

Notes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 8.7.13 at the Village Hall.

Chair: Vince Humphries.; Councillors: Jackie Saunders, John Pawsey, Gerry Shrimpton, Sue Salmon, Trisch Jackson.

County Councillor Richard Kemp and District Councillor James Long

Clerk: Marian Peck (clerk), One member of the public observing.

Apologies for absence; Mike Thew and Hannah Partington.

Matters Arising: Babergh has been in touch with the owner of the Coal House, who has agreed to tidy the site in September.

Police Report: No crime report available, although one was subsequently received.

County Councillors Report: Richard Kemp told the meeting that the School Transport policy cost £510 per pupil each year.

District Councillors Report: James Long informed the meeting that Babergh will be introducing alternating, evening (late afternoon) meetings, in order to encourage members of the public to attend. Meetings of the Full, Overview . and Scrutiny Committees, are included in this trial.

Finance Report: This had been circulated and there were no questions. Papers for the external audit were submitted on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

Planning Applications: Trevilla – the decision has been adjourned. Streetfield Close, The Bush and Primrose Cottage received planning permission.

Retrospective permission for Chadacre Shooting Lodge was refused..

Correspondence: Letter received from Bernard Essery, thanking the PC for sponsoring the Shimpling Celebrates weekend.

The PC put on record their thanks to Bernard for all his hard working in arranging and co-ordinating the events. Also, to all those people that assisted with the various events.

Village Hall: Further insulation work remains under consideration.

Play Park: complaints have been received regarding a dog fouling on the Play Park and of a small dog being allowed to roam unattended.

Enquiries will be made from Babergh re mobile skate park equipment.

AOB: telephone Kiosk – Request for volunteer to renovate and re-paint the exterior of the kiosk. If this fails, the job will be put out to local tender. The provision of a mirror was not felt to be necessary.

Pot Holes: Those in Hallifax Place have been repaired, following a report submitted by the PC and a later complaint from a resident.

Footpaths: Chris Cooke to be asked to trim some of the taller nettles, which are on the footpaths and making it difficult to use them.

Next Meeting Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm.