Pugh.

Apologies for absence from County Councillor Richard Kemp

The minutes of the last meeting on 18th May 2009 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

Under matters arising it was confirmed that after chasing, a letter had finally been received from the Suffolk C. C. Bus Transport. It was felt that the letter was dismissive and unhelpful and as this was a serious matter it was agreed that a formal letter would be sent taking issue with the contents of their reply.

PCSO Bignell was unable to attend the meeting, but it was understood that there had not been any crimes in the area. The Chairman had raised the question of speeding through the village with the police on numerous occasions, but so far had not received an acceptable reply.

The Clerk gave details of the income and expenditure since the last meeting and submitted details of the progress of the accounts against budget for the first quarter of the year. Receipts were effectively on budget with a small reduction in the anticipated interest. Payments were slightly over budget due to additional insurance for the Village Hall, as a result of revaluation, although this was partly offset due to a saving of the cost in servicing the fire equipment.

Under planning there had been a response from the planners that they had written to the developers regarding the parking of cars on the road. Mr Durant also spoke to the contractors and they have responded wherever possible. They also agreed to fill in some of the holes near the bottle bank.

A new planning application had been received for a redevelopment, of what is at present a bungalow and outbuildings, by Waverly Holding. The committee agreed that the visual impact of the new development would be low and that there would be no objections.

Certain items of correspondence were then discussed including a letter from Babergh regarding the disposal of paint, full details of which will be included in the Shimpling website and in the next edition of the newsletter.

Other items of correspondence include a request from Kernos for donations, it was agreed to continue the policy of allocating charitable donations towards the end of the financial year.

Regarding the insulation of the walls in the village hall, additional quotations were being sought, this being necessary to obtain the grants. Due to the time factor involved it was agreed that it would not now be possible to commence this work until the summer 2010 when the hall was not in use.

Affordable Housing – An initial planning meeting is due for beginning of August and it is anticipated that the open meeting will take place sometime in October, when full details

of the development will be available for viewing. Registration for housing now has to be completed on line and details will be available in the next edition of the newsletter and also on the Shimpling website.

Play area sub-committee are assessing the requirements and will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Ms Jackson attended a local Suffolk County Council meeting to discuss local transport needs. It is intended to carry out surveys in all the villages to determine the needs and questionnaires will be sent to all residents in the near future.

Councillor Richard Kemp submitted a report regarding the procedures in relation to heart attack care in the county, stating that the newer PPCI procedure was thought to be more effective as opposed to the current approach, provided treatment was received within two hours.

District Councillor James Long stated that the boundaries commission report had been delayed due to the High Court ruling that the consultation process had failed to give proper consideration to the Three Boundary proposal.

Following a robust debate on the need to return to a weekly bin collection, especially in the summer months, Mr Long agreed to bring this matter to the attention of the District Council.

Despite numerous requests to the District Council regarding the dog fouling problems, the public notices had still not been received, but they were expected shortly.

It was noted that the field owned by Mr & Mrs Deeks is now being sold and consideration should be given to see if this field may be of value to the Village. Due to the complexity of this matter it was agreed to arrange a further meeting to discuss in greater detail.

It was brought to the committee's attention the damage that had occurred to the grass verge outside Barn Meadow and this could present a safety hazard. The Clerk will write to the Highways Authority requesting action.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm and the next meeting is on 14th September at 7.30