**Shackleford Parish Council**

 **Minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2015 in the Shackleford Centre**

**Present** – Bridget Carter-Manning (Chairman), Philip Randall, Barry Hitchcock and Kate Lingard (Clerk).

**Members of the Public –** Jon Forsyth, Bill and Jane Nicol, Debbie Reynolds, Andrew Osborne, Neil Smith, John Jeffrey (CPRE), Margaret and Jeffrey Bannister.

**Issues raised by the Public** – none.

**19/15 – Apologies for Absence** – Tony Rooth (Guildford Borough Councillor), George Johnson (Surrey County Councillor), Fran Nowlan (SPC Vice Chairman), Jon Scott (SPC Councillor), David and Gillian Swinburn.

**20/15** - **Minutes of Meeting on 19 May 2015** – signed by BCM.

**21/15** - **Matters Arising** – none.

**22/15** - **Declarations of Interest** – none.

**23/15 – Presentation on behalf of Solar Power South Limited in relation to application 15/P/01126** – unfortunately, despite agreeing arrangements in advance, no representatives for the application attended.

**24/15 - Community Safety report from the Surrey Police** – the crime figures since the last meeting included a ram raid at Eashing Service Station (the Police say they have made arrests in relation to this), criminal damage to the windows of Old Village Stores in Hurtmore, a making-off without payment from the Eashing Service Station, a burglary in Norney and a dog-related incident in Lombard Street. The local police officer has asked SPC to remind residents that at this time of year it is important to ask neighbours to check properties/collect post if you are going away and keep windows shut.

**25/15 - County and Borough Councillors –** BCM read out a brief report in TR’s absence about the latest developments in relation to the Local Plan, the Guildford Town Centre Masterplan, Council Governance review and litter collection along the A3. TR to follow up all outstanding enforcement cases for the Parish.

**26/15** - **Highways and Byways update –** BCM gave an update on BOAT 527. This is a byway that was a bridleway and was reclassified in 1993 as a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic). The byway is now frequently used by 4x4 vehicles and motorbikes and is being severely damaged by these vehicles. SPC had written to complain about the condition of BOAT 527 and ask that it be closed to vehicular traffic. BCM reported that a letter had been received from the SCC Countryside Officer who confirmed that some works to improve the track would be made but that it could not have a Restricted Traffic Order (RTO) put in place. BCM said that GJ would be following this up.

**27/15 - Planning**

Application 15/P/01126 – Eashing Farm, Eashing – Proposed Solar Farm including up to 30,000 ground mounted panels, landscaping and associated infrastructure.

This application was discussed by the Councillors. John Jeffries from CPRE gave a brief talk on the views of CPRE with regard to the application. All Councillors decided to object as the land to which the application relates is protected by numerous planning laws: namely the Green Belt Status, proximity to AONB, being AGLV (Agricultural Land of Great Value) and Best and Most Versatile Arable Land. There is Government Guidance that states that despite the need for renewable energy, development should be directed to poorer quality land. The Clerk to write an objection letter to GBC.

**28/15** – **CFGA 2016-17 –** ideas for possible grants from GBC were discussed. These are for grants from GBC for non-routine projects within the parish and relate to concurrent functions (services which both GBC and SPC are empowered to undertake). For example, projects relating to commons, open spaces, play areas, cemeteries, parking, bins, seats, bus shelters, memorials, clocks, traffic calming projects etc. PR to circulate and ask for ideas within parish.

**29/15 - Finance**

1. Annual Return – to note that the Annual Return had passed its Internal Audit and had been sent to External Audit. The Councillors asked the Clerk to buy a token of thanks for the Internal Auditor from the Council.
2. Payments – the following payments were approved:

£25 Shackleford Centre (for Hall Hire)

£166.60 Clerk’s Expenses May/June 2015

 £200 Donation to St Marys Parochial Church Council

 £150 Annual Fee to T. Dye of Angel Payroll Services for the provision of the Councils Tax and Payroll

**30/15 - Other correspondence –** BCM drew councillors’ attention to the SALC training/refresher courses.

**31/14 - Date of next meetings** – September 15th, November 10th, January 12th, March 15th, May 3rd, July 5th, September 6th and November 1st.