

**Shimpling Parish Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting of the Council**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 7.30pm in the Village Hall**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Liz Brunwin (Chair), Ken Rush, Colin Johnston  
**Clerk:** Stuart Palmer (SP)

1. **Apologies for absence:**  
Katie Haselhurst Gerry Shrimpton Dan Sharpstone
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:** Nothing raised
  - b. **To consider requests for dispensation for the agenda item(s) under discussion:** None disclosed
3. **Minutes of previous meetings:**
  - **To confirm the minutes of Annual meeting of the council (AGM) 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
The minutes were confirmed
  - **To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018**  
The minutes were confirmed.

**Public Participation session**

The following matters were raised by members of Public

Regarding the planning application to be discussed, one member of the public raised his concerns about the amount of construction traffic using Rectory Lane during any proposed development. He stated the lane was not designed for this purpose or the size of the vehicles that would use the lane. The comments were noted and he was advised that he can write independently to Babergh DC to make his own comments directly. Another member of the public, believed to be the applicant, said it was her intention to live in the conversion.

4. **Planning:** The council discussed their response to the consultation by Babergh DC to a planning application they received for the Barn at Shimplingthorne – application DC/18/02251  
The council noted it was a change of use conversion application. There were 3 issues raised:
  - **Access –** The planning statement indicates direct access off Rectory Lane whereas the access is very tight as there is a narrow track before it joins the tarmac section. It was felt there was no room for two vehicles to pass each other, indeed the public have said that cars have to use their drive to pass. The Parish Council (PC) should ask the District Council (DC) how it proposes to deal with this problem if permission is granted. It was also noted that vehicles are generally bigger now than were in use when this lane was originally put in place.
  - **Immediate environment of the barn-** this is not in a conservation area but reference is made in the environmental survey to the nearby ancient woodland. The PC should question the DC about construction techniques that take account of this. It was also noted that there were two very splendid trees in front of the barn and it was the council's view that any planning consent should protect these.
  - **Buildings to be converted –** It was noted that the plan was for a sympathetic conversion of the barn into residential property using the existing structure which is sound and capable of being converted. If approved, the planning authority should enforce this plan. There is no mention of the other buildings on the site and the PC will ask the DC for clarification on intentions for the rest of the site.

The council resolved, unanimously, to support the application but will raise the questions and concerns set out above in their response to the DC.

**5. Finance:**

- (a) Lark Valley Willow** – Approval of invoice for £591.60 for triannual grass cutting
- (b) .SALC** – Approval of invoice for £24.73 book – Local Councils Explained
- (c) Ace Fire** – Approval of invoice for £100.08 for servicing Village Hall appliances
- (d) Annual Statement of Accounts** – This was signed off by the council.

**6. Urgent business to be brought to attention of council:**

There were no urgent matters.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.10pm.