

## SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2008.

Five Councillors were present with Ken Durant in the Chair.  
In attendance were District Councillor James Long, and the Clerk.  
Also present (Part time) was Ms Brinkley, Babergh's Housing Enabling Officer

An apology for absence was received from County Councillor Richard Kemp, and Councillors B. Jackson and R. Rush.

The minutes of the meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> may and the special meeting on the 9<sup>th</sup> June 2008 were approved and signed.

In the absence of a Police representative there was no crime report

The Clerk gave details of the income and expenditure for the period since the last meeting and confirmed that it was generally in line with the budget, with the exception of receipt of a donation from the Hallifax Trust and the purchase of a Display Stand for general use in the village and to be kept in the hall.

The Clerk reported that the application for the P3 Parish Footpaths Partnership Scheme grant for 2008 had been reduced by 50%. The new SCC Rights of Way Officer considers as its own contractor does two, it leaves just two cuts for the Parish to arrange over the more popular sections of the footpaths.

Councillor Ken Deeks left the room before The Council considered a revised Planning Application, for a two-storey four bedroom dwelling in the garden of 'Glencoe'. Members all agreed that the slight changes to the dwelling did not in any way change the objections they had to the previous proposal, which had received planning consent later in March. However unanimous concern was voiced about the reference in the application to the potential for the access to also serve another plot behind Glencoe referred to as a 'brown field site'.

The Council had no observations on a further application received for the change of use of an outbuilding at Giffords Hall.

The Chairman advised that he had obtained information from the internet that the Boundary Review Committee had announced that day its draft proposal for the new Authorities in Suffolk. It was that Lowestoft should become part of a Norfolk Unitary Authority, Ipswich should join with Felixstowe as another and the rest of Suffolk will be a third one. It will now be the subject of consultation, with a final decision being made by Parliament in Spring 2009. The Chairman & Clerk will attend a meeting later this month to learn more about the draft proposal.

Two letters of complaint received from residents in Hallifax Place were considered and steps will be taken to ameliorate the situations. District Councillor James Long agreed to take up the question of delayed response from Babergh in connection with one of the situations.

At the request of the Council, Ms Brinkley attended the meeting and gave a brief but informative talk on the various types of Affordable Housing being built in Suffolk and how the need for it could be assessed. Later the Council decided to obtain details of how to carry out a Housing Needs Survey with the help of a representative of Suffolk ACRE.

In the absence of Richard Kemp the Clerk read his brief report covering the Boundary Commission Review, SCC's Fire Station PFI scheme under which five fire stations will be rebuilt, and five more will be refurbished, of which Bury St Edmunds is one. SCC have recommended that anyone who has carers coming into their home is using a carers who has been checked and registered. Carers can be checked by ringing CSCI on 01223 771300.

Finally he advised that Suffolk Roadsafe Partnership has launched its campaign focussing on the dangers of not wearing a seat belt – a third of the fatal casualties recorded in Suffolk during 2007 were not wearing a seat belt.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm. The next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2008 at 7.30pm.