**SHACKLEFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting held 2 November 2009 in the Village Hall**

**Present** – Bridget Carter-Manning (Chairman), Fran Nowlan (Vice Chairman), Diana Kirkillo-Stacewicz, Fred Bourne, Jon Scott, David Preston (Clerk), Tony Rooth, PCSO Veronica Smith.

**Members of the Public -**  Gavin Bell, Chris Christensen, Nick Mitchell, John Montgomery, Beth Stanley-Evans, Richard Thompson.

**Issues raised by the Public** – Richard Thompson requested that consideration be given to electronic distribution of Parish Council minutes to the public. The Chairman promised to look into the possibilities.

**Council Meeting**

**40/09 Apologies for Absence** – None.

**41/09 Minutes of the Meeting held 7 September 2009** – Approved and signed by the Chairman.

**42/09 Matters arising** – The Chairman reported that she had been in touch with Mr. Kennington of the National Trust in connection with the repairs to Eashing Bridge. Some temporary repair work had been done,and the works needed had been specified and put out to tender, but it was unlikely that work would start before Spring 2010. The necessary consents had not been obtained yet, but theTrust were in regular touch with Surrey C.C.

**43/09 Declarations of Interest** – None

**44/09 Community Safety** – PCSO Smith reported that since the last meeting there had been just four crimes in the Parish – two instances of criminal damage, one assault, and one rubbish dumping on a highway. She mentioned that evening patrols in the area had been stepped up, and officers were spending time at crime hot-spots giving help and advice to residents. Shackleford had no such hot-spots.

**45/09 County and Borough Issues** – The main issue was the introduction of the new refuse collection and recycling arrangements, and Tony Rooth took note of the various concerns expressed and promised to follow them up with the appropriate GBC staff. He also referred to the removal of the Eashing Farm site from the preferred list of possible quarrying sites. In response to Gavin Bell and others who complained about low and noisy flights on fine days by a particular light aircraft Tony said that the problem had been passed to the CAA by Anne Milton. Unfortunately without the registration letters it was difficult to take any action.

**46/09 – Highways and Byways –** the Chairman reported that a list of minor works needed had been drawn up for the Surrey Highways Community Gang who were scheduled to be in the Parish in the middle of November. This included dirty road signs, missing signs and overhanging vegetation.

**47/09 Finance** – The payment of £40.00 hall rental, £546.00 for the Clerk’s salary, £85.15 for the Clerk’s expenses, and £29.00 for the annual subscription to CPRE were approved.

The draft budget for 2010/11 was approved, and it was agreed that the Parish Precept would remain at £20 per equivalent Band D property.

The Clerk withdrew from the meeting whilst proposals to advance his salary to the top of the appropriate scale, and to implement the recently agreed pay award for Local Authority staff were discussed. Both were agreed with effect from 1 April 2009.

**48/09– Planning –** The list of current planning applications and decisions was noted. The Chairman reported that after many attempts the response period for the PC to respond to planning applications had been increased from 14 to 21 days. It was agreed that when Councillors responded to the Clerk with their views on planning applications they would copy the other Councillors.

Eashing Quarry – It was agreed that this need no longer appear on future agendas The Council’s thanks had been conveyed to SSHAC and Anne Milton for all their efforts.

Mushroom Farm – Following a Public Meeting on 30 October, the Council discussed its response to the latest proposals, and decided to lodge an objection with Guildford and Waverley Councils. A number of issues were identified and would be included in the letters of objection. A proposal by Wates to transfer ownership of the Cyder House Field to the PC in trust for the local residents was welcomed as worthy of serious consideration if the development did in fact proceed. It was decided to write to Wates, welcoming their suggestion and offering a meeting with PC representatives to discuss the objection to their current application.

**49/09 Village Hall** – Nothing to report, but the PC were keeping in touch with developments.

**50/08 – Next Meeting Date** –11 January 2010. It was requested that meetings be held on different days of the week in future, and the Clerk was asked to circulate suggested dates for the rest of next year.