**SHACKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held 10 November 2008 in the Village Hall**

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

**Members of the Public** – Sandy Brigstocke, Roger Bunnett, Chris Christensen, John Forsyth, Bob Stovold, Tony Swift, Vita Millers (Surrey Advertiser)

**Issues raised by the Public**

Sandy Brigstocke requested clarification on the Housing Needs Survey currently being undertaken in the area.

Chris Christensen commented that she was surprised that Council business was not posted on the Village website. It was pointed out that details were posted on four notice boards around the Parish, and news relating to the Council appeared in the Village Magazine. She also raised the issue of Councillors monitoring problems, citing particularly the appearance of a large tree trunk in the river at Eashing. Whilst Councillors were always ready to assist when matters were brought to their attention, it was felt that the Council’s resources were inadequate to provide regular inspections of the whole Parish area.

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**34/08 Apologies for Absence** – Fred Bourne, Tony Rooth.

**35/08 Minutes of the Meeting held 15 September 2008** – Approved.

**36/08 Matters arising** – The Clerk reported that Eashing riverbank had been cleared by the National Trust, but, unfortunately, the bridge had sustained further damage recently, in respect of which a claim was being made against the perpetrator, and this would delay repairs.

Contact details for the Chairman and Clerk had been posted on all notice boards as requested.

**37/08 Declarations of Interest** – none.

**38/08 Co-option of new Councillor -**  John Scott’s co-option was proposed by Fran Nowlan and seconded by Diana Kirkillo-Stacewicz, and was approved unanimously.

**39/08 Community Safety** – P.C. Privett reported that there had been six recorded crimes since the last meeting. A possible arson attack on a barn was also being investigated. There had been some complaints about lorries and mud on the roads as a result of the A3 earth bund construction, which had been dealt with.

The action proposed by Surrey C.C. as a result of the LORD campaign, and the push for greater enforcement of controls on HGV’s was discussed.

**40/08 Finance –**

2007/8 Audit – The Clerk reported that this had been completed with one issue highlighted – a full risk assessment had not been carried out and minuted during the year. The Council approved the audit report and had already taken steps to ensure that annual risk assessments would take place.

Banking Arrangements – it was agreed that all Councillors should be made signatories on the Bank Account, with any two empowered to sign cheques. The Clerk would visit the Bank to make the necessary arrangements, which may involve Councillors in having to produce forms of identity.

Budget 2009/10 – approved as circulated, with the Precept to remain at the current level.

Items for Payment – approved.

**41/08 Planning Issues** – The list of current planning applications which had been circulated was noted.

The Chairman quoted from a communication from Save the Surrey Hills Action Committee (SSHAC) about the Eashing Quarry proposals. It appears that Natural England has objected on environmental grounds, and the Environment Agency have indicated that they feel the balance of argument is against the development. It is also expected that in March 2009 Surrey’s Mineral Quotas will be reduced. All these factors, coupled with concern from the Highways Agency about the impact on traffic in the whole area if the A3 access is improved, lead SSHAC to be cautiously optimistic that the proposals will not go ahead.

The Chairman reported that it was anticipated that Wates’ Housing Needs Survey would be completed by the year end, and their proposals thereafter for the Mushroom Farm site were awaited with interest.

**42/08 Highways and Byways –** The Chairman reported that the ‘community gang’ from Surrey Highways were due to spend the week commencing 17 November in the Parish to carry out minor works. The Parish Council had submitted a long list of required works, and hoped that at least most of them would be dealt with.

The Council had been approached by Surrey C.C. about its views on warning signs for motorists that horses were likely to be on the roads. Since only four signs could be erected it was decided, after discussion, that these should be placed on the approaches to horse riders’ regular crossing places **.**

The acceptance of the LORD campaign’s identification of roads unsuitable for HGV’s by Surrey C.C. was welcomed, and the promised action to enforce restrictions was awaited.

**42/08 Grant Aid 2009/10** – it was confirmed that the Council’s wish to apply for assistance to refurbish the War Memorial setts had been made known to Guildford B.C.

**43/08 Village Hall** – The AGM would be held at 7.30pm on 1 December in the Hall, and all were welcome.

**44/08 Date of Next Meeting** – Monday 5 January 2009. It was agreed that the May 2009 Meeting would be held on 11 May, since the originally scheduled date was a Bank Holiday.