

**SHIPTON GORGE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2005**

Open Forum:

No topics were raised.

Present:

Cllrs Charles Errington, Richard Hewlett, Mary Boughton, Robert Langran,
David Smith, Gillian Maxfield

In attendance:

District Councillor Mark Parsons

289. Apologies:

County Councillor Ron Coatsworth, Cllrs Bob Cornish and John Epplestone,
Jeff Fisher

CE informed Cllrs of BL's resignation. **Clerk** to send letter of thanks to Brian.
Clerk to confirm for next meeting what action needs to be taken to fill the
vacancy.

290 Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last PC meeting (13th July) were agreed and signed by the chairman

291 Clerks Report

1. A letter has at last been received from Connect who are responsible to the Highways Agency for the A35. They state that "the signs, road markings and visibility are consistent with the appropriate highway standards" They are not planning to do anything other than to investigate the reported frequency of incidents in order to determine if this junction is a "location of special interest" above the national average for its class.
2. Mr Bob White kindly reviewed the audit papers. He signed them without any need for changes. The papers have been sent to the auditors.
3. Andy Lloyd (Rural Housing Enabler) has been contacted and will carry out the parish housing needs survey. A person needs to be nominated to liaise with Andy.
4. The insurers have been contacted reference using Mr Sorrell's field as a football pitch for the village youngsters. The insurers replied that the PC is covered under the existing policy at no extra charge if the PC is solely responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the field and that it is either owned by or leased to the PC.
5. Blair Turner has been notified of the damage done during the recent verge cutting and will investigate and rectify.

292 Matters Arising

1. It was not known if the Clerks letter to the HA (ref 291 (1)) made reference to the Walditch turning. (Post meeting note from the clerk :- Letter to the Highways Agency did mention the dangerous Walditch turning but the HA made no mention of it in their reply. Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Clerk had also been informed of our concern and that we were writing to the HA.)
2. There had been a good response, in general, to the broadcasting survey carried out.
3. CE will liaise with Andy Lloyd on parish housing needs.
4. The New Inn – DS read out a comprehensive report on the activities of himself and Eddy Buck. The majority of the report had already been circulated together with a proposal for further action. This was proposed by RH, seconded by MB and agreed unanimously. Agenda item for next meeting.

293. Reports.

Planning

1. A report had previously been circulated. Concern was raised about items 11 and 12. (Both relating to Application for a Lawful Use) Should they have been dealt with as applications? **Clerk** to check with RC
2. Attendance at WDDC Planning Committee meetings. Item for next agenda.

General Finance

There has been no change to the financial position since the last meeting except one cheque has been raised to cover for nine cuts of the playing field plus petrol costs.

Cheque:-

CHEQUE No	RECIPIENT	AMMOUNT
388	G Rosamond	£176.25

Playing Field

1. It has not been possible to arrange a date for the maintenance day. Now considering early spring.
2. Playing field committee to meet before next meeting to set budget.
3. RH to prepare simple lease document for use of land owned by Les Sorrell. Village Society would maintain field. No cost to PC. Pitch would need to be included in the inspection rota.

DAPTC

No report

Rights of Way

No issues - nothing to report

Village Hall

Dates for diaries:-

28/09/05 Artsreach – Story of Stanley Holloway

11/10/05 Film – Only human

14/12/05 Bingo

Highways

Clerk to request removal of advance warning signs of new speed limit.

Parish Plan

Meeting to be held on 21/09/05. Parishioners are being urged to attend. MB attended the BLAP meeting, she asked PC to consider being a member (for next agenda). MB will possibly continue to attend as rep. from Chamber of Trade.

Village Website

1. Harrods have appeared as a new sponsor of the site.
2. Details of events are not being given to MB. Clerk to write to village organisations asking them to email details of their events to MB's home email address

294. Correspondence

The correspondence log has been distributed.
"Local Work" correspondence to be circulated to all Cllrs and item added to next agenda

295. Dates of next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 9th November 2005