**SHACKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

 **Minutes of a Meeting held 2 November 2010 in the Shackleford Centre**

**Present** – Bridget Carter-Manning (Chairman), Fran Nowlan (Vice Chairman), Diana Kirkillo-Stacewicz, Fred Bourne, Jon Scott, David Preston (Clerk), P.C. Vanessa Privett.

**Members of the Public -**  Megan Forbes, Tony Knight, Lynne Montgomery

**Issues raised by the Public** – None

 **Council Meeting**

**40/10 Apologies for Absence** – None.

**41/10 Minutes of the Meeting held 6 September 2010**  – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

**42/10 Matters arising** –BT had now removed the telephone equipment from the telephone box.

**43/10 Declarations of Interest** – None

**44/10 Community Safety –** P.C. Privett reported that there had been a cluster of crimes in recent weeks, with three burglaries, mainly of electrical equipment, in Hurtmore Road, Shackleford Road and Elstead Road, and two thefts of York stone from properties in Shackleford and Eashing. There had also been an attempted burglary in Rokers Lane. Some arrests have been made and enquiries were continuing. The tendency for burglaries to increase in number in the run up to Christmas was emphasised, and the need for residents to be ensure their properties were secure and to report anything suspicious was stressed. Automatic number plate recognition cameras were being installed on all main routes into Surrey, and these should enable the Police to target suspicious vehicles.

The Chairman requested P.C. Privett to convey the Council’s best wishes to PCSO Veronica Smith on her retirement, and to thank her for all she had done for the Village.

**45/10 Possible Parish Projects –** The possible provision of some play equipment for Hurtmore recreation ground was discussed, and it was agreed that details of what was needed and costings be obtained. It was also decided to invite suggestions from residents for future projects.

**46/10 Eashing Quarry** – The Chairman reported that hearings had commenced to consider the validity of the Surrey Minerals Plan, with particular reference to the protected status of the sites of some of the proposed workings. The Parish Council, SSHAC and CPRE had all made written submissions. Detailed consideration of individual sites would commence on 8 December.

**47/10 Mushroom Farm Development** – It had been anticipated that work on the site would have commenced by now, but this was not the case. The Clerk reported that he had had no response to his letter of 14 September to Wates about the Council’s acquisition of land adjoining the site, and had sent a reminder. The Chairman said she understood that the transfer of the main site to Linden Homes, who would actually build the houses, had not yet taken place, but there seemed to no reason why the agreed transfer of land to the Council should not proceed. It was noted that reductions in funding announced by the Government might impact on the social housing element of the development.

**48/10 Village Shop** – Tony Knight and Megan Forbes brought the Council up to date with the situation at the shop. The Post Office would open again very shortly, and turnover for the non Post Office business was building up well, following restocking. However, it seemed clear that, in the short term at least, the Shop would need subsidising at the rate of some £10,000 p.a. Help was sought from the Council. It was decided that, whilst the Shop’s value to the Village was appreciated, its viability was open to question and, in any event,the Council were not in a financial position to offer more than token support, and a figure of £250 was agreed.

**49/10 Highways and Byways** – The Chairman reported that the large hole in the surface of Grenville Road had at last been repaired, and the traffic lights on Eashing Bridge were now operational again.

**50/10 Finance**. - The completion of the Annual Audit was noted.

 - Payments as under were noted

 Audit fee £141.00

 Donation SSHAC £500.00

 Hall hire £ 35.00

 \* Clerk’s salary £618.66

 \* Clerk’s expenses £105.10

 - The draft budget for 2011/12, which had been circulated, was approved.

 (\* two months)

**51/10 Planning Issues** – A list of current planning applications had been circulated and was noted.

**52/10 Shackleford Centre and the Council’s Custodian Trusteeship** – The Clerk reported that he had passed the deeds to the land held by the Council to the Council’s Solicitors, with a view to the transfer to the new Company taking place shortly.

The Chaiman mentioned that, following the transfer, a Parish Councillor would sit on the Board of the new Company. Jon Scott agreed to consider taking on this role.

**53/10 Date of next Meeting** – Wed. 12 Jan 2011.