

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

**MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL ON
TUESDAY 10TH APRIL 2007 AT 8.30 PM**

Present: Mr Martin Miles (Chairman), Mr Mark Beadle, Mrs Libby Cohen, Mr Nicholas Giles, Miss Lynette Sargent, Mr James Sheldrick, Mr Curtis Galbraith (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Rachel Simpson

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The draft minutes of March were agreed by the council and signed by the Chairman.

3. Borough & County Councillors Reports

None

4. Questions from the Public

None

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Finance

The Clerk handed out copies of the monthly financial statement. The bank balances at 31st March were c/a £ 173.11, d/a £ 11687.85. It was agreed to make two payments:
1. C Galbraith (Clerk's remuneration 6mos + £50.00 expenses) £ 800.00 (100276) 2. Allianz Cornhill (Insurance) £ 309.38 (100277).

It was agreed to complete the TMBC Outturn Statement enclosing a note of funds committed but not yet spent. No action will be taken at present to update the John Swan Charity return. The Audit Commission has notified the council of the name of this year's external auditor.

7. Roads / A227

The 50/40/50 scheme speed limit signs had been installed. Further works were expected. It was thought that already there was a noticeable slowing of traffic through the village. The Clerk will contact Kent Highways to express the view that some of the sign posts are definitely too tall.

Cllr Sheldrick asked whether the overflowing drains to the southbound carriageway of the A227 at the bottom of Fairlawne Hill could be reported to Kent Highways.

8. Commons

The Chairman had reported on the Common car parking issues at the preceding APM. He and the Clerk had met with board representatives of The Fairlawne Estate Company and a formal response was expected within two weeks.

Cllr. Sheldrick declared a personal interest in this item by connection of employment.

9. Planning – decisions, applications, enforcement and other issues

a) Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council decisions:

1. TM/07/00485/TNCA Larches, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne, TN11 9PN
Proposal: *Remove overhanging branches and reduce height by 30% of 1 no cherry tree and remove secondary trunk of 1 no yew tree and reduce by 30%*
TMBC Decision: No Objection

b) Planning Applications:

In order of receipt. Declarations of interest as individually noted.

1. TM/07/00849/EL – Little Budds, Mote Road
2. TM/07/00924/EL – Plantation Farm, Tonbridge Road
3. TM/07/00926/EL – Marchurst, Hildenborough Road
4. TM/07/00928/EL – Tinley Lodge, Hildenborough Road
5. TM/07/00938/EL – Tinley Lodge, Hildenborough Road
6. TM/07/01084/EL – Nut Tree Cottages, Hildenborough Road

All of the above applications are proposals to replace minor sections of existing overhead electrical supply conductors with a single ABC (bundled) conductor.

View – already submitted “If, as per the applications, the lines are purely replacements for existing lines – and it understands that the work is only to replace existing multi low voltage conductors with a single ABC (aerial bundled conductor) – then the view of the parish council on all these applications is: No Objection”

Note: The Clerk reported that a copy of an email received from Mr Steve Humphrey of TMBC, and after the submission of view, expressed the general opinion that where possible replacement electrical conductors should be underground. The Clerk had replied and will underline the view of the council that it too would prefer new installations to be routed underground.

c) Enforcement and other planning issues:

1. Wagoners, Back Lane: The owner has notified the council that demolition of the barn has been scheduled for November.
2. Puttenden Manor, Puttenden Road: The response to the Planning Inspectorate confirming the council’s support for TMBC’s enforcement action has been sent.
3. The Meadows, Hildenborough Road. The parish council will continue to press for the removal of the plywood boarding and to ensure that all conditions of the original permission are met.

10. Rights of Way

The council has received copies of several detailed emails between Alan Bristow and KCC's Rights of Way Officer. These are for information only at this stage.

11. Village Hall

None

12. Correspondence (not circulated or dealt with elsewhere)

The Clerk will instruct Mayo and Perkins to draft a response to Mr Ron Williams following his response clarifying his requirement of access to the field.

13. Any Other Business

TMBC's notification suggested that the new council would be formed from those nominated in an uncontested election. Cllrs. Nick Giles and Rachel Simpson did not stand. Mr Stephen Davis and Mrs Susan Lee had been nominated along with Mark Beadle, Libby Cohen, Martin Miles, Lynette Sargent and James Sheldrick.

Cllr Cohen said that she was in the process of obtaining a quotation for the village sign.

Following the fire at The Rifleman when the fire hydrant outside the premises was said to be inoperative, subsequent information obtained by the Clerk, resulted in agreement to write to the Manager of the Water Services Office of Kent Fire and Rescue to try and obtain a list of fire hydrants in Shipbourne along with confirmation of their operational status and inspection records.

The Clerk will discuss suggestions for outside events at The Rifleman with the licensee.

The meeting concluded at 9.15pm

Signed: _____ (Chairman)

Dated: _____

The date of the May meeting was agreed for Monday May 14th (at 7.30pm in the Village Hall).