

Shimpling Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting of the Council
Monday 4th October 2021, 7:30pm at Shimpling Village Hall

Present:

Councillors: Liz Brunwin (Chair), Katie Haselhurst, Gerry Shrimpton

Clerk: Natasha Byford

1. **Apologies for absence:** Cllr Atkins and Cllr Brown sent apologies.
2. **Declarations of Members Interest(s):**
 - a) **To receive disclosure of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interest(s) including gifts of hospitality in excess of £25:** Cllr Haselhurst disclosed that the application 5a borders family land, this was acknowledged but agreed that Cllr Haselhurst should still be involved in the discussion because the main purpose of holding this meeting was to discuss item 5a and because no decision was going to be made – only a response to the inactivity following the reporting of the issue.
 - b) **To consider requests for dispensation for the agenda item(s) under discussion:** None received
3. **Approval of minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th September 2021 were approved.

Action: Clerk to publish these on the website and Social Media.
4. **Public Participation session**

No members of the public (MOP) attended.
5. **Planning:**
 - a) DC/21/05011 - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an Existing Use or Operation or activity including those in breach of a planning condition. Town and Country Planning Act 1990: Section 191 as amended by section 10 of the Planning and Compensation Act 1991. Town and Country Planning (General Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Conversion and use of former second world war building as a dwellinghouse - Land Opposite To Stone Cottages Bury Road Shimpling Suffolk

The above application was discussed along with a history of the Parish Council's communication with Babergh Planning Enforcement from 2018 until the present day. It was noted that a period of 3 years had passed from first reporting until any action had been taken in 2021. Those present felt that this was unacceptable. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to Babergh Planning Department expressing our dissatisfaction and asking how this situation could be avoided in the future.

Action: Clerk and Chair Brunwin to write letter stating the Councils disappointment of the procedural issues with this application.

- b) DC/21/04940 - Discharge of Conditions Application for DC/20/02648- Condition 3 (Landscaping Scheme) and Condition 10 (Biodiversity Enhancement Strategy) - Barn At Midway Farm Bury Road Shimpling Suffolk IP30 0JL

The above application was discussed and no issues were raised with this.

6. Insurance:

Insurance quotations for the next policy year were discussed, it was noted that one quote was almost 50% cheaper than the others. The Clerk was asked to ensure that these quotes are like for like with our current policy and a decision is to be made at the November meeting.

Action: Clerk to double check with the insurance company that they are quoting 'like for like' against the current policy.

7. Finance:

- a) The Clerk informed members that the PC had received £201.64 in recycling credit and also our tax refund of £1,524.69 and stated which invoices (please see below) needed to be paid.

- b) The following amounts were approved for payment:

Swarco Silver Cover for SID £152.03

(LGA 1972, s.111)

Engraved sign for Nigels Way £45.00

(Public Health Act 1875, s.164)

CAS Website Hosting £60.00

(LGA, 1972, s.142)

The above payment schedule was approved by members.

8. Correspondence Received:

- It was brought to our attention by a resident that cars were being parked on the grass outside the play area. It was thought there was very little the PC could do about this, especially as it was only an occasional issue.

9. Urgent Matters to be brought to the attention of the council

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8:05pm.