


**Welcome All**

**Shiplake Parish Council Annual  
Parish Meeting 2015**

**Chairman: Tudor Taylor**

# **This Evening's Agenda**

## **3 Sections**

- 1. The Formal Annual Parish Meeting with a short update from the SVP Steering Committee plus Q&A**
  - 2. Presentation from Paul Harrison SODC and David Bartholomew OCC. What will they do for Shiplake?**
  - 3. General Open Forum.**
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# Formal Section Agenda

- 1. Apologies for absence.**
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2014**
- 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 2014**
- 3. Matters arising from those Minutes.**

# Shiplake, Harpsden, Dunsden and Peppard Sick Poor Fund

**Trust deed 1953**

**5 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 and £200 John Hodges Trust**

**A small surplus plus PC donation c/forward to 2015**

**To increase hampers for this year from 15 to 19.**

**A big thank you to the Trustees.**

# Police Report

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**No formal report available**

# Chairman's Report

**Approximately 1350 electors**

**Apolitical/elected/9 Councillors (SODC/OCC)**

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

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

# Finance Report

**Income £27,725 Spend £31,048**

**Carried forward shortfall/overspend £3,323**

**Budgeted to overspend c. £7,000**

**Better than expected owing to unspent contingency**

**Current end of year reserves £68,119**

**Big items: £6260 Badgers Walk Playground and £5,934 defending Thames Farm.**

**Next year budgeted to overspend by c. £5,000 to include £6,000 contribution to MH and contingency for cycle path and 20mph implementation.**



# Finance Report

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

**Any local charities need help?**

**We will maintain strong reserves including a  
fighting fund for greenfield residential  
developments.**

**A small reduction in council tax**

**One of the cheapest Parishes!**

# Planning: Thames Farm

**A huge success for this parish.**

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**8 day Inquiry - the PC attended each day made written submissions and two verbal submissions.**

**Excellent Inspector – extremely thorough and observant.**

**Huge support from residents. External consultant opinion sought.**

**Dismissed on sustainability grounds with a big question mark against SODC strategy**

**Overtaken OCC Highways view. Challenge to be taken up with OCC Highways over their performance and “expert” opinion.**

**The PC will consider its own strategy on planning in the light of this decision.**

# Planning continued

**Strong contribution into JHHNP debate directly and indirectly and wish it success.**

**The Wyevale site – an update.**

**Sydney Harrison House**

**Mineral extraction – Lafarge extension approved by OCC Planning**

**Agreed boundary changes with Harpsden and implemented by SODC**

**AONB – lobbying Secretary of State via John Howell**

# Planning Report

**Developments up to 0.2 hectare – infill only.**

**64 applications reviewed by Planning Committee (40 last year) up 60%**

**52 approved or no strong views; 12 objections.**

**Of these 4 were referred to the SODC Planning Committee and 3 approved (Yule Lodge, Chelford House and Ferry Cottage) and 1 (Collingwood) instructed to be modified in response to the parish council's representations.**

**Our other objections resulted in the withdrawal of 2 applications and the modification of another.**

# 20 MPH

Originally proposed by SVP following villages survey.

PC agreed speed surveys and consultation.

All public roads – reduced section of Memorial Ave but NOT A4155 of course.

PC agree to recommend approval and welcomed the debate and views of objectors

OCC Highway Officer recommends introduction but funding to be PC.

OCC Cabinet Councillor hearing agrees recommendation

20 mph does reduce speed; does reduce accidents and does reduce the severity of those accidents.

Reduces urbanisation, fewer signs and least expensive option.

Further traffic calming may be necessary.

LS all private roads have traffic calming measures to reduce speed. Fairness for all.

# Network Rail cameras and electrification

**PC censured NR on the lack of consultation and their poor planning**

**We remain unconvinced of their need but cannot ask for their removal.**

**The electrification project is behind schedule and this might have a knock-on impact on the electrification of the branch line. Update from NR shortly.**

**Electrification will have a big impact on those living near the line and we will monitor plans carefully.**

**We also need to review the priority for the cycle path linked to the railway and have asked our OCC Councillor to champion an alternative route via the A4155.**

**We continue to review parking issues in the village and at the station.**

**Electrification of the main line means there will not be direct trains to Paddington - BUGS will campaign against**

# Defibrillators

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**PC received presentation from representative from Suzanne Strickley.**

**Fully supportive of the project to introduce 2 units one at the MH and a unit in Lower Shiplake at the Baskerville.**

**Each unit costs c. £1600 exc vat to safely install in cabinet.**

**A request for funding has been made to the British Heart Foundation for £450 and generous residents have offered donations. The PC will make a contribution.**

**They will make a very valuable safety contribution to the two villages.**

**Thanks to all those working on this project and those who have offered their support – watch for updates on web-site.**

# 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 have a draft Flood Emergency Action Plan ready for implementation**
- 3. We have taking up with Thames Water all the problems experienced with sewage and drain flooding in the village.**
- 4. We have addressed the problem of Station Road flooding near the carpark:**
  - TW have conducted a survey of the local area drainage network**
  - OCC Highways have cleared and relined an identified blocked drain**
  - NR have undertaken to clear surveyed drainage problems this summer**
- 5. 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.**



# Strategic Issues

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## The SODC core strategy

- We have given our input and favour the current protection of smaller villages.
- Concern re impact of Thames Farm and lack of challenge to SHMA (future housing demand figures!)

## OCC Local Transport Plan

- Our area has largely been ignored – electrification, 3<sup>rd</sup> bridge, cycle paths nothing!!
- Need strong lobbying from our Councillor. Little focus on south of county

Working with MH Trustees to plan financial security of MH long term – a critical project.

# Work in Progress

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

**Superfast broadband**

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

**Badgers Walk playground reviewed and upgraded – new signage agreed**

**Road Maintenance – constant battle against lack of OCC funds**

**TPOs – continue to protect the rural nature of our community**







# Help

**Register on the web-site. Get the alerts**

**Use the forum, submit articles and photos**

**Support the Village party – last year was brilliant!**

**Look around for anyone/charity that needs support.**

**Support the Memorial Hall and local businesses**

**Last chance call to be a Parish Councillor!**

# Finally.....

**A big thanks Dennis Oliver and everyone involved in the excellent Shiplake Villages Plan.**

**An equally big thank you to my fellow Parish Councillors**

**Continued great support from our Clerk Roger Hudson**

**And to all of those of you that have volunteered their time over the last year and also all those who supported us at the Inquiry.**

# SVP Steering Group Update

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1. Active Projects
2. Completed Projects
3. Moribund Projects

# SVP - Active Projects

- **IMPROVED BROADBAND - SLIPPED TO SEPTEMBER DUE TO TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES**
  - **TRAFFIC CALMING – 20MPH WITH PC FOR IMPLEMENTATION**
- **LOCAL BUS AND RAIL – TICKET MACHINE PART OF NATIONAL ROLL OUT AND HORN WILL REMAIN UNTIL FULL BARRIER INSTALLED**
- **STREET LIGHTING – STATION CAR PARK AND EXTRA LIGHT IN MILL ROAD BEING PURSUED**
- **COMMUNITY FACILITIES – BADGERS WALK PLAGROUND NEARING COMPLETION**



# SVP Completed Projects

- **PARKING – YELLOW LINES COMPLETE AND THE USE OF MEMORIAL HALL CAR PARK IMPLEMENTED**

- **HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT – THAMES FARM PROPOSAL SUCCESSFULLY STOPPED AND BACKLAND DEVELOPMENT ONGOING**

- **TRAFFIC CALMING – READING ROAD CAMERA RE-SITED**

**LOCAL BUS AND RAIL – LATER TRAIN FROM PADDINGTON IMPLEMENTED JANUARY 2015**

- **STREET LIGHTING – STANDARDISED COLOUR AND DESIGN FOR ALL FUTURE INSTALLATIONS**

- **DOG FOULING - COMPLETE**

- **COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – COMMUNICATIONS IMPROVED AND VILLAGE PARTY ONGOING**

# SVP Moribund Projects

**ROAD MAINTENANCE LACK OF OCC FUNDS MAKES MEANINGFUL PROGRESS UNLIKELY**

- **PATHS AND CYCLEWAYS – DECISION ON PREFERRED CYCLE ROUTE ALONG RAILWAY AND CROSSING TO WARGRAVE SERIOUSLY DELAYED DUE TO ELECTRIFICATION AND A4155 CROSSING UNLIKELY DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS**
- **PARKING – PARKING AT CORNER SHOP AND PARKING AT SCHOOL NOT TO BE IMPLEMENTED**
- **TRAFFIC CALMING – STATION ROAD/BROCKS WAY JUNCTION NO FURTHER ACTION POSSIBLE**
- **COMMUNITY FACILITIES – YOUTH CENTRE WILL NOT GO AHEAD**

# Questions