**Shackleford Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2014 in the Shackleford Centre**

**Present** – Bridget Carter-Manning (Chairman), Fran Nowlan (Vice Chairman), Barry Hitchcock, Philip Randall, Jon Scott, Kate Lingard (Clerk) and PC Vanessa Privett.

**Members of the Public –** Neil Smith, Mr and Mrs Bell and Mr and Mrs Newton.

**Issues raised by the Public** – some issues with refuse collection were reported, with a few houses being missed on collection days. Incidences of speeding and dangerous overtaking were reported on Grenville Road.

**72/13** - **Apologies for Absence** – GBC Councillor Tony Rooth was unable to attend as there was a concurrent GBC Planning Committee meeting.

**73/13** - **Minutes of Meeting held on 16 January 2014** – approved and signed by BCM. It was noted that the draft minutes had contained a mistake – the website recommended by the Police for registering property should have been written as [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) (rather than [www.immobilse.com](http://www.immobilse.com)).

**74/13** - **Matters Arising** – none.

**75/13** - **Declarations of Interest** – none.

**76/13** - **Community Safety report from the Surrey Police** – PC Privett presented the local crime figures since our last meeting. There had been two thefts from residents’ gardens, including the removal of a wooden dovecote which was sawn off its base. Two dog related incidents were also noted – some sheep worrying in a local field and a complaint from a resident about some dogs in Rodsall Lane.

PC Privett reported that there had been dozens of shed break-ins in Ash and Tongham, often with nothing being stolen, and it is suspected that the intruders are looking for specific items of machinery.

The issue of parked cars outside the Village Shop was raised as PC Privett explained this caused cars driving south along The Street to swerve dangerously onto the other side of the road into the path on oncoming traffic from Grenville Road.

**77/13 - County and Borough Councillors –** in the absence of Tony Rooth, BCM gave an update on the GBC Draft Local Plan and Draft SHMA. The Draft SHMA (or Strategic Housing Marketing Assessment) recommends that GBC attempt to provide up to 800 homes per annum until 2031 and the Draft Local Plan will help control where this development will go. A petition had recently been presented to GBC, highlighting inaccuracies in the draft SHMA which have led to an inflated housing requirement figure. GBC have said that, despite the petition, they would press ahead with the Draft SHMA whilst also considering the points raised in the petition.

**78/13** - **Highways and Byways update –** The planned roadworks to Hurtmore Road, which were scheduled to go ahead in February 2014, have now been postponed until the end of July/beginning of August. SPC was told that large potholes on the Elstead Road will be fixed on 19 March.

BCM noted that there was a Land Rover Freelander parked in the village car park that has an out of date tax disc. SPC does not give permission for untaxed vehicles to use the car park and would like to contact the owner to discuss this – if anyone knows who this car belongs to please let the Parish Council know.

**79/13 – Footpaths 296, 298/300 –** SPC, amongst other interest groups, had been consulted by SCC Countryside Access in relation to how to manage the safety of these footpaths. The footpaths cross the A3 on dangerous bends and SPC has consistently raised concerns that they pose a real danger to footpath users.

**Footpath 296** starts opposite Grenville Road and leads east across the Jubilee Field, the A3 and then continues on to Hurtmore Bottom.

**Footpath 298** starts at the southern end of Summers Lane and leads across Hurtmore Golf Course, then directly across the A3 where it then becomes **Footpath 300**, continuing past Beechwood Farm.

SPC agreed that they would ask Countryside Access to provide signs as soon as possible that indicate to users of these footpaths that they cross the A3, allowing them to turn back before being confronted by the dual-carriageways. SPC would ask for an alternative route, using the Hurtmore Under-Pass, to be shown on these signs. In the long run, SPC feels that a pedestrian crossing at either of these locations is too dangerous and the footpaths may have to be extinguished.

**80/13 – Highways Agency Report –** The Highways Agency Report, recently received but actually carried out in August 2013, relating to the A3 at Eashing to Shackleford was discussed. The Report was a collision investigation and prevention study with the aim of identifying remedial measures.

The Report identified three specific collision problems on the Eashing/Shackleford A3:

1. A statistically significant high number (8) of loss of control collisions occurring on wet road surfaces on the northbound carriageway;
2. 5 collisions on the auxiliary deceleration lane at the southbound exit for Eashing and the Services; and
3. A higher than expected number of collisions during darkness.

The Report suggested numerous remedial options including the replacement of white lines, road studs, road markings and drainage improvements. Road surface inspections showed that some parts of this carriageway had failings that were of ‘medium and high priority’.

SPC had been asking to see this Report for some time and it was agreed that it would now follow-up with the Highways Agency and encourage the implementation of as many remedial measures as possible.

**81/13** – **Planning** – the list of current planning applications was discussed.

**Planning Application 14/P/00308 – Eashing Filling Station**

**New illuminated sign to replace existing sign –** a majority of councillors voted to object to this application on the basis that the new sign would be nearly double the height of the existing sign and the shortness of the approach to the Filling Station did not warrant such an increase in height.

**82/13** – **Hurtmore Field Play Equipment** – BH said that GBC have agreed to fix the goal sockets in place. BH and BCM will meet GBC on-site to discuss this further. SPC now has funding from SCC and GBC grant scheme to cover the entire cost.

**83/13 – Cyder House Playground –** BCM reported that no replacement for the Chairman of the Playground Committee had been found. Further efforts would be made to find a Chairman, but SPC regretfully agreed that without a Chairman for the Playground Committee the playground may have to be closed down.

**84/13** – **Finance**

1. **Expenses -** The following expenses were approved:

Clerks expenses - £94.49

Hall Hire - £25

Donation to the Shackleford website - £200

1. **SCC Members Allocation –** the clerk reported that SPC had been successful in securing grants from SCC in relation to two new bins in Hurtmore (for £360), money towards new grit bins (£250) and the new Hurtmore goal posts (£890).

**85/13 - Date of next meetings** – 13 May (annual meeting), 1 July, 9 September and 18 November 2014.