

Welcome All

**Shiplake Parish Council Annual
Parish Meeting 2014**


Chairman: Tudor Taylor

This Evening's Agenda

3 Sections

- 1. The Formal Annual Parish Meeting**
- 2. An update from the SVP Steering Committee**
- 3. A panel Q&A including the PC; SVP; OCC and SODC Councillors**

Formal Section Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
 - 2. Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2013**
 - 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**
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Annual Parish Meeting

- 1. Apologies for absence. (PC)**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2013**
- 3. Matters arising from those Minutes.**

Shiplake, Harpsden, Dunsden and Peppard Sick Poor Fund

Trust deed 1953

4 Trustees. Chair: Rev. Paul Bradish

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

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

£500 from Phillimore Family Trust

Deficit £93 carried forward

Distributed 15 hampers (7 within Shiplake Parish)

A big thank you to the Trustees.

Police Matters.

- 12 months to 27th April 2014 – a total of 30 crimes
- 5 dwelling burglaries including attempts and 7 non-dwelling burglaries
- 9 thefts
- 1 assault/public order offence and this was prosecuted
- 4 damage to property and 4 minor miscellaneous
- A number of non-serious traffic incidents on the A4155
- Regular “Have your say” meetings at The Corner Shop
- Support for PC parking initiatives – minor parking offences
- Take precautions to protect property

Chairman's Report

Approximately 1350 electors

Apolitical/elected/9 Councillors (SODC/OCC)

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

**Day to day activities managing assets and
responding to planning applications**

**However key role: to act on behalf of the
community**

2013/2014 – A very busy year

- 2012 the PC recognised the importance of community views and launched the Community Plan (SVP)

- The PC also spent some time out to review it's priorities over and above statutory duties

Result 2013/2014 two overlapping Plans/List of priorities and a lot of stuff to do!

Coincided with some serious planning threats.

Flooding

Finance Report

Income £29k Spend £30k

Carried forward shortfall £1k

Budgeted to overspend c. £5k

Better than expected owing to grants (OCC)

2014/5 allocated reserves

Big items: donated £7.6k enhanced contribution owing to VAT to the Memorial Hall; funded SVP £3-4k and the new web-site c £4k.

Finance Report

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

Any local charities need help?

Maintained healthy reserves including a fighting fund for greenfield residential developments.

1.1% reduction in council tax - £56.20pa

One of the cheapest Parishes!

Planning Report

The last year saw some big threats close to our parish. JHHNP and mineral extraction.

Strong contribution into JHHNP debate directly and indirectly – with robust defence against residential development.

Mineral extraction – Lafarge extension approved by OCC Planning – request for review by Secretary of State decision awaited.

Third Bridge currently being debated – need for cohesive transport infrastructure

Boundary review to extend parish boundary – in agreement with Harpsden

Planning Report

**39 applications reviewed by Planning Committee
(41 last year)**

27 approved or no strong views

**12 challenged, but 7 withdrawn or amended, 1
refused and 4 granted.**

**High local property prices – larger houses on small
plots – difficult to defend.**

Flooding

Lots of lessons

Recognise the hardship and worry caused

Strong community effort

Good support from SODC – thanks passed

Web-site will help enormously and in future will be able to coordinate info local support etc.

Flooding – Action from PC

- 1. The PC has given full delegate and detailed written input to OCC on the impact of the floods**
- 2. We intend to develop a Flood Emergency Action Plan**
- 3. We are taking up with Thames Water all the problems experienced with sewage and drain flooding in the village.**
- 4. We have written to SODC Planning to ask them to take the scale of the recent flooding into account when considering future property development applications - as your PC will do.**

Work in Progress

Assets – bus shelters have been overhauled; playgrounds regularly monitored - great support from the College.

Badgers Walk playground under review with likely upgrade.

Road Maintenance – constant battle against lack of OCC funds – welcome community support.

Broadband lobbied hard to ensure OCC commit to Shiplake – April 2015

Launch of superb web-site. Virtual village. Huge effort to improve communication. Upgraded Newsletter.

Work in Progress

Car parking – dreadful co-operation from OCC but ETO permanent and a promise of further consultation on minor amendments.

Bays by shop unlikely but requested a review of safety.

Reviewed corner of Plough Lane and Memorial avenue.

Asked police to check speed on Memorial avenue.

In discussion to switch traffic camera. College support.

Explore ways of improving A4155 crossing

Work in Progress

Cycle Path request has gone to Network Rail for permission to use their land. Two part proposal: Lower Shiplake to Henley and LS to Twyford!

Leading a discussion group of four parishes on extending AONB.

Ticket machine at station

Support for village party on September 14th

Protection of trees.

Registration of Parish assets.

Well done Bob Partridge! Oxfordshire's High Sherriff Award



Help

Register on the web-site. Get the alerts

Use the forum, submit articles and photos

Support the Village party

Look around for anyone/charity that needs support.

Support the Memorial Hall and local businesses

Put yourself forward to the PC – elections next year.

Support the SVP

Finally.....

A big thank you to Dennis Oliver and everyone involved in the excellent Shiplake Villages Plan.

An equally big thank you to my fellow Parish Councillors

Great support from our Clerk Roger Hudson

And all of those of you that have volunteered their time over the last year.

Questions

