

MINUTES OF SHOTLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - 15 September 2005

Present: Cllr J A Mullan (Chair), and Cllrs N G Bugg, W A Corness, A M Long, M J Matthews, G Steel and C E Sullivan.

In attendance: Cty Cllr Wood, District Cllr Sadler, Pc Campbell, and one member of the public.
The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Cllrs Wrinch (work) and Hooper (holiday)

Declarations of Interest:

None

Police Brief:

Pc Campbell summarized the crime figures for July. A number of vehicles have been broken into on Rose Court. Also various properties had been taken from the main rd. Additionally there was some vandalism to expensive plant equipment on the Queensland building site.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2005, having been previously circulated, were amended as necessary, accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

The Chair advised that he had still not contacted the Charities Commission for an indication of the monies for the Alms Houses to which we might be entitled.

Waste Bins - Arrived. Sorting out permissions to mount standing ones on highway/pavement. Post-mounted ones to be placed at Kingsland Playground, the corner of Kingsland and The Street. The owner of the house would be approached with reference to possibly mounting this on the fence. Cllr Corness raised concerns regarding possible Health and Safety issues relating to emptying bins. It was agreed that the responsibility of this should be given to Babergh DC.

Trees in SHARP Field fouling neighbouring property. A modification to the original requirement was discussed. Cllr Long agreed to consult the tree surgeon again

RFO Points

Homestart – No feedback has been received, however it has been agreed that the cost for the use of the village hall should be billed directly to the Parish Council.

Play Area (Insurance). This was still be checked with SALC

Chelmondiston Donation Towards Replacement Fireworks Equipment. No response received to our letter.

Authorisation of payments

Play Area Repairs (Age limit for playing - signposts). Still awaited at a cost of £80.

Maintenance Of Parish-Owned Lamp Standards. A new contract with Suffolk County Council would cover the lamp standards owned by the village. The precise cost is not known but the current commitment would be between £300 and £400 until the end of the financial year.

Over 60's Club - £12 invoice received for September. Cllr Mullen suggested this should be paid as a lump sum on an annual basis in future - council in favour.

Village Hall management Committee – the annual loan repayment of £1000 was presented by Cllr Bugg.

Planning Apps

None

Results

B/05/00696/FHA/RC - 10 Ganges Rd (Modification to original application). Granted

B/05/01132/FHA/RC - 49 Kitchener Way. Erection of 2nd storey side extension.
Rejected again - same reason as previously.

HMS Ganges Development – Cllrs Mullan and Steele briefed the Council on a meeting held with the Head of Babergh Planning (Control), Richard Watson, and the consultant engaged by them to consider the S106 submissions. In essence nothing concrete had been done before the public Enquiry was agreed. We were expected to renew our attempts to gain positive results from the developers. Section 106 compensation requests could not include current absences of facilities etc. This meant that the provision of youth facilities just because we had none would not be successful. If the Village Hall could be proved to be at capacity, an extension to the facilities could be justified. The provision of a multi-use facility such as a community centre would be of benefit to the whole community including the incomers and we might succeed on those grounds. We needed to lobby County Highways ourselves for improvements in roads, cycle paths and footpaths both within and outside the village. Babergh do not seem to see this as their role. It was accepted that the consultant would produce something for the PC and villagers on his advice given at the meeting.

The use of Dr Wendy LeLas as the lead consultant was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Steele would arrange a meeting with her and Richard Watson to gauge what she could help us with. A meeting could follow this with representatives of the other Parishes at which Dr Wendy could brief them on the possible way ahead and how she could assist. The PC still has the remains of £5000.00 set aside to pay for her advice. It would be for the other parishes to decide if they would wish to work together and jointly fund her involvement. If not, Shotley PC could determine how far they wished to go using her good offices and the money available.

Parish Plan. Cllr Steel reported that the Parish Plan may be ready for the end of October and that the Steering Committee feels that a briefing for Councillors would be useful prior to the full recommendations being published. He also reported that he was to make a presentation to the Babergh East Local Strategic Partnership on 20 October"

Parish Clerk – Mrs Alison Miller was formally introduced to the Cllrs. The PC ratified the recommendation of the interview panel in selecting her as our new Parish Clerk.

Council Correspondence

HIP Local Authority Liaison Committee meeting 23 September 2005 - Cllr Long to attend.

Babergh Community Achievement Awards 2006 - 2 nominations are required by the November meeting, one under 18 and one over 18. Notices would be displayed

Payphones - Conversion Of The Current BT Cash Payphones To Cashless. Cllr Mullan had responded suggesting that one in Shotley and one in Shotley Gate be retained as cash phones to enable children to phone their parents. The remaining two could be converted. A decision would be made by BT in November.

Shotley CP School - Introduction of 20mph "School Zone". Cllr Wood advised that the "Twenty's Plenty" signs are to be erected. These are not actually a legal limit but for awareness.

Kingsland Playground - Cllr Long asked whether a suitable seat could be provided for parents in the Kingsland playground. It was suggested that one similar to that used in the Golden Wood area would be robust enough. She would seek a cost for this and report back.

Councillors Points

Cllr Bugg Shotley - Good Neighbours Scheme - Requested this be added as an item on the Agenda for the [next](#) meeting. The scheme is now being utilised successfully with a number of people involved.

Cllr Mullan - advised that as the outgoing RFO was unable to attend the meeting, the chequebook should be collected and a decision made regarding handover of work. It was agreed that SALC should be contacted for further guidance on this matter.

District Cllr Sadler - Requested an amendment to minutes of previous meeting that indicated she was not in support of the proposal on the charges by Hadleigh Council for car parking. She had only been providing feedback.

County Cllr Wood - Locality funding is now available although reduced. Xscape Card to be kept despite efforts to have it stopped; it is to be renamed Suffolk Youth Card. County Health Report to be viewed by Home Secretary. Community Warden Scheme to be discussed at County level. Talks are in progress to save the Buzabout Service. Timetable change to bus service has caused issues affecting the other side of the peninsula.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.35 pm. The next meeting will be held on 20 October at 7.30 pm.