

## Notes of SHIMPLING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 9<sup>th</sup> January 2012

Five Councillors were present with Ken Durant in the Chair.

The minutes of the meetings on the 12<sup>th</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December were approved and signed.

### **Matters arising:**

Kerb stones for Gents Lane no progress

### **Police Matters:**

No police report.

Neighbourhood Watch. Signs being chased. Due to other commitments Kris Notley will be resigning as co-ordinator once a replacement is found.

### **Finance:**

No response from BDO regarding the excessive charge..

S106 funds available to us, but looking for a project. Possibility of obtaining an adult/teenager equipment for the play area being investigated.

### **Planning:**

Chadacre Estate: Application for renovation of green houses has been approved

Place Farm: Wind generator – application has been rejected.

### **Correspondence:**

Suffolk Acre – Bulk buying of oil. – Savings to be made, but a co-ordinator required to operate the system.

### **Village Hall**

Great improvement in warmth and dampness since insulation completed. This was very apparent at the recent Pantomime which was once again very successful.

### **Matters for Discussion:**

**Play Park:** Awaiting completion of modifications to mats and a few other repairs.

**Diamond Jubilee celebrations.** It was hoped to be able to use the grounds at Chadacre Hall, but due to the extensive building work taking place this would not be possible. Other activities to be considered. (see separate report in newsletter).

**Coal House:** front to be cleared and a working party to be organised for action in early spring.

Telephone Box: Clarification on certain obligations being sought, but in principle there was agreement to purchase subject to the obligations being acceptable. Special paint required for the repainting, contact for source of supply to be obtained.

### **County & District Councillors reports.**

#### **Richard Kemp:**

New Chief Executive, Deborah Cadman – appointment ratified.

Libraries being taken over by Mutual Society and run mainly by volunteers.

Community involvement for picnic park, railway walk and public toilets.

#### **James Long:**

Discussions taking place re car parking within Babergh, which although essentially free for short term parking there are cost implications which have to be accounted for. Costs partially covered by long term parking fees.

### **Any other Business:**

- i) Complaint re signs being erected and then not being removed after an event.
- ii) 'Welcome Pack' for new residents to village to be prepared.
- iii) Large pot hole on Mill Hill – Highways to be notified.
- iv) Council agreed to support Alpheton regarding improvements in Broadband for the area.
- v) This year the Annual Parish meeting will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April and will be separate from the Annual Parish Council meeting which will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May.
- vi) The council were reminded that the Chairman will be standing down at the AGM and a replacement is required.

**Next meeting:** On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 7.30 in the village hall.