

**Shimpling Parish Council**  
**Meeting Minutes**

May 11, 2015

Present: Chairman: Mr. J Pawsey  
Councillors: Mr. M Thew, Mrs. S Salmon, Ms. Jackie Saunders,  
Mr. Ken Rush  
County Councillor: Mr. R Kemp  
District Councillor: Mr. J Long  
Clerk: Miss L Gregory  
Public: 1 members of the public

1. **Election of Chairman:** John Pawsey was unanimously voted to continue to stand as Chairman for Shimpling Parish Council.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Councillor Trisch Jackson and Councillor Gerald Shrimpton.
3. **Approval of minutes from last meeting:** The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015 were agreed and signed.
4. **Matters arising:**
  - 4.1. **Flooding Slough Hill;** John Pawsey has had another look at the ditch where the problem is believed to be coming from. John will contact Anglian Water as it's believed the problem is from one of their pipes.
  - 4.2. **Neighbourhood plans;** Lucy to circulate an amended questionnaire to councillors. Once it has been agreed it will be put in the newsletter with the council email and telephone number and a cutoff date for responses.
5. **Police Matters:**
  - 5.1. **Crime report;** no police were present however the crime report was circulated prior to the meeting. There was 1 crime recorded in Shimpling. John Pawsey will write to Gary Austin about the attendance of the police at meetings.

**6. Chairman's report;** John Pawsey has had a look at the grass by the bottle banks and has suggested it is mowed every now and then to keep it under control.

**7. County and District Councillors reports:**

**7.1. District Councillors Report;** James Long had nothing further to report from the annual parish meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

**7.2. County Councillors Report;** Richards report was circulated prior to the meeting. However, Richard wanted to highlight a few points from his report, including drowning prevention week, recycling is continue to rise and the surprising statement that more and more firefighters are being assaulted when they are attending jobs.

**8. Planning;** the council had received one application for some land south of Shimpling Hall Farm. It was decided the application would be discussed at the end of the meeting so that Chairman John Pawsey could leave and councillors could discuss it without John being present. (See item 12.8)

**9. Financial Report:**

**9.1. Income and Expenditure Report;** clerk to circulate to councillors.

**9.2. Annual financial report;** the clerk read out the annual financial report which summarised the previous years accounts.

**9.3. Acceptance of 2014/2015 draft accounts;** councillors decided to remove the word significantly when explaining the increase in precept for the previous year. The change was agreed and the 2014/2015 accounts were then accepted. John Pawsey signed them.

**9.4. Approval of AR Section 1;** section 1 of the annual return was approved by councillors and signed by the chairman and the clerk.

**9.5. Approval of AR Section 2;** section 2 of the annual return was approved by councillors and signed by the chairman and the clerk.

**10. Correspondence:**

**10.1. Emails circulated to members;** no comments were made.

## **11. Matters for Discussion:**

**11.1 S106 money;** John and Trisch have completed the S106 form. John is just waiting on one more quote and then the application can be sent.

**11.2 Neighbourhood Speed Watch Scheme;** No parishioners have come forward with their comments on a speed watch scheme and so councillors agreed this item could be removed from the agenda.

## **12. Any other Business:**

**12.1 Dementia friendly village;** Jackie will speak with WI to confirm what they have planned for raising awareness for Dementia and then the council can see if they need to do anything. The idea of the dementia friendly village is to simply raise aware of the illness.

**12.2 Village Hall Lease;** Mike will have a look through his files to see if he has any documents on the lease and will let John know so that he can write to Mrs. Richards.

**12.3 Village Spring Clean;** councillors would like to thank everyone that turned out to take part in the village spring clean this year. Despite the horrible weather there was a fantastic turnout and lots of rubbish was collected.

**12.4 Bus Timetable;** the timetable in Hallifax Place has been replaced and fixed however there still isn't one at the bus stop. Lucy will write to county council again and see if they can erect a new one at the bus stop.

**12.5 Potholes in Shimpling Street and Old Rectory Lane;** despite Richard Kemp contacting Paul Gant about the state of the road in Old Rectory Lane and the pothole in Shimpling Street nothing has been done. The dangers of the potholes were discussed and Richard Kemp is going to contact Paul Gant again.

**12.6 Charities;** the council was contacted by Stan Milson regarding the way the charities, that are donated to at year end, are selected. Councillors agree that more local charities should be considered and so this will be discussed when it next comes to selecting charities.

**12.7 Co-option of Jackie Saunders, Councillor;** councillors co-opted Jackie Saunders onto the council. She signed a declaration of acceptance of office.

**12.8 Land south Shimpling Farm planning application;** John Pawsey left the meeting so that councillors could discuss the planning application. Councillors decided it would be appropriate to ask for an extension on the time given for their comments and also asked for clarification of what outline plans meant. Clerk to contact Steven Stroud for answers to councillor's questions and will then circulate along with the plans so councilors can have a good look and make their comments based on the information received.

**13.**Next meeting: The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Lucy Gregory

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