

Notes of SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 14th November 2011.

Five Councillors were present with Ken Durant in the Chair. Apologies from John Pawsey & Marian Peck

The minutes of the meeting on the 12th September were approved and signed.

Matters arising:

Awaiting kerb stones for Gents Lane.

Flooding . Gents Lane . actioned . to be monitored

Village sign . refurbishment complete . thanks to Hallifax Trust for donation and thanks to Robert Rush and Laurence Rooke for their help in removing and replacing the sign..

Police Matters:

One crime . significant amount of red diesel stolen from vehicle at Chadacre.

Neighbourhood Watch . checking regarding benefits on insurance

101 is the number to call when you want to contact your local police - when it's less urgent than 999. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Finance:

Considerable increase in audit fees due to transactions on play equipment last financial year, will be back to normal this year.

S106 funds available to us, but need a project to meet with the criteria for usage.

Planning:

Trevilla: Withdrawn.

Chadacre Estate: With the increasing number of applications, development to be monitored.

Place Farm: Wind generator . application under review.

Correspondence:

Licensing act: Government new proposals being considered for events with less than 5000 people attending. This is being contested by Babergh District Council and is being supported by the Parish Council.

Matters for Discussion:

Play Park: . Awaiting consultation regarding planting of suitable trees. Additional work required following inspection, regarding matting and Rock & Cross.

Overgrown brambles on fencing have been cut back.

Core Strategy: Babergh strategy until 2031 under consideration.

2012 Celebrations: . Various ideas being considered to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the 2012 Olympic Games

Coal House & Telephone Box: Council to consider ways to improve the appearance and investigate alternative uses for the phone box e.g. Book exchange . Local events and local business advertising etc

Fly Tipping . waste left at bottle bank actioned by Babergh

Any other Business:

- i) Damaged road signs in Gents lane being attended to.
- ii) Welcome Pack for new residents to village to be prepared.
- iii) Height of some trees in The Street to be investigated for safety purposes
- iv) Some fences in The Street may be too near road. Matter to be investigated.

Next meeting: On Monday 9th January 2012 at 7.30 in the village hall.