

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Shropham, Norfolk

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

20 SEPTEMBER 2017

SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Lesley Brown, David Leonard, Amy Negus, Ed Howe

Also present: A member of the public, District Cllr P Cowen

1. **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cliff Allen and Fabian Eagle.
2. **Welcome to Jo Blackman**
The Chairman welcomed Jo Blackman as the new Clerk to Shropham Parish Council.
3. **To approve the Minutes of Meeting held on 26 July 2017**
It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 26 July 2017 could be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. All voted in favour.
4. **Highways – diversionary route**
A short discussion took place following the recent road closures. It was considered the roads were not shut off properly which caused some problems in the village. In future any problems should be reported.
5. **Village Hall Report**
The car park is being laid next Wednesday/Thursday and should be completed by the end of September. D Napier was concerned about the parking lines being painted. D Leonard advised that this was to improve the way people park as currently the access to the field is often blocked.
6. **Planning – Local Plan**
P Cowen updated the Council regarding the Local Plan. A suggestion was made to include the plot of land east of Homefields, before Oak Tree Cottage. The deadline for any further comments is 2 October and these should be submitted to Breckland who will then pass them on to the Inspectorate. The process should be completed by Christmas 2018.

The current policies remain valid and the new policies hold very little weight at this time. Breckland is required to have a five year rolling plan for housing however, they do not have sufficient allocation of land to satisfy this requirement. The plan is set by Central Government and is established by an Objective Assessment of Need for the district.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED:

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Breckland can no longer use restrictive policies to refuse planning applications.

D Napier will email the two relevant pages from the Plan to all Councillors for comment whereupon a response will be compiled and submitted to the Inspectorate by D Napier.

7. Planning – Applications

- a) **3PL/2017/0584/F** – Pond Meadow, Harling Road, NR17 1EA – Erection of storage building including toilets and laundry facilities (retrospective) – this application remains undecided by Breckland Council.
- b) **3PL/2017/0867/O** – Land east of Rocklands Road, Shropham, NR17 1FE – proposed residential development of 8 dwellings consisting of a mix of bungalows and houses – this application remains undecided by Breckland Council.
- c) **3PL/2017/0960/D** – Overdue, Hargham Road, Shropham, NR17 1DS – proposed residential development of 4 houses and 2 bungalows – this application remains undecided by Breckland Council.
- d) **3PL/2017/1149/F** – Greenacres, Watton Road, Shropham, NR17 1DY – construction of single detached dwelling – this is a new application. The previous application was refused. The Council consider the amendments made namely widening of plot and removal of the car port, together with some aesthetic adjustments have further improved this application. The full Council remain in full support of this application and D Napier will compile and submit the Parish Council response to Breckland Council. The deadline for submission is 6 October 2017.
- e) **3PN/2017/0063/UC** – conversion of agricultural building to 3 dwellings – this is an application for a change of use. P Cowen advised that this was an application for a change of use from agricultural to residential use.

8. Finance

D Napier confirmed that the accounts have now been amalgamated and the Clerk is seeking to amend the signatories on the account.

9. Website

The Clerk had sent the link for the new Council website to all Councillors for comment. It was agreed to amend the Councillors details to include telephone numbers and email addresses. A brief discussion took place as to ideas for the website and this will continue to develop over the coming months.

10. Any items to be noted for the next Agenda

None

The Chairman closed the meeting to allow public participation.

- 11. Lynn Wallace, expressed concerns that the SAM2 sign was not in the best position. D Napier explained that the SAM2 sign is moved every four weeks by Tony Osborn who manages the sign. The sign can be moved to face the opposite direction of travel in some locations. The SAM2 sign collects data and is designed to maintain novelty by being moved regularly. D Napier suggested that L Wallace should speak with Tony Osborn direct in this regard, D Napier to provide contact details.

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Concerns were also raised regarding the weight limit of some vehicles travelling through the village. Lynn Wallace has reported some vehicles and agreed to pass any details in the future on to D Napier who will follow them up.

The Chairman reopened the Council meeting.

12. The date of the next meeting was agreed as **Wednesday 29 November 2017** at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.21pm

*Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk
26 September 2017*

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