

**Minutes of the meeting of Shouldham Parish Council
held on Monday 12th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the village hall**

Those attending:

Mr G Hipperson, Chairman, Mr P Gascoyne, Mrs A Berryman, Mr K Carter, Mrs V Negus, Clerk.

The clerk distributed the report from the PCSO

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr N Herbert, Mr C Hotson, Mr K Matthews

2. Declaration of Interest No interests declared

3. Minutes of the meeting dated 8 December 2014 were signed as a true record

4. Borough Council Report

Mr Hipperson reported that the new site development structure plan is available for consultation and that there will be no increase in the Borough percentage of the council tax.

5. Matters arising

Following the matter of obstructions close to the highway, for future reference the clerk was asked to contact the Highways department to establish their guidelines regarding such obstructions.

6. Payments for Approval

Utilities Warehouse electricity for December	£55.25
Village Hall ¼ hall hire to end of December	£27.50
Mrs Negus ¼ salary to end of December	£650.00
Mrs Negus ¼ expenses to end of December	£8.61

7. Precept

Mr Matthews had distributed his budget and precept proposals prior to the meeting. No queries were raised. Mr Carter proposed that the Council accept the budget and precept as set out. This was seconded by Mrs Berryman. The proposal was carried unanimously.

8. Planning

Site Allocations and Development plan. Following discussion the Council agreed with the allocation of the sites put forward by the Borough Council but will emphasise the Parish Council's request for a quota of affordable housing in order to keep young people in the village.

Notice of Decision Wheelers School, Eastgate Street – approved by the Borough Council

Notice of Decision St Martins at Shouldham School – approved by the Borough Council

9. Temporary Road Closure

Westgate Street will be closed for vacuum sewer improvements from 13th to 30th January. The clerk reported that the bus route will turn at Hallfields to exclude Westgate Street completely during the closure.

10. Correspondence

(a) Norfolk Constabulary re match funded PCSO's – following discussion this was not something the Parish Council felt would be value for money.

(b) NALC weekly bulletins – Council members confirmed that they are receiving the bulletins and there were no matters to raise

(c) NRCC – letter requesting support for their request that DEFRA do not withdraw funding for the ACRE Network (Action with Communities in Rural England). The Council agreed to support this request.

(d) Invitation to attend a policing budget meeting – Mr Hipperson will attend if he is able to.

11. Any Other Business

(a) Mrs Kirk reported that the new directional sign for the post office has already proved worthwhile.

(b) The clerk reported that the installation of the new toilet block is imminent.

(c) The clerk had requested an additional bottle bank for the playing field subject to its use continuing beyond the Christmas rush. Mr Carter will provide a laminated sign directing users to the pub if the bank is full.

(d) Mr Gascoyne had received a request for a directional sign to be provided to the church to be attached to the existing sign at the corner of The Green. The clerk will obtain a quote for an additional arm.

12. The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 9th February

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm