**Shackleford Parish Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2015 in the Shackleford Centre**

**Present** – Bridget Carter-Manning (Chairman), Fran Nowlan (Vice Chairman), Barry Hitchcock, Jon Scott, George Johnson (SCC) and Tony Rooth (GBC) and Kate Lingard (Clerk).

**Members of the Public –** Jon Forsyth, Alex Kershaw, Christine and Russell Clapshaw, Therese McKenzie and Peter Stovold.

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

**32/15 – Apologies for Absence** – Philip Randall, Jean and Richard Thompson.

**33/15** - **Minutes of Meeting on 14 July 2015** – signed by BCM.

**34/15** - **Matters Arising** – none.

**35/15** - **Declarations of Interest** – none.

**36/15 – Community Safety report from the Surrey Police** – the crime figures since the last meeting showed a theft from a garden in The Street, two making-off without payments from the Eashing Service station, criminal damage to a van in the communal Kerrsland Cottages car park and reports of a youth in possession of an air rifle in a public place in Eashing Lane.

**37/15 - County and Borough Councillors –** GJ said that he was hopeful that work to improve the BOAT 527 was imminent. He explained that funds had now been received from SCC for the joint Parish Lengthsman Scheme (with Wanborough and Seale and Sands) but the details about exactly what work this covered were still to be finalised (namely would it cover work that is already outstanding). GJ reported that works to improve the culvert in the centre of Shackleford had now been completed and it was hoped that this will prevent flooding when there is heavy rain. GJ and BCM again thanked Jon Forsyth for all his help with this. GJ discussed the possibility of a 20mph zone near the schools in the parish. BCM said that St Mary’s School did not have any issue with speeding but SPC to discuss whether a 20mph zone around Aldro would be desirable and revert to GJ.

TR reported that he had visited Eashing Lane to discuss parking problems and the postponement of double yellow lines with the County Officers. TR and GJ waiting to hear from Eashing residents as to which option they believe most suitable before proceeding. One option may be the imposition of a one-way system with traffic being allowed towards the A3 only. With regard to planning matters, TR said that the applications for the Solar Farm at Eashing and the improvements to the Eashing Service station would be dealt with by the Planning Committee at GBC. TR talked about the Local Plan and explained that it was progressing and more work was currently being done on the borough’s housing needs, potential development sites and the Town Centre Master Plan.

**38/15 – Footpaths 296, 298 and 300** – the issue of these dangerous footpaths was again raised by SPC. It was agreed again that the long term aim was still to close these footpaths, as they cross the A3 and represent a danger to pedestrians and drivers. However, BCM explained that the Ramblers Association is against any closure of a footpath as this results in a loss to the footpath network, unless a suitable diversion can be found. A possible diversion for Footpath 296 was discussed with Mr Stovold but this was ruled out as it would lead pedestrians into the path of large agricultural vehicles. SPC could not find any other suitable diversions as a diversion cannot be along an existing footpath (as this leads to a loss to the footpath network unless the diversion creates a new right of way). In the absence of a possible diversion and whilst permanent closure is not yet possible, SPC decided that the safest way to proceed was to put up permanent signs on the three footpaths showing an alternative route that pedestrians can take to avoid the dangers of the A3. GJ and BCM to discuss meeting with the Ramblers Association to discuss permanent extinguishment of these footpaths.

**39/15** - **Highways and Byways update –** BCM said that a van permanently parked in the Shackleford Village Car Park had been reported to the Police. Problems with the road surface of The Hollow and the Grenville Road/School Lane/Hurtmore Road junction were reported to GJ.

**40/15 – Fiesta Fields –** BCM said that this item related to the use of a field within the parish for private hire. Several residents had made complaints about noise from parties. Alex Kershaw reported that the first party on the field had music playing until 1.30am. Concerns were raised by residents about the noise affecting nearby residential properties and potential parking issues. It was noted that the field already has several bookings for 2015/16. TR and SPC said that if any residents have complaints about music at the parties being too loud or going on beyond 11pm they should contact the Customer Services Team at GBC on 01483505050. If alcohol is being sold then a licence is required and two temporary licences had been obtained for parties on 21 August 2015 and 19/20 September 2015. TR asked the residents to send him all their relevant information and he would look into the matter.

**41/15 - Planning**

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| **Application Number** | **Location** | **Proposal** | **Council Views** |
| 15/P/01552 | Beechwood, Southborough Lodge Farm, Elstead Road | Proposed porch extension | No Objection |
| 15/P/01539 | Bridge Cottage, Lower Eashing | Erection of car park with non-habitable storage space in loft | No Objection |
| 15/P/01562 | Upper Eashing Farm, Eashing Lane | Construction of access drive and car park area | The applicant was in attendance and agreed that screening would be put in place to make sure that the car park would not be visible from nearby footpaths etc SPC had no objections provided this screening was planted. Clerk to inform GBC. |

**42/15 - Finance**

1. Annual Return – it was noted that the Annual Return had passed its External Audit.
2. Payments – the following payments were approved and cheques signed:

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| **Amount** | **Reason for Expenditure** | **Payee** |
| £25 | Hall Hire | The Shackleford Centre |
| £65 | Election Expenses 2015 | Guildford Borough Council |
| £86.88 | Clerk’s Expenses for July and August 2015 | Kate Lingard |
| £25.99 | Token of thanks to Internal Auditor | Kate Lingard |
| £36 | Annual Membership | CPRE Campaign for Protection of Rural England |
| £88.80 | Annual Playground Inspection | Playsafety Limited |
| £2,880  (£480 VAT) | Payment for construction/installation of two Eashing benches and an information board (passing on s106 money from GBC) | National Trust |

**43/15 - Other correspondence –** BCM asked whether the parish would be interested in having a defibrillator. Councillors agreed this would be a good idea and Clerk to find out costs involved with the unit itself and insurance. JS and BCM to ask other Parish organisations if they would be happy to contribute towards the cost of this.

**44/14 - Date of next meetings** – November 10th, January 12th, March 15th, May 3rd, July 5th, September 6th and November 1st.