

Welcome All

**Shiplake Parish Council Annual
Parish Meeting 2017**

Chair: Tudor Taylor

This Evening's Agenda

3 Sections

- 1. The Formal Annual Parish Meeting**
- 2. Short presentation from Peter Boros Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group**
- 3. Q&A**

Formal Section Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2016**
- 3. Matters arising from those Minutes.**
- 4. Annual Report of Shiplake, Harpsden, Dunsden and Peppard Sick Poor Fund.**
- 5. Police Matters.**
- 7. Chairman's report**

Annual Parish Meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence. (PC)**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2016**
- 3. Matters arising from those Minutes.**

Shiplake, Harpsden, Dunsden and Peppard Sick Poor Fund

Trust deed 1953

5 Trustees.

Distribution of Xmas hampers/flowers and chocolates to the sick and poor of these parishes.

Total Income £1219 received from:

- £4000 Treas. 4.25% 2036 - Income of £169

- £1050 in donations – inc PC.

There has been an increase in hampers from 21 to 23.

A big thank you to the Trustees.

Police Report

New PCSO Ruth Hand

No Report

Chair's Report

Apolitical/Elected/9 Councillors (SODC/OCC)

**Represents the interests of the “smaller villages”
which make up Shiplake Parish**

Approximately 1300 electors

**Popn 1955 – 635 households 20% in Shiplake X
80% in LS**

**Day to day activities managing assets and
responding to planning applications and to lobby
on issues impacting our community.**

**Meeting generally 2nd Monday of month - all
welcome!**

Thanks

Two retiring parish councillors Chris Smith and Geoff Thomas

A special thanks to both for their contribution to the Council over the years and their services will be missed.

Neither leaving immediately but this will mean that we have two vacancies going forward.

Open to all – it is genuinely interesting register interest via Roger Hudson email address on web-site.

Monthly meetings and some sub-committee meetings

Finance Report Year End 31st March 2017

Income £33652 Spend £31045

Carried forward £2607 to reserves

Well within budget – building reserves for planning consultancy support, Neighbourhood Plan and highway safety.

Better than expected owing to unspent contingency

Current end of year reserves £78800

We try and allocate our reserves to future projects and so anticipate events and potential overspend.

Finance Report

Maintained our strong commitment to the school, local charities, clubs and the Memorial Hall.

Any local charities need help?

Any community events need supporting?

Funds are available to benefit the community.

No increase in Council tax

We remain one of the cheapest Parishes per capita!

Planning Report

69 applications reviewed by Planning Committee (63 last year). Continuing the upward trend.

51 no strong views; 18 parish objections ie 26%. (Last year objections were 16%!). More speculative applications and some big ones.

Of these:

- 5 were approved by SODC planning committee;**
- 6 refused; 2 withdrawn, 5 amended.**

A very good track record – we fight very hard each application that we feel should be refused.

Planning protection has deteriorated.

Planning The Current state of play

SODC acknowledge lack of 5 year housing supply

The weight given to the policies in the Local Plan diminished.

Developers have been swooping on non-NP areas.

Government pressure to build houses.

House and land prices in Shiplake high and higher returns for developers.

Tendency for houses to get bigger via extensions or new builds.

The PC keen to develop a NP and thanks for your support and all the volunteers.

SODC working on new plan adoption summer 2018 – a significant increase in housing across the district

We continue to challenge SODC leadership and want to control where we can our own affairs.

We now have a group of 6 parishes that have agreed to work together closely

Thames Farm

4 day Inquiry at Nettlebed Village Hall starts 13th May.

A strong defence is being built up using external expertise where necessary.

Revised Housing Supply figures are due by the 1st June. Proof of Evidence available on the SODC web-site.

We welcome the support of John Howell and the Ministerial Statement but irrespectively we believe the site to be significantly un-sustainable.

A good showing at the Inquiry on all days is essential but particularly the start and finish.

A rota will be established

We will continue the fight to prevent residential development at this site.

The Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council were unanimous in wishing to develop a NP

It's not just about housing but it's about creating a vision for the villages for the future.

We are very impressed with the speed of progress

We will do whatever is necessary to support the initiatives that the residents of Shiplake see as the priority for the future.

We also need to protect the environment, build on the strong sense of community, support our businesses and create a vibrant, supportive place to live.



- Home
- Community
- Local Area
- Council
- Businesses
- Local Links
- Forum
- Contact us



Editor's Choice

Shiplake X gets its pub back...Plowden re-opens!

Karen and David will be hosting a 'Grand Opening' on Friday this week (26th May) starting at 7pm and finishing late. Join them for a glass of bubbly and nibbles, check out their menus and range of local beers..... a very good start to the weekend.

Your Opportunity to Shape the Future of Shiplake...

The Shiplake Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire will be delivered to you in the coming days and is your opportunity to shape the future of Shiplake. You may have many questions about the why, what and how of

[Read more](#)


Thames Farm Planning Applications & Inquiry ++

The outcome of the Thames Farm Barn application at yesterday's SODC Planning Committee Meeting was: 'No Decision pending the outcome of a Site Visit'. Many thanks to all residents who attended the meeting.

[Read more](#)

Neighbourhood Plan

**The Neighbourhood Plan
Your Opportunity to Shape the Future**



Register your Views in the Questionnaire
Closing date 10th June

Lower Shiplake Tasting Day 20 May 2017



Latest on Twitter

Tweets by @ShiplakeVillage

Shiplake Community Retweeted

Henley Trains
@HenleyTrains

@ShiplakeVillage and the same service for you too. Evening rush hour options will improve slightly from July too.

17 May

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Live Links

- Rail Update - Twyford
- GWR General
- Waste Collection
- FixMyStreet
- Weather
- Flood Warnings

Forum Digest

The Villages' Website - Shiplakevillages.com

A major strategic goal of the PC

To bind the community - how to keep in touch with local businesses, social clubs and events. To get info out fast!

4500 hits per month. Key Pages are: Home Page, Planning, Local Events, Forum, Community and Hot Topics.

535 Registered Users - target 700 plus (635 households)

Registered Users receive immediate email 'Notifications' on initiatives and events as they happen and electronic distribution of issues of the Shiplake Newsletter.

Instant views can be obtained.

Work Completed

Continued updating of web-site. Virtual village. Huge effort to improve communication. Upgraded Newsletter. Improved forum.

Defibrillators in place and training provided.

Superfast broadband rolled -out

Assets – bus shelters, notice boards and playgrounds regularly monitored - great support from Gregg's team at the College.

Badgers Walk playground reviewed and upgraded.

Road Maintenance – constant battle against lack of OCC funds

TPOs – continue to protect the rural nature of our community

Strategic Issues

Become more clearly defined within the Neighbourhood Plan

Effective and controlled development. Protection of amenities and businesses.

Safe, clean environment – protection of green spaces.

We want better representation from whatever unitary authority emerges.

We strongly support Localism – local communities working within defined frameworks and given full political support.

We believe Thames Farm is a test case for this!

Building a virtual village – using technology to get news out fast and creating a vibrant and dynamic community.

Review an extension of AONB – greener environment and cycle path!

Help

If you haven't then register on the web-site to get the alerts

Use the forum, submit articles and photos

Support the Village party Sunday 11th June – it really will be a good day out.

Look around for anyone/charity that needs support.

Support the Memorial Hall and local businesses

Help us by your physical support at Nettlebed for the Thames farm Inquiry

Finally.....

A big thank you to my fellow Parish Councillors

And in particular to our Clerk Roger Hudson – it has been an incredibly busy year!

And to all of those of you that have volunteered their time over the last year and who continue to do so.

Questions