

SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Shropham, Norfolk

Chairman: David Napier

Vice Chairman: Andy Thornton

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SHROPHAM PARISH COUNCIL

30 January 2019 at 7.00 pm

SHROPHAM VILLAGE HALL

Those in attendance: David Napier, Andy Thornton, Lesley Brown, Cliff Allen, Ed Howe

Also in attendance: County Councillor Fabian Eagle

Also present: 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from A Negus and District Councillor P Cowen.

2. **To approve the Minutes of Meetings held on Wednesday 28 November 2018**

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meetings held on Wednesday 28 November 2018 could be signed, by the Chairman, as a true and correct record. All voted in favour.

3. **To record any Declarations of Interest and to consider any requests for Dispensations from Council Members**

A Thornton – 4b, 4c and 4e.

4. **Planning – Applications**

- a. **3PL/2019/0009F** – Orchard Farm House Hargham Road Shropham NR17 1DS – Demolition of existing buildings on site and the construction of four detached dwellings and garages comprising three 4-bedroom houses and one 3-bedroom bungalow. The village has received several planning applications in recent months, many of which have been approved. It was noted that the village is not a service centre and has little or no infrastructure. Further development puts more pressure on what little infrastructure there is and creates more vehicular movements on to an already extremely busy road. This is an over development of land and the properties are considered too big. The Parish Council is not against new development but needs to be the right type of properties. F Eagle suggested that the large properties being proposed in many villages throughout the county are serving to create executive suburbs and villages are in danger of becoming dormitories as residents commute out of the villages for work. A mix of properties and ages are required to encourage communities to join in. The Clerk to draft a response to the application.
- b. **3PL/2018/1561/F** – The Gravel Pit Lakes Manor Farm Rocklands Road Shropham NR17 1DX – Erection of four traditional style shepherd huts, 6 bell tent pitches, moveable bathroom shepherd hut and communal gazebo structure. No objection.
- c. **3PL/2018/1562/F** – Honeypt Plantation Manor Farm Rocklands Road Shropham NR17 1DX – Change of use of land for the siting of two Shepherd Huts for holiday use. No objection.

CHAIRMAN.....

DATED:

CLERK: Joanne Blackman, Westcroft, Watton Road, Ashill, Norfolk, IP25 7AQ

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- d. **3PL/2018/1466/O** – Rose Cottage Low Road Shropham NR17 1EH – Outline planning permission (access only) for up to three dwellings. Comments have been submitted. It was noted that this application is likely to be called before the Planning Committee.
- e. **3PL/2018/1071/F** – Land off Hargham Road, Shropham – new housing scheme comprising 8 no. self-build dwellings and associated works. Comments have been submitted. It was noted that this application is likely to be called before the Planning Committee. The Environment Agency are currently investigating birds/wildlife in hedges and the width of the verges.
- f. **Local Plan Update**- In the absence of P Cowen this matter was deferred to the next meeting.

5. Finance – to approve and report the following expenditure:-

- a. To approve the salary payment including holiday pay allowance to the Clerk, Mrs Joanne Blackman, for the months of November 2018 (from 20th November) and December 2018 and January 2019 (to 21 January 2019) in the sum of £415.22. Proposed by D Napier and seconded by L Brown, all voted in favour.
- b. To approve office expenses for the months of November to January in the sum of £5.05. Proposed by D Napier and seconded by L Brown, all voted in favour.
- c. To approve payment to Shropham Village Hall in the sum of £10 for hall hire for the month of January 2018. Proposed by D Napier and seconded by L Brown, all voted in favour.
- d. To approve payment to Norfolk PTS for Election training in the sum of £35.00. (50% payment to be reimbursed from Caston Parish Council in due course). Proposed by D Napier and seconded by L Brown, all voted in favour.

6. To discuss propose and vote on the following subjects:-

a. Traffic Calming Measures

D Napier referred the Councillors to the suggestion that some ‘slow the down’ signs be installed as suggested by F Eagle at the previous meeting and specifically to the Buyers Legal Obligations. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be prepared to take on any obligations in this regard. The general view is that static signs have little impact. SAM2 signs and stickers on wheelie bins have the biggest impact, both of which the village has. T Osborn, Speedwatch Co-ordinator, explained that they record just above average speeding vehicles through the village, the Police recognise this and are in attendance as often as possible. The Speedwatch Team often suffer abuse from drivers. D Napier reported that David Jacklin, Highways Engineer is to visit Shropham to assess the situation.

F Eagle recognised the apprehension in relation to static signs and suggested larger wheelie bin stickers which he could possibly fund through his Highways finance budget.

D Napier suggested that the Speedwatch Team discuss what they would like to see on the stickers. L Brown suggested a children’s competition to design the stickers. F Eagle to discuss with his printers and revert in due course. F Eagle thought this was a good idea and would be prepared to donate a book token as a prize.

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7. Matters to Report

a. Elections 2019

The Clerk referred to the Elections information sheets she had recently distributed to Councillors. It was agreed that a notice should be placed in the Grove to encourage people to become a Councillor. Clerk to submit.

b. Financial Balances as at 30 January 2018

The Clerk advised the financial balance as at 30 January 2019 was £8,175.53.

8. Any items to be noted for the next Agenda. None.

9. Correspondence. None.

10. Public Participation. A member of the public raised concerns that the new developments proposed in the village could encourage buy-to-let purchases.

11. To agree date for next meeting: Wednesday 27 March 2019.
Agreed.

Jo Blackman
Parish Clerk

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