

Shimpling Parish Council
Draft Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Thursday 26th July 2018, 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Liz Brunwin (Chair), Colin Johnston, Dan Sharpstone, Gerry Shrimpton (from 7.45pm), Katie Haselhurst (from 7.55pm)

Clerk: Stuart Palmer (SP)

1. **Apologies for absence:**
Mike Atkins apologies received and accepted
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 Parish Council meeting of 9th July 2018**
The minutes were confirmed

Public Participation session

One member of public present. No items raised

4. **Planning:** The council discussed their response to the consultation by Babergh DC to the following planning applications and appeal they received:
 - a) DC/18/03094 – Planning Permission Application – Cracketts, The Street, Shimpling. IP29 4HU
 - b) DC/18/03095 – Application for Listed Building Consent - Cracketts, The Street, Shimpling. IP29 4HU
These applications taken together as they concern the same work. The council; supported the application as an opportunity to renovate a property. **Action – Clerk to send a letter of consent**
 - c) DC/18/03140 – Application for Listed Building Consent – 9 Gents Lane, Shimpling IP29 4HP
The council were concerned about the lack of details in the application and felt it was difficult to judge on limited information. The council agreed to consent to the application but to raise further questions for the planning authority and concern that further unknown planning applications may be planned. **Action – Clerk to raise a letter of consent but raise questions**
 - d) APP/D3505/W/18/3196511 – Planning Appeal - The Bush, The Street, Shimpling IP29 4HU
The council discussed a previous decision to object to the above planning application that is now subject of an appeal. The council noted that since the initial refusal Babergh had published its recent housing supply report. Therefore it was believed that all the policies that were ‘conditional’ in the initial application could now be relied on fully. The council decided to continue their objection to the application and resist the appeal on the following ground:
Car Parking – Existing problems would be exacerbated
Heritage – Not a listed building but real concerns about significant changes to character of a significant village property
Unsustainability – Pub is last remaining parish amenity. Concerns that this development will lead to eventual closure
Economic – Further residential development will impeach on viability of the pub as a business for future tenants.
Action – Clerk to raise a further letter of objection for the appeal.
 - e) DC/18/02812 Marchwood House – Update.

A member gave an update on the application. He stated that there appeared to be errors and inaccuracies in the application. These had been raised with the case officer but to no response as yet. The member agreed to pursue.

f) DC/18/02251 – Planning Decision - Barn at Shimplingthorne, Shimpling IP29 4HQ

The council had received notification that the development was marked up for prior approval and that no approval was needed. The council expressed concern that there had been time wasted when there was no need for the council to act.

5. Finance:

(a) Suffolk Association of Local Councils (SALC) – The clerk informed the meeting that he had a request for payment for an internal Audit completed in June 2017. He could find no evidence of receipt or indeed payment and recommended late payment. Approved payment for £162.00

(b) .L Rooke – Payment authorised for £78.44 for materials only for repair of two broken manhole covers beside the Village Hall.

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

A member requested the reinstatement of the practice of writing to new members of the village and volunteered to lead. This was agreed.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.35pm.