

Shimpling Parish Council
Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting of the Council
Thursday 25th May 2017, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Chair: Sue Salmon
Councillors: Gerry Shrimpton, Liz Brunwin, Katie Haselhurst
Clerk: Linda Goodban
Public: 3 members of public

1. **Apologies for absence:** No apologies were received.
2. **Declarations of Members Interest(s):**
 - a. **To receive disclosure of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest(s) including gifts of hospitality in excess of £25:** No declarations or disclosures were received.
 - b. **To consider requests for dispensation for the agenda item(s) under discussion:** None disclosed
3. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting(s) as listed below:**
 - 3.1. Members agreed that minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish held on 8th May 2017 were a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.
 - 3.2. Members agreed that minutes of the Annual meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th May 2017 were a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.
 - 3.3. The following amendment was made to minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 8th May 2017: Item 11. Planning application B/17/01038 – The Bush, Shimpling Street: amended to state that the application falls outside the development envelope and therefore the council will not support this application and a recommendation of refusal will be sent to Babergh.

Following this amendment it was agreed the minutes were a true and accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the chairman.

Public Participation session

The following item(s) were raised by members of the public in attendance.

- a) **Travellers site:** Concerns were raised by several members of public regarding rumours of proposals for a Travellers site to be located within the Village. Members were aware of these rumours and advised that following consultation with local authorities, to the best of our knowledge these are just rumours and there are no such plans at this time for a traveller's site. GS advised he is closely watching the land registry for transfer of ownership of land in the area that has been reported as a possible location for such a site and that the council continue to be vigilant in checking for any such proposals.
4. **Finance report for Audit 2016/17:**
 - 4.1. The clerk presented year end summary of Parish Council accounts, including income and expenditure as prepared for submission to Audit. Following discussion of the accounts statement and comparisons of budget it was agreed the statement reflected an accurate summary of the Council accounts for the year 2016/17 and they were duly approved unanimously for submission to Audit.

4.2. Audit Accounting statement for 2016/17 was approved by members as an accurate record of financial statement for the year.

4.3. Financial Reserves: Following discussion it was agreed that £1000 be held in reserves for training as we have a new clerk, chairman, members and currently a vacancy, and that £5000 be held as an emergency contingency fund as we are owners of the Village Hall and therefore have responsibility for the upkeep the premises in the event of any damage.

5. Planning Applications for consideration: The following planning applications were received for consideration by the council;

B/17/01043 – Plot 2 on Land Northwest side of Gents Lane, Shimpling (FUL) – Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling (following demolition of existing structures): This item was discussed and it was agreed the council would not oppose this application, however concern was raised over road conditions and accessibility during construction. The Planning Office and Highways will be asked to consider this within the planning conditions.

B/17/01044 – Plot 1 on Land Northwest side of Gents Lane, Shimpling (FUL) – Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling (following demolition of existing structures): This item was discussed and it was agreed the council would not oppose this application, however concern was raised over road conditions and accessibility during construction. The Planning Office and Highways will be asked to consider this within the planning conditions.

6. Any other business

6.1. Wi-Fi within the Village Hall: Cllr G Shrimpton asked if provision of Wi-Fi at the village hall could be placed on the agenda of the next meeting for consideration.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.22pm.