

# SHIPDHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

11 April 2011

AT 7.30

Venue: WI Hall, Shipdham

### Present:

Councillors Paul Chubbock (Chair), Michael Shelly, Paul Hewett, Joanne Kidd, Bill Fawcett, Robert Parfitt, Peter Dodd, Mark Crane, Sylvia Tuck, David Hill

22 members of the public

### Apologies for Absence

Apology for absence was received from Marlene Secker

Cllr Chubbock opened the meeting by asking everyone to send their condolences to Marlene Secker on the recent sudden death of her husband Bobby. A sympathy card signed by all has been sent on behalf of the council.

The Chair then welcomed Amy East from Active Norfolk Project to the meeting.

Item	Subject	ACTION
1	<p><b>Parishioners' Comments</b></p> <p>A question was asked about a hedge that had been planted along the edge of Mr Leonard's field where he had proposed development, will debar the land being used for anything else as it had effectively closed off access to the land. Could anything be done by the council? The Chair said that there was nothing the council could do apart from making a note of what had been done.</p> <p>It was reported that lamppost No: 84 in Meadow Close was on during the day and off at night, also could the lights in Parklands Avenue be turned back on at night as it was causing problems for the residents. The matters would be reported to Norfolk County Council for resolution.</p>	<p>Parish Clerk</p>
2	<p><b>Village Games</b></p> <p>Amy East from Active Norfolk was invited to address the meeting concerning Sports Taster Road shows. Money was available to support the encouragement of sporting activities in the village. There was a possibility of coordinating this project with the village fete on 29<sup>th</sup> August. There was funding available for Coaching Bursaries up to 75% of the coaching training. There would be a competition on the 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011 for small, medium and large</p>	

	villages – 0 to 1200, 1200 to 4000, and over 4000 residents. The games to be considered are: Darts, Bowls, Rounders, Exercise Bike Challenge, Tennis, Badminton, Table Tennis, Archery and 5-a-side Football. Any interested parties to get in touch with Mrs Sylvia Slaughter or Cllr Peter .Dodd.	Cllr Dodd
3	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> An apology for absence was received from Cllr Marlene Secker.	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meetings</b> Minutes of the previous meeting 14 March were approved and signed by the Chair. <b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> Cllr Shelley raised the matter concerning the proposed seats in the churchyard. A quote had been received for £1000 + VAT. It was suggested that some vandal-proof metal seats be considered but they were considered to be too cold to sit on. It was decided that further quotes be investigated	
5	<b>Appointment of Parish Clerk</b> Cllr Sylvia Tuck informed the council that after interviewing the remaining 3 applicants from the short-list of 5. It was decided by the sub-committee to recommend Mrs Rosemary Allen Martin as the new Parish Clerk. Seconded by Cllr Parfitt & Fawcett. The appointment to be subject to satisfactory reference checks. Mrs Martin represented 2 other parish councils at this moment and one of them meets on the same night as Shipdham. She was prepared to resign from this one if appointed to Shipdham if she could not get them to move their meeting night. Concern was made over the amount of storage required for the parish council records and Cllr Chubbock volunteered to make sufficient storage available. Cllr Tuck undertook to send out all the necessary correspondence	Cllr Tuck
6	<b>Correspondence</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Concern was expressed about the rate relief for the WI Hall. Only one rate relief can be allocated to one site. As the WI Hall and the Cemetery are not co-located, rate relief can only be granted for one site. Cllr Paul Hewett will be following this up with Breckland Council to attempt relief for both sites.</li> <li>b. Quote for re-surfacing of the road around the village green was given as £6,606.00 valid for 2 months. Full tarmac would cost in the region of £20,000. A letter prepared by Cllr Paul Hewett would be sent to each house around the green informing them of this proposal. It was suggested to leave the final decision to the next meeting after letters to residents had been considered.</li> <li>c. Quotes had been received for painting of the railings around the Cemetery and the barriers around the village green, as well as cleaning of the Bus Shelters. £690.40 for the railings, £482 for the barriers and £60 for cleaning of the shelters. Suggested that the paint should be 'Hammerite'. Proposed by Cllr Peter Dodd, seconded by Cllr Paul Hewett, all in</li> </ol>	Cllr Hewett  Cllr Hewett  Parish

