

## Notes of SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

Five Councillors were present with Ken Durant in the Chair.

The minutes of the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> September were approved and signed.

### **Matters arising:**

Waiting for contractor to install speed roundels.

Problems with flooding Gents Lane, John Pawsey investigating.

Kerb stones in Gents Lane. New grassing and residents requested not to park on verges

### **Finance:**

Figures were discussed together with the projected income and expenditure. No problem areas anticipated. Village hall reimbursed for work carried out and new lighting. Grass cutting quotations to be examined.

### **Planning:**

(i) Beevers application approved with restrictions.

(ii) Application for Flint Cottage approved.

(iii) Chadacre Estate listed building consent received for first phase. New application for security lodge, approved by PC

### **Correspondence:**

(i) Letters from Mr Shayer have been circulated to council members and contents discussed and views taken into account.

(ii) Parish Elections due to be held 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011. Posters received for elections for Parish council, Local and AV referendum. Posters to be displayed on official notice board.

### **Village Hall:**

With monies raised approval was given to go ahead with the insulation of the walls, with work to be carried out during the summer. Vote of thanks to Charles Pugh for his hard work in preparing this project.

### **Matters for Discussion:**

(i) **Affordable Housing:** Handover of the houses due 31<sup>st</sup> March, viewings from 22<sup>nd</sup> March and anticipated move-in dates early April.

(ii) **Play Park:** Regulations amended. Landscaping discussed and it was agreed that the area must be total viewable for the safety of the children. Local residents will be consulted before a decision is made. Some form of seating to be included with disabled access being considered. Regular inspections have been carried. Final warranties being established with 20 years for main construction and five years for nets and surface areas. Goal posts need attention and will then be anchored in. It was felt there is no need for nets.

(iii) **Parish AGM and Parish Council AGM** on 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30, everybody welcome and there will be an opportunity for residents to have their say, the time for each speaker being limited to 3 minutes.

(iv) **Underground Power Lines:** Unanimous agreement for these to be underground.

(v) **Roadside Nature Reserve Posts:** The costs for these was too expensive.

(vi) **TV Switchover:** Chairman has attended a seminar/workshop. It is essential to check that all senior residents over 75 are aware that assistance is available.

(vii) **Bus Service 375.** The Council had made strong representation regarding this issue with The County Council. A new timetable with a reduced service is available and issued in the local newsletter.

(viii) **Royal wedding events:** A tea party for children under 12 from 4-6pm and a karaoke evening for the teens 8-1030 in the village hall-admission by ticket(free) only. This is a joint venture with Alpheton.

(ix) **Village Spring Clean:** Thanks to all those who helped on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

### **County & District Councillors Reports.**

Councillor Kemp reported on his efforts to save libraries, public toilets, country parks and the railway walk and there appears to be indecision on funding available. Some funding for cleaning of local toilets. Funding for school crossings available until September.

Councillor Long advised that local household sites had been retained. Re the integration and sharing between Babergh and Mid Suffolk, talks were continuing and it has been agreed that the top salary for the one chief executive has been topped at a lower level.

### **Any other Business:**

i) Complaints had been received about the condition of the roads and the erosion of the grass verges by the apparent increase of large heavy lorries and farm vehicles.

ii) Complaints had also been received regarding the depositing of horse manure over the hedges down Slough Hill. This to be investigated

**Next meeting:** There will be Parish and Parish Councils AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 at 7.30 in the village hall