

SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting held on Monday 15th September 2014 at 7.30pm, WI Hall, Shottisham

AG1-15/9/14 Apologies for absence
None Recorded

AG2-15/9/14 To receive and record a declaration of interests by members on items on the agenda

Cllr Venediger planning application - Myrtle cottage
Cllr Venediger, Cllr Ivan, Cllr Newman, Cllr Dunnett – Sorrel House
Cllr Backhouse - Wheelright planning
Cllr Dunnett - School bus passes

AG3-15/9/14 To sign and approve minutes 14th July 2014

AG4-15/9/14 Public are invited to ask questions. Please see public participation protocol advice attached.

- What are the plans for land east of heath drive
- Would affordable homes be considered
- Would like to know the village is being heard.
- Residents on heath drive don't want any development.
- No Path way down to the village from heath drive
- Additional houses will bring more cars
- Heath Drive is a un adopted road in need of repair, planning issues over rights of way
- Unhappy with the service classification of the village
- No reliable network of services, cant sustain living.
- Asks if other sites could be considered.
- Agricultural work has diminished.
- Residents pay £350 per year for sewers to be maintained.

AG5-15/9/14 Charles Loyd from Bawdsey Estate has been invited to discuss their intentions for land on east of heath drive.

Chr Hazelwood introduces Charles Loyd from bawdsey estate.

Charles Loyd explains that he understands that everyone should have their views, he is not a planner or consultant, hasn't come to the meeting to preach or demand anything and is interested in hearing what the community wants. Bawdsey estate has "no plans" for heath drive as yet.

Infrastructure on the estate involves many elements. Government funding ceased. Flood cell 4, surveys were done on the river deben to find ways to protect the river wall, the farm land attached would not be economically viable to build on. Needs to find ways of securing the land from flooding. Bawdsey estate looking into ways of raising funds to protect the land. Looking into utilising land on the estate. Enablement would not be considered at this time, money raised will be invested back into the village. Empty buildings on elm row last lived in 8 years ago would not be considered for sale to raise funds since they are listed buildings and rendered uneconomical to repair. The estate needs to be managed and protected, is open to the idea of building on agricultural land to extend the village. Without growth in the village, services naturally diminish.

Land on heath drive had been identified for development by SCDC, suggestion of 6 homes to be built on Heath drive, 2 houses would need to be affordable. This may not economically viable.

Chr Hazelwood comments:

- A strong majority who would like to see affordable homes built.
- Shottisham made up of 50 % owner 25% rent and 25% empty.
- 2 new houses built on beatons yard. 1 sold. 1 empty.
- Require affordability £150k young starter homes or small homes for the elderly.
- Asked for Charles Loyd views of affordable homes. **Charles Loyd replies, for affordable to work, land would need to be given to the developer. This would not be considered viable.**
- 2 areas were identified by SCDC for possible development, sorrel horse and heath drive. (sorrel privately owned) (land east of Heath Drive, part of Bawdsey estate)
- No scheme from government available for the purchase of affordable homes.
- Asked SCDC to clarify numbers for heath drive, only 6 now will be considered. Half a hectare for a garden.

Councillor Comments:

Cllr Venediger, asks Charles Loyd, has other sites been considered. A map identified land surrounding the village was owned by Quilters, Pauls and Bawdsey Estate and asked if a meeting was needed with other estate owners to open up discussion on planning. **Charles Loyd, this is possible.**

Cllr Backhouse, no footpath from heath drive to the village, dangerous. **Charles Loyd, ways round this, a footpath could go round the village avoiding the road.**

Outcome:

- *Charles Loyd, affordable homes would not be viable, land would need to be given to the developer. No plans for heath drive, wants to hear what the community wants. Would like to put together a plan, has no time limit.*
- *Chr Hazelwood, affordable homes not possible. Action: to ask "what would the village want to see built". To prepare another survey to update the parish plan. Full council support.*
- *County Councillor C Block asks what residents need in terms of housing. Refresh the information in housing survey. Need to be a lot clearer about a specific housing need Action: C Block to contact SCDC for survey.*

Chr Hazelwood thanks everyone for their contribution to the meeting.

- *Parish don't want to commit to numbers.*
- *SCDC over ruling what the village wants. Numbers are changing.*
- *Agree that affordable houses are not viable.*
- *No decision can be made at this time.*
- *Parish plan, update housing survey. Action: Cllr Block to enquire.*
- *Council united in this view.*
- **Action: Clerk to respond to SCDC**

AG7-15/9/14 Planning Application DC/14/2597/FUL Proposed alterations/extension – Myrtle Cottage Shottisham - **plans available to view at 7.15pm**
No objections raised.
Cllr Backhouse, wheel rights planning, no objections to her staying in the meeting.
Comments: 1 abstention 5 in favour.

AG8-15/9/14 Police, Andrew Reid C Councillor, Christine Block, D Councillor Reports
Cllr Block reports Deben estuary plan will go out on the 17th November. 6 weeks for parish council to make a reply.

AG9-15/9/14 Finance

Current bank *723 £4849.96

Reserve Acc *750 £1659.87

Reserve Acc *721 £ 192.17

AG10-15/9/14 Renewal of Insurance

£422.32 Zurich Insurance. Full council vote.

Action: November risk assessment- circulate register for meeting in November.

AG11-15/9/14 Free School Bus passes for primary school children

County council have cut down on the provision. Shottisham primary school residents have been refused. Resident J Excell, completed an appeal form, took photos of the dangerous road, high lighting no pathways, speeding traffic, large tractors. A discretionary pass has been issued whilst they consider the appeal. A road safety officer has to walk the route and has to decide if it is dangerous for the appeal to be upheld.

Requested support from the parish council and asked if a letter could be drawn up, highlighting the dangers of this road. Action: Clerk to produce letter supporting the appeal.

AG12-15/9/14 Request from Sorrel Horse to use the playing field for parking on fireworks night

- *Council agreed the Sorrel could use the field. Insured for use.*
- **Action: Arrange public meeting. Sorrell horse sub-committee, Contact Cllr Block and Cllr A Reid for date.**

AG13-15/9/14 Cllr Venediger to report on speed calming measures

Response from highways: speed results don't indicate a problem of speed. Ford hill is still an issue. Traps placed on ford fill, S I D near the sorrel horse. Check minutes regards speeding, 3 gates on the village boundary. Gates into the village maybe effective in adjusting vehicle speed. £1650 for chevrons and white lines on ford hill.

Action: Clerk to check if the parish council accepted the costs, if so then proceed: Cllr A Reid to make a contribution on the cost, gates to be produced by residents.

Meeting closed at 21.42

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M. Hazlewood

Mr M Hazlewood
Chairman

17th Nov 2014

Highlights refer to land East of Heath Drive