

## **Notes from the Parish Council meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

**Present: Vince Humphries (Chairman), Councillors John Pawsey, Sue Salmon, Mike Thew, Trisch Jackson, Jackie Saunders and Gerald Shrimpton. Also present were District Councillor James Long, PCSO Siobhan Hemmett and Lucy Gregory (Clerk)**

**Apologies received from CC Richard Kemp**

### **Matters arising:**

**a) Coal House:** Unsure if work has been done. Waiting until spring before we look for further action.

**b) Flooding Slough Hill:** Ditch isn't blocked. It is believed the drains are. PCSO Siobhan Hemmett is contacting Highways.

**c) Play Area Trees:** Vote of thanks to John Pawsey for donating the trees and planting them at the Play Area. Thank you also to Sue Salmon, Lucy Gregory, Chris Cornish and Andrew Gregory for helping to plant them.

### **Police Report:**

Between 8.11.13 and 8.01.14 there were two reported crimes in Shimpling.

Vehicle crime in Halifax Place and dangerous dog in Aveley Lane.

PCSO Siobhan Hemmett is going to do a leaflet drop in village to remind people of the ways they can protect properties and valuables.

### **County Councillor's Report:**

Richard Kemp was unable to be present at meeting so report was circulated prior to meeting.

### **District Councillor's Report:**

Babergh is looking at Council Tax charges. Funding is being reduced so ways to save and generate money need to be looked at.

Current services in rural areas will be maintained.

### **Planning:**

Landmark House application has been granted. Councillors have noted changes made to the Trevilla application and no objections have been made to the tree preservation at Garden Cottage.

### **Financial Report:**

The monthly finance report had been circulated.

### **Correspondence:**

All emails have been circulated and there are no questions. Letter from Babergh about public bin collection charges was looked at – no change for us. Letter from magpas charity asking for a donation – was decided to put to one side and look at all donations together at the end of the financial year.

### **Village Hall:**

Nothing to report.

### **Matters for discussion:**

**i) Commemoration of WW1 in 2014;** looking into the possibility of having something visible within the village to commemorate those from the village who have died in any conflict from WW1 onwards. Looking at the feasibility of this.

**AOB:**

**i) Carbon Monoxide alarms;** looking into organisations that may have information leaflets on the dangers of Carbon monoxide.

**ii) The Croft;** Letter to Christine Thurlow at Babergh to inform her of the inappropriate approaches to Clerk and Chairman of the Council to support an application from The Croft.

**iii) Safety Mirror – Halifax Place;** Vince Humphries going to look at mirror to see if it can be repaired.

**iiii) Play Park Fencing;** John Pawsey going to put up 'No dogs allowed' sign and get 2 quotes from Mr Warner for different options of fencing around the Play Area.

Date of next meeting; Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2014.