

SHADOXHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall on Wednesday 16 April 2014 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Mr W Hollands (Chair), Miss M Smith, Mr R Buss, Mr S Frost, Mr B Howe
and Mr A Porter

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLORS: Mrs A Hicks

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr M Angell

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 8 Members of the Public present

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An Apology for Absence was received from Mrs Kozlowski (family commitment),
Borough Councillor Davison and PCSO Carr.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest

There were no Declarations of Significant Interest.

i) **Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct**

Councillors are reminded that they should update their Declarations of Interest with
the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

3. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes 370 of the previous meeting were accepted and it was unanimously agreed
that Mr Hollands should sign them.

Proposed Mr Porter Seconded Miss Smith

4. **PUBLIC INTERVAL**

The meeting was opened to the Members of the Public present from 7.42 – 8.03 pm for
questions and comment.

5. **MATTERS FOR REPORT ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There were no matters for report arising from the previous minutes.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reminded councillors that they must make it clear that any discussions they have, in whatever form, with members of the public between meetings are of a purely personal nature, unless they have been asked to contact a parishioner on a particular issue at a meeting. All members of the public should be asked to bring any questions or concerns to a parish council meeting. This is to protect councillors from any misunderstandings that may occur as a result of a discussion.

The Clerk was asked to write and as the occupier of 1 Molloy Road to arrange to have the bricks removed from the pavement, as we have received complaints from residents that they are a safety hazard.

7. SHADOXHURST WEBSITE

Nothing to report.

8. VILLAGE HALL, PAVILION, RECREATION FIELD AND VILLAGE GREEN**Inspection of Village Hall following Hiring**

Mr Hollands in April, Mr Frost in May and Mr Howe in June.

Caretaking Arrangements for Hall and Pavilion

Nothing to report.

Appointment of Village Hall Caretaker

We have not received any tenders for this position.

Appointment of Village Hall Cleaner

One tender was received from Mr David Harris

The tender price was for 3 hours per week at £10 per hour.

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the tender from Mr Harris.

Proposed Miss Smith Seconded Mr Buss

Appointment of Litter Picker

One tender was received from Mr David Harris

The tender price was for 8 hours per month at £50 per month.

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the tender from Mr Harris.

Proposed Miss Smith Seconded Mr Frost

Pavilion Ceiling

Mr Hollands managed to obtain one quote to repair the roof from Boormans Roofing. The cost quoted was £1100.

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the quote.

Proposed: Miss Smith Seconded Mr Porter

Field/Car Park/Play Area/Village Sign

Mr Couling will no longer be watering the troughs in the Village Hall car park. The Clerk will ask Mr Harris whether he would be prepared to water them once a week when he cleans the hall.

Registration of Village Green

Mr Hollands has not contacted Kingsfords yet, but will do so in the next month.

Maintenance of Village Green

Nothing to report.

Notice Board

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Greenbarnes regarding the fact that we have had complaints that the new notice board steams up. They said that it is an occupational hazard and that we should make sure that the board is completely dry inside as any water will turn to condensation. Someone needs to ensure that the board is completely dry, we then need to leave it until it rains and check for leaks. If there appears to be a leak then we will contact Greenbarnes again.

Councillors asked the Clerk to go ahead and order the notice board as previously agreed.

9. UPDATE ON EXHIBITION HELD 20 MARCH 2014

The overwhelming response to the sites submitted was that parishioners were totally against any large development in the area. Some residents appreciated that small developments would be needed within the parish.

The main concerns raised were:-

Unsuitable roads

Increased traffic flow

Flooding

Sites too big for the size of the village

Development unnecessary due to the Chilmington Green development

Not wanting to be joined to Chilmington Green and Ashford

Loss of amenity in the village

Loss of agricultural land

Lack of infrastructure

Environmental issues

10. CORRESPONDENCE, FINANCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Kingsfords

ABC Agenda for Parish Forum and Housing News

CPRE

Wicksteed Playscapes

KALC Minutes of Meeting held 26.03.13

David Cameron

ABC re Dark Skies Supplementary Planning (SPD Public Consultation

Oast to Coast

Bank Reconciliation

Opening Balance	20857.00	Balance per Treasurers Account	21837.66
Add Receipts	<u>28907.73</u>	Balance per Business Account	<u>118.76</u>
	49764.93		21956.42
Less Expenses	<u>28237.51</u>	Less uncleared cheques	<u>429.20</u>
	21527.22		21527.22

An invoice from Southern Water for £130.80 was received the day after the last meeting and was paid during the month on the verbal agreement of Councillors Smith, Frost and Hollands.

Accounts to be Paid

PAYEE	DETAILS	NET	VAT	GROSS	CHQ
Mrs J Batt	Salary	415.24			
	Expenses	40.96			
	100 Postage Stamps	62.00		518.20	650
Mr D Harris	Litter Picking	50.00			
	Village Hall Cleaning	120.00		170.00	651
L Fenton	Plumbing - Pavilion	60.95	4.19	65.14	652
PRS for Music	Charges for 2013-2014	117.27	23.45	140.72	653
KALC	Subscription	340.44	68.09	408.53	654
AwCRK	Subscription	65.00		65.00	655
Shadoxhurst PCC	Churchyard Maintenance	500.00		500.00	656
Clive Stanley	Webmaster Services	84.00		84.00	657

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above accounts and agreed with the following Direct Debit Payments taken on 17 April

EDF - £268.00 – Village Hall

EDF - £16.00 – Pavilion

Proposed Mr Frost

Seconded Miss Smith

Earmarked Funds

	Balance 10.07.13	Budget 14/15	Balance 16.04.14
Recreation Facilities Budget 2013/2014	1500.00	500.00	2000.00
Bulb and Tree Planting + Planters	NIL	150.00	150.00
Recycling Credits Received May 2013	1027.41		1027.41
TOTAL	2527.41	650.00	3177.41

Insurance

Nothing to report.

Newsletter

The results of the recent consultation will be published in the newsletter.

Risk Assessment

Nothing to report.

Litter Bins

We have not heard back from ABC. The Clerk will chase them up. We will look into the cost of 2 new extra bins for the Recreation Field.

Crime and Disorder

The following report was received from PCSO Gary Carr

There have been several thefts from outbuildings and sheds reported in the parish in the past month. Locks were broken off two sheds on Tally Ho Road, although nothing was stolen. A trailer was stolen from a small holding and items stolen from an outbuilding off Criol Road. A vehicle was broken into on Church Lane in the village.

I would ask all villagers to try and keep sheds and outbuildings locked up when not being used. Lawnmowers, chainsaws and other large items should be marked with your postcode to help prevent theft. There are several kinds of shed alarm that are on the market which can be purchased to protect property.

11. PLANNING

Please see attached.

12. OUTSIDE REPORTS**Tree Warden**

Nothing to report.

Borough Councillors Report

Mrs Hicks reported that ABC has a Monitoring Centre which will be open when the council offices are closed to allow residents of the Borough to report any illegal activity.

There is to be a Chilmington Green Working Party to discuss rural roads.

County Councillors Report

Councillor Angell had left the meeting by this point.

Footpaths and Bridleways

The Clerk will ask the PROW replace the bollards at the Tally Ho Road end of the Blindrooms Green Path.

13. VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITIES

Matters Arising from the Round Robin

There were no Matters Arising.

Items to be reported to the KHS

The drain outside of Cornerstone.

Update on Chilmington Green

Mr Frost reported that the last meeting was well attended and the concerns of the surrounding parishes with regard to rat runs were discussed. Shadoxhurst had not initially been included in the discussions regarding traffic issues but it was agreed to monitor the traffic through the village. Dualling the road from Matalan to the Tank Roundabout is going to cost in excess of £21 million and a request has been made for this to be forwarded from the government. If it is not received in advance, then the road improvements will only be completed with each phase of the development.

14. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed..... Dated
Mr W Hollands, Chairman

SHADOXHURST PARISH COUNCIL

RECORD OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

2014

APRIL 2014

14/00254/AS Shadoxhurst Garage, Woodchurch road, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent
Erection of 17 new dwellings together with roads, access, sewers and external works
Parish Council: Support 3:3 + Chairman's casting vote with the following concerns
Councillors would like the developers to reconsider the design of the frontage of the maisonette along with the density and configuration of the site.

Councillors want an S106 agreement for £5000 to be put in place. The money to be spent specifically on projects within Shadoxhurst

KCC/AS/0063/2014 Glebe Farm, Duck Lane, Shadoxhurst, Ashford, Kent TN26 1LT
Storage and processing of scrap metal including End of Life Vehicles (ELVs), construction of concrete slab base, .93sq m processing building, weighbridge, portable cabin office and welfare facility, and use of mobile crane and crusher
Parish Council: STRONGLY OBJECT

The members of Shadoxhurst Parish Council **strongly objected** to the proposed development on the following grounds:-

HIGHWAYS

The access roads are far too narrow to cope with the amount and size of traffic that will be generated by this development.

There is a shortage of passing places along the surrounding lanes for such large vehicles.

The soft verges make the local roads totally unsuitable for HGVs and the amount of other traffic which will be generated.

The surface on the surrounding roads is totally unsuitable for HGVs and the excessive increase in vehicle numbers that this development will cause.

BYWAYS

The access onto the site is from a byway rather than the highway.

The increase in the number of vehicles accessing the site will pose a danger to all users of the byway – including pedestrians, dogs and horses

A public footpath runs through the site.

LOCAL ENVIRONMENT

The overall general impact on the surrounding environment will be extremely detrimental.

The entry to the site is through a Conservation Area

The site is next to ancient woodland

The local church and Village Green are at the junction of Church Lane and Duck Lane and when events are taking place in the church a large number of cars have to park around this junction. This will cause serious congestion when large lorries are trying to access the site.

There is serious concern regarding chemical pollution, from the site entering the water course via the White Water Dyke

The site is acknowledged by the Environment Agency as being within zones 1, 2 and 3 for flooding and is in the Flood Plain

The proposed development will have a major, detrimental impact on local wildlife, flora and fauna.

IMPACT ON LOCAL RESIDENTS

The proposed development will have a serious impact on the general quality of life of local residents in this quiet rural village.

The excessive amount of HGVs and other vehicles will regularly pass through the residential area.

The entry to the site is through a built up area used by children and the elderly.

The local children stand to wait for and are dropped off by the school bus along the roads to be travelled by the traffic generated by this proposed development.

As there is a limited amount of pavement in this area, residents will no longer be able to walk, jog or cycle along the lanes in relative safety.

Noise pollution is of extreme concern to all residents of Shadoxhurst

Light pollution will totally ruin the rural character of the area.

SITE

There is no designated area on the plan for the storage of tyres

The area is already well served by at least 3 other yards in the area dealing with End of Life Vehicles

LOCAL OPPOSITION

There is a great deal of local opposition to this development

A petition against this development has 400+ signatures to date.

18 residents attended the Parish Council meeting to voice their objections