

**Minutes of the meeting of Shouldham Parish Council
held on Monday 17th August 2015 at 7.30pm in the village hall**

Those attending:

Mr G Hipperson, Chairman, Mr P Gascoyne, Vice Chairman, Mrs A Berryman, Mr N Herbert, Mrs A Caley, Mr T Nickerson, Mrs V Negus, Clerk. Mr Alan Austin.

1. Apologies for Absence were received from Mr K Carter
2. Declaration of Interest There were no declarations of interest
3. Minutes of the meeting dated 20th July 2015 were signed as a true record

The Council agreed to take an additional item on the agenda

4. Matters Arising:

(a) Play Area Repairs – the clerk reported that the new net had been delivered and was ready for installation which Mr Herbert agreed to organise but the repair of the slide was going to cost far more for labour than anticipated. After discussion Mr Hipperson agreed to contact Mr Dolman who may be able to carry out the repair

(b) Waste bins – It had been reported that green and black bins at the area adjacent to The Crofts are not being removed after emptying. Mr Hipperson agreed to contact the owner of the property

4a. Trod on New Road

Mr Gascoyne had been approached to put forward a request for a trod between the footpath opposite Thorpe Farm on New Road to the playing field. The clerk was asked to contact Highways for the likelihood of their Department providing a trod at this point and at the same time establish the cost.

5. Payments for Approval

Utilities Warehouse – electricity for July	£33.81
Country Grounds Maintenance – grass cutting for July	£220.05
Fenland Leisure – Play area equipment	£655.86
Mark Harrod Products – goal posts	£1194.00
Westcotec – SAM2	£3360.00

Received

Shouldham Football Club – Contribution to goal posts	£995.00
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6. Planning

(a) Orchard Park Caravan Site Appeal for 21 Caravans to go ahead on 21st August

(b) Mr Hipperson gave a report on the delay by the Borough Council of the completion of the Local Structure Plan. He pointed out that it has been delayed because the government minister is not satisfied that the Borough has made sufficient provision for the number of properties that the Government require over the next 5 years.

(c) Notice of Decision for construction of dwelling at Matthews Coaches, Westgate Street – approved by the Borough Council

Mr Matthews arrived at the meeting with apologies for being late

The chairman invited Mr Austin to speak to the Council regarding his thoughts on the current structure plan process and any future development in the village.

Mr Austin felt that the process did not give the Parish sufficient input into the structure plan and that development should be confined to the west and northern edges. Also that any properties developed should be occupied by village families' children rather than housing association waiting lists.

The chairman pointed out that the Parish Council had been consulted and are satisfied that their proposals are the best option for making the least impact on the village and that the Borough Council are in agreement with their proposals. Shouldham had been allocated 10 new properties by the Borough Council in the current structure plan and felt it unlikely that this would change when it was eventually signed off by the government minister

7. Playing Field

Mr Carter to be asked for progress on the toilet block ramp drawing

8. Village Sign Funding

The clerk reported that it may be possible to get a grant towards the repairs but needs definite prices for the various parts to be repaired. Mr Herbert will provide a quote for the post and sign. Since it has been difficult to get a quote for repair of the base, after discussion of other alternatives, it was agreed that the clerk would ask Mr Bevan if he is able to take on this project.

9. SAM2 Installation

The monitor is now in place and Mr Herbert and Mr Nickerson have agreed to move it to different locations when necessary.

10. Community Rangers

Rangers visit due week commencing 21 September. Pot holes and blocked drains to be reported

11. Correspondence

(a)The Council agreed that the Classic Car event could be held on the village green on September 6

(b)Borough Council Sports Development Manager – request to be able to attend a meeting to provide details of Norfolk Village Games. Clerk to get further details.

12. Other Business

(a) The clerk was asked to contact Mr Hartog regarding clearing the watercourse adjacent to Hallfields

(b) The bottle bank was once again overflowing and an extra bin has been ordered.

(c) Mr Nickerson thought that it would be beneficial to have a sign on the toilet block to indicate the position of the gents toilet. The clerk will place an order

(d) Notification of Kings Lynn Mountain Bike Club event on September 6 and details of their proposed traffic flow

13. The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 14th September

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm