

Shimpling Parish Council Meeting 14<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Six Councillors were present and the meeting was chaired by Ken Durant.

Also in attendance County Councillor Richard Kemp, District Councillor James Long and the Clerks Charles Pugh and Marian Peck.

Apologies for absence from M.Thew

The meeting was advised that Mrs Marian Peck would become the new Clerk as from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

The minutes of the last meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Under matters arising it was confirmed that a site meeting took place with the Suffolk Traffic management Engineer regarding the damage to the verge outside Barn Meadow and it was agreed that the problem could be resolved by providing kerb stones. Subject to funds being available this would be actioned in due course.

PCSO Bignell was unable to attend the meeting, but had informed the Chairman that due to the reduction in manpower she would only be available to attend two meetings a year, as she has 34 villages to look after. Concern was expressed regarding the reduced police presence and the matter will be taken up by the County and District Councillors.

The Clerk gave details of the income and expenditure since the last meeting. The Council had received confirmation from the external auditors that the audit fully met their requirements. The Parish Council insurance for the forthcoming year showed no increase on last year and was approved.

Under planning it has been confirmed that the revised planning application for Glencoe had been withdrawn as they are now working to the original plan.

Under correspondence, a request to form a Neighbourhood Watch scheme was discussed, but it was agreed that as there had been little interest in the past and also the need for a co-ordinator, we would not proceed at this stage, but always keep our options open for the future.

Other items of correspondence include requests for donations, all of which would be considered towards the end of the financial year, also an update on the changes to FP9 which are still being considered.

Regarding the insulation of the walls in the village hall, additional quotations had been received and consideration would now be given to raising the necessary funds. In addition the hall would need to be redecorated and consideration for additional items such as an inductive loop for those with impaired hearing. There were a few minor repair items for action and it was agreed to complete these tasks as allowed by the budget

Affordable Housing – Unfortunately due to delays in planning the Public open meeting for the 30<sup>th</sup> September has been postponed for a few weeks and a new date will be announced shortly.

Play area sub-committee have collated information on their possible requirements by visiting other sites and will be having further discussions with local residents to establish the needs.

Councillor Richard Kemp submitted details of the proposed waste site plans and provide details of the Suffolk Constabulary Speedwatch scheme. He also reminded members that the annual electric blanket testing takes place at Sudbury Fire Station on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

District Councillor Long was reminded of the concern, previously expressed, regarding fortnightly collections of the black bins, especially in the summer period. He agreed to raise this matter at the next appropriate meeting.

Under AOB it was suggested that it would be beneficial to have a timer fitted to allow for the lighting to remain on outside the village hall whilst people depart. It was agreed to investigate.

The Chairman, on behalf of all those present and all the residents of Shimpling, offered his thanks to Mr Charles Pugh for all his hard work during his time in office as Clerk to the Parish Council, he would be greatly missed, not least for his knowledge and experience and his dedication to supporting the Village. He went on to wish him a happy retirement and to welcome Mrs Peck as the new clerk

The meeting closed at 9.25pm and the next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30