

SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting held in the Village Hall on Monday, 12 April 2010 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. M. Miles (in the Chair)
Mrs. L. Cohen, Mr. J. Raven, Miss L. Sargent, Mr. J. Sheldrick, Mr. N. Tyler

2 members of the Public

Councillors were reminded to disclose personal and prejudicial interests on matters to be considered at this Meeting.

The Chairman welcomed everybody to the Meeting and asked Councillors to introduce themselves.

1. **APOLOGIES**

An apology was received from Borough Councillor Mrs. S. Murray and Mr. S. Davies

2. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

The PC decided to accept questions from the Public at the beginning of the meeting.

A Shipbourne resident expressed concern over the unacceptable levels of noise and other forms of disturbance from properties in Upper Green Lane let to tenants of Russet Homes.

RESOLVED: The Clerk will write to Sarah Taylor the Anti-Social Officer at TMBC to express Concern and ask what they intend to do to help. The Clerk will also contact the Planning Department to question the issue of whether Planning Permission for the flats was granted on the basis that they would be occupied by over 55's.

It was also raised whether there would be another annual Litter Collection Day for Shipbourne as in previous years.

RESOLVED: A date in May will be suggested by the Clerk in the next Parish newsletter for a Litter Collection Day.

3. **MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 March 2010, Reference SPC/03/10, previously circulated, were approved, subject to the following amendments:-

*Page 1, Item 3 should read : " The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15 **February** 2010"*

Page 1, " Mr Sheldrick expressed a personal interest..." should be before Item 4.

*Page 3, item 6.2 to add " **Miss Sargent** attended the meeting" and should read "with the Highway **Drainage** Inspector"*

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Mr. Sheldrick expressed a personal interest and left the Meeting.

4.1 "Green space" outside Wightwicks Row (Minute 4.1 SPC/03/10)

The Clerk reported that correspondence with the Land Registry suggested that this strip of land is not registered. The clerk had also obtained forms for the Parish Council to complete and

attempt to register this land as “an Adverse Possession of Unregistered Land”

RESOLVED : The Clerk to investigate further the process and if appropriate complete the forms for a possible Adverse Possession of Unregistered Land.

- 4.2 Public Rights of Way – Proposed amendments to Public MR392(Part) (Minute 4.2 SPC/03/10)
A draft response prepared by Mrs. Cohen to be sent as the objection to the Public Path Diversion Order was discussed and amended. All comments need to be submitted in writing by 28 April 2010. It was noted that other bodies including Medway and District Footpaths Group had expressed concern over the proposals and would be sending an objection to KCC.

RESOLVED : Mrs. Cohen will finalise the response for the Clerk to send to KCC by 28 April 2010. The Clerk will also send a covering letter requesting that the comments are sent in full to the Secretary of State for his consideration.

Mr. Sheldrick returned to the Meeting.

- 4.3 Structure of Committees and Village Organisations (Minute 4.3 SPC/03/10)
Mr Miles reported on a meeting on 9 April 2010 to discuss the Emergency Plan. It was resolved that Alan Bristow and Curtis Galbraith will carry on as before as a specialist unit managing the SPC Emergency Plan. It was agreed that any updates on the Emergency Plan should be reported annually at the Parish Council Meeting in June.
A meeting with ROW is now required.

RESOLVED : Mr Miles to arrange a date for all Parish Council Members to meet with ROW in the Village Hall.

- 4.4 War Memorial (Minute 4.4 SPC/03/10)
Miss Sargent reported that quotes had been obtained for the cleaning and engraving of the War Memorial. Miss Sargent had also obtained the forms to apply for a Grant which could possibly fund up to half of the cost.

RESOLVED : The Clerk will complete the forms to apply for a Grant to fund this work.

- 4.5 Telephone box & street lights (Minute 4.5 SPC/03/10)
Miss Sargent reported on an article that had been in the local newspaper discussing the possible future use of the telephone box. Miss Sargent will shortly put a date in the Parish Newsletter for residents to meet and offer their services to clean and repair the telephone box.

5. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**

5.1 Report from Chairman

It was suggested by the Chairman and agreed by all that minutes of meetings should be put on the website in draft format at the earliest opportunity having been circulated for comment to all Parish Councillors.

5.2 Report from Councillors

There was no report.

5.3 Report from Clerk

The letter from Cath Anley regarding the Mobile Library and single staffing implementation due to commence on 19 April 2010 was noted.

8.30 p.m. *Miss Sargent offered her apologies and left the Meeting.*

6. PLANNING

- 6.1 Planning Applications for consideration.
None to consider

6.2 Decisions from TMBC

TM/09/03203/FL The Spinney, Tinley Lodge Farm, Hildenborough

Demolition of existing 4 bed property and construction of a replacement 4 bed property including basement accommodation – GRANTED

7. REQUESTS FOR DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS

- 7.1 Kent Association of Local Councils

It was agreed to renew the annual subscription of £216.55.

8. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Payments in respect of cheque numbers 100417 to 100420 were approved and receipt number 013 was noted.

9. INFORMATION REPORT

The information report was noted.

10. MATTERS TO BE RAISED AT NEXT MEETING

Mr. Miles reminded Members that the Annual Parish Meeting would take place on 10 May 2009. The Clerk reported that invites for the APM had been sent and the Notice/Agenda would be put on the Parish Noticeboards.

The Clerk will circulate the draft accounts to all Members prior to the meeting.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10 May 2010 after the Annual Parish Meeting

The Meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.