

**SHIPBOURNE PARISH COUNCIL**

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PRESENT: Mr. M. Miles (in the Chair)  
Mrs. L. Cohen, Mr. S. Davis [arrived 7.45 p.m.], Miss L. Sargent,  
Mr. J. Sheldrick

IN ATTENDANCE: 5 Members of the Public  
Mrs. Y. Tredoux (Clerk)

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

**1. APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

**2. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 July 2009, Reference No SPC/07/09, previously circulated, were approved.

**3. MATTERS ARISING****3.1 "Green space" outside Wightwicks Row (Minute 3.1 SPC/07/09)**  
*Mr. Sheldrick declared a prejudicial interest and left the Meeting.*

The Chairman reported that correspondence had been received which suggested that the land might be regarded as Kent Highway Services owned land. *It was agreed to investigate this suggestion.*

*Mr. Sheldrick returned to the Meeting.*

**3.2 Bank arrangements for signing cheques (Minute 3.3 SPC/07/09)**  
Councillors were reminded to provide their details to the Bank.**3.3 Church Footpath (Minute 3.4 SPC/07/09)**  
A response from the PCC had not yet been received.**3.4 Highways – Claygate Lane (Minute 3.5 SPC/07/09)**  
Further enquiries would be made as a response from KHS was awaited.**3.5 Highways – Back Lane (Minute 10 (a) SPC/07/09)**  
Kent Highway Services advised that the request to implement a reduced limit in Back Lane did not meet the criteria, i.e. there had been no Police recorded accidents.**3.6 Public Rights of Way – Proposed amendments to Public Footpaths MR347, MR350, MR391, MR392 and MR393 (Minute 10 (a) SPC/07/09)**  
*Mr. Sheldrick declared a prejudicial interest and left the Meeting.*

*8.05 p.m. The Chairman adjourned the Meeting and invited Members of the Public to present their views.*

Members noted two letters from residents (previously circulated with the Agenda), as well as one letter from a resident (tabled at the Meeting), and a report prepared by Mr. Alan Bristow, Chairman of the Public Rights of Way Group (also tabled at the Meeting).

Mr. Bristow explained in detail the Group's view on the individual paths and said that he had fully discussed the proposed amendments with representatives from both the Ramblers Association and The British Horse Society, whose main views were similar to that of the Group.

*8.35 p.m. Mr. Sheldrick offered his apologies and did not return for the remainder of the Meeting.*

Another resident was invited to speak and drew attention to his letter (tabled at the meeting), expressing concern about the proposals, which, in his view, were not in the common interest. It was thought that people visited Shipbourne to enjoy the views and sense of space and openness and felt that these proposals, if allowed, would make the routes unattractive to the detriment of the walkers.

*8.50 p.m. The Chairman re-convened the Meeting.*

*It was agreed to write to KCC as follows:-*

The majority view of the Council is that the amendments should be regarded as a "package" and not just as individual footpaths and it was felt that some of the proposed amendments might be considered as having a detrimental effect on the Parish, however, with regard to the individual proposals, the Council agreed to comment as follows:-

***Footpath MR347***

SPC understands that the proposal to extinguish part of Footpath MR347 has been withdrawn.

***Footpath MR350***

This footpath is not in Shipbourne Parish.

***Footpath MR392***

SPC agrees that the proposed diversion is in the landowner's interest, however, SPC does not believe that the proposed diversion would not be substantially less convenient to the public as the existing historic footpath network is considered to be of particular scenic importance and the proposed diversion would result in losing the long distance views of the Church, therefore SPC objects to this proposal.

*Mr. Miles was not in agreement with the above statement, and voted against, however, the vote was carried by the majority.*

***Footpath MR391***

SPC agrees that the proposed diversion is in the landowner's interest but an alternative route should be agreed.

***Footpath MR393***

SPC has no objection to the proposed extinguishment on the ground that it is not needed for public use.

*It was further agreed to inform KCC that SPC strongly urges Kent County Council to recommend to the landowner to enter into discussions with representatives from the different Groups/Parties who use and regulate these paths to negotiate the proposals as a whole and perhaps consider alternatives, and that following such a debate, a re-submission of the applications be forwarded to Kent County Council for further consideration, which might ease the decision making process.*

*9.40 p.m. Mr. Davis offered his apologies and left the Meeting.*

- 3.7 Gallery” page on the website (Minute 3.6 SPC/07/09)  
 Permission was given to include a new business on the Parish Council’s website. Members discussed the current arrangement whereby Mr. Galbraith required authorisation from the Parish Council to include new ads on the website, *and it was agreed that, in order to expedite the process, Mr. Galbraith be given permission to approve new applications, and to report these to the Parish Council as soon as possible, however the Parish Council retained the right to remove any advertisements if deemed not suitable.*
- 3.8 Review Standing Orders and Financial Regulations (Minute 3.7 SPC/0709)  
 A meeting had been arranged for 28 September 2009.
- 3.9 Parish Council Vacancy (Minute 6.2.1. SPC/07/09)  
 TMBC advised that no elections had been requested for the vacancy and that the Parish Council might proceed to fill the vacancy by co-option.  
  
*It was agreed to advertise the vacancy in the newsletter and on the village notice boards. Co-option would take place at the October Parish Council Meeting and the deadline for applications would be Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> October.*
- 3.10 Village Sign – Increase of post (Minute 6.2.2 SPC/07/09)  
 A letter had been sent to Fairlawne Estate on 1 August 2009 and a reply was awaited.
4. **Borough & County Councillors’ Reports**  
 There were no reports from Borough & County Councillors.
5. **Questions from public**  
 Questions from Members of the Public and Press had been taken elsewhere during the Meeting.
6. **COMMITTEE AND OFFICER REPORTS**
- 6.1 Planning Committee  
 The Report of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 13 August, Reference No P/03/2009, previously circulated, was received.
- 6.2 Report from Chairman  
*Kent Minerals and Waste Development Framework (Consultation)* : An invitation to comment on the Scoping Report for the Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment was noted.  
*Scrutiny Review (The Regulation of Quarries in the Borough)* : A letter dated 12 August from TMBC was noted.  
*Tonbridge & Malling Local Development Framework Plan Document* : A public hearing would commence on 25 November and the Council was invited to attend a pre-hearing on 6 October.
- 6.3 Report from Councillors  
 There were no reports from Councillors.
7. **PLANNING**
- 7.1 **Planning Applications for consideration.**
- 7.1.1 TM/09/02062/LB – Fairhill, Riding Lane, Hildenborough  
 Listed Building Application: Enhancement and restoration of dilapidated garden surrounds to house incorporating extended stepped terrace area paving, retaining wall, terracing including balustrading, pathways, steps, pergola, summerhouse, tennis court, natural swimming pond, lawns, tree, shrub and perennial border planting, fountains, ornamental water features and ornamental pool, hardwood surfacing, post and rail fencing and driveway paving with edging.  
**RESOLVED:** *That the following representation be sent:*  
 Recommend APPROVAL

- 7.1.2 TM/09/01935/FL – Puttenden House, Puttenden Road, Shipbourne  
Alteration of roof pitch over study to create loft space, ground floor to remain as approved.  
*RESOLVED: That the following representation be sent:*  
*Recommend APPROVAL*
- 7.1.3 TM/09/01873/RD – 3 Church Gate Cottages, Stumble Hill, Shipbourne  
Details of parking spaces pursuant to condition 2 of TM/06/02256/FL for (Variation of condition 1 of planning permission ref. TM/01/01043/FL [internal alterations, two storey extension to rear and minor works to front door/porch] to extend the time period which works can commence by a further 3 years).  
*RESOLVED: That the following representation be sent:*  
*Recommend APPROVAL*
- 7.1.4 TM/09/01939/RD – Valley House, Shipbourne Road, Tonbridge  
Details of car parking and turning area pursuant to condition 3 of planning permission TM/08/00943/FL : Alternative scheme to TM/07/03359 for conversion of barn into dwelling.  
*RESOLVED: That the following representation be sent:*  
*Recommend APPROVAL*
- 7.1.5 TM/09/00587/FL – Mote Farm, Mote Road, Ivy Hatch, Sevenoaks  
Change of use of part of old farmyard to gardeners' compound and minor alterations to buildings plus foul sewer connection.  
*RESOLVED: That the following representation be sent:*  
*Recommend REFUSAL. The Parish Council's views as per letter dated 27 April 2009 remain unchanged.*
- 7.2 **Decisions from TMBC:**
- 7.2.1 TM/09/01509/LDP – Rosemead, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne  
Lawful development certificate for proposed conservatory – *GRANTED*.
- 7.2.2 TM/09/04130/LB – Yew Tree Cottage, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne  
Listed Building Application : Demolition of rear porch and erection of single storey link/sun room with access from hall by forming doorway in place of window – *GRANTED*.
- 7.2.3 TM/09/01429/FL – Yew Tree Cottage, Upper Green Road, Shipbourne  
Demolition of rear porch and erection of single storey link/sun room with access from hall by forming doorway in place of window – *GRANTED*.
8. **RIFLEMAN PUB – UNAUTHORISED BENCHES ON PARISH COUNCIL'S LAND**  
It was brought to Members' attention that the landlord had moved two of their garden benches out onto the Green (Common Land owned by the Parish Council), without seeking prior permission.  
  
*It was agreed to advise the landlord that the Parish Council could not allow this action and that the furniture should be removed.*
9. **REQUESTS FOR DONATION / SUBSCRIPTION**
- 9.1 J5SLIPS.ORG – Request for a donation of £200.  
A request for financial support from J5Slips.Org (an organisation campaigning to improve the traffic congestion along the A25), was rejected. Members noted County Councillor Mrs. Valerie Dagger's support for this group, but the Parish Council felt that it was not in a position to contribute financially.
- 9.2 Tonbridge & Malling Citizens Advice Bureau  
A request for a financial contribution was declined.

10. **ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**  
Payments in respect of cheque numbers 100381 – 100387 were approved and Receipts £1-10 (Gross Interest) and £709-59 (Vat Refund) were noted.
11. **INFORMATION REPORT**  
The Information Report was noted and the relevant papers were laid at the table.
12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
12 October 2009

The Meeting closed at 10.05 p.m.