

Shipdham Village Forum
Shipdham as a safe, vibrant community

Minutes of meeting held on 30th September 2019 at The Golden Dog, Shipdham

31 people attended

Personal ambitions and objectives for the meeting: Paul Hewett (PH) explained the purpose of the meeting and encouraged all to take part. He suggested ways forward for the meeting, to enable Shipdham to be a safe, vibrant community, with residents very much involved going forward

Topics suggested from the floor included:

Environmental issues

Traffic

Speeding

Central community hall

Update on Local Plan: PH explained the current status of the Local Plan, its complexities and impact on Shipdham. He also explained about a government grant to help release the use of the OSPF by delivering roadworks to serve both OSPF when developed and the Old Coal Yard development across the road. It is planned to have a staggered T junction at the site, with resisting of the existing pedestrian crossing. Lynda Turner (LT) reassured residents that the small consecrated grave yard would be preserved and the headstone removed and stored for safety until all works were completed.

Traffic, speed, parking, etc: Much discussion on this including relocating bus stop on Green, possible lay-by at the Green, traffic lights, traffic calming measures, extended speed limits either side of village, the use of a movable speed camera, yellow lines etc.

Actions points:

1. Invite Police to next or subsequent parish council meeting to discuss topic of speeding, traffic flow etc. Parish Clerk
2. Village mobile speed camera to be retrieved and use of discussed with police and highways - may need a review of suitable sitings and new memorandum of agreement. Parish Clerk
3. LT to discuss at next SNAP meeting (all public welcome to attend). LT

Anti Social behaviour etc: LT explained the definition of anti social behaviour (that harms, harasses or distresses a person or people) and explained the protocol for reporting homeless persons etc. She also explained how No Calling Zones worked, and how individual streets could be designated working with Norfolk Trading Standards.

Enhancing the Environment: There was a keen desire to see more trees planted, unloved areas cared for, so discussion re guerilla gardening etc. To be continued at next Forum, and/or at Parish Council meetings

Community Facilities: Long discussion over need for a centralised village hall – questions asked about current community facilities including the Community Centre based at the school – and how best our current facilities could be used or rethought for the future. To be further explored

Action Point:

4. LT et al to explore further LT et al

Everyone agreed the meeting had been most useful and another would be held in early Spring. Thanks given to Dave for hosting at The Golden Dog and thanks to PH for drinks.