

## SHOTTISHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING AT THE WI HALL, SHOTTISHAM ON MON 8<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2014

#### **Present:**

Chr Hazelwood, Cllr Venediger, Cllr Newman, Cllr Nichols, Cllr Clark, Cllr Backhouse, Cllr Dunnett

#### **Attendees:**

S Loader (Clerk) Mr&Mrs Potter, D Bickerton, T Price, R Kay, Mr & Mrs Malster, D Backhouse, J Ramsey, Mr & Mrs Bouscarle, A McBurnie, D Fleming, Mr&Mrs Murray, J Gaglinton, N Beaven

AG1-8/9/14 **Apologies for absence.** *None recorded.*

AG2-8/9/14 **Declarations of interest.** *None recorded.*

AG3-8/9/14 **To discuss Suffolk Coastal planning strategy information relating specifically to the parish and get early thoughts as to how you would like the community to evolve over the next 15 years.**

Chairman Hazelwood explains that this is only a preliminary discussion. Further consultation will be held later in the year and continues to report the following:

- SCDC Core strategy 2010 identified Shottisham a service centre
- Input from the parish plan drawn up in 2007 opened up the willingness to have builds in Shottisham, it also identified the need for affordable housing.
- 7 houses are the suggested requirement as set out in SCDC, see report table 2 residual requirement and asked the residents if they would like to vote for 7 builds, *Residents declined to vote.*
- 50% of people looking for homes in the village are wanting 1-2 bedroom properties.
- Boundary Line had changed.
- SCDC report proposed planning sites: Refer to table 1, appended to the minutes. 5 sites have been identified but only 2 are suitable.
- 7 empty houses in the village

#### **Resident's comments:**

- Costs of houses are expensive and it's difficult to buy in the area. Considerations for affordable homes, 2 storey builds, for residents to either downsize who would like to stay in the area. Affordable homes may not apply to Shottisham and prices far exceed the affordability.
- Don't want holiday homes
- No room for large builds.

- Shottisham service classification is questionable, due to the pub being privately owned and maybe closed in the future. Feel it is flawed and would like to see Shottisham demoted.
- Will not vote on numbers and there is no confidence in the council's decision making regards planning and the over ruling what the village would like. Confidence is low.
- Concern over Bawdsey estates consideration for development on land east of heath drive, No footpath down the village from heath drive, dangerous for residents wanting to walk, would like to know what the intention is for the land.
- Could builds be put on the recreation area and the recreation be moved to the pub field, *Cllr Newman explains there is no right of access to the site and it is also an unadopted road.*
- Pressure from government and are worried that developers will force their way through.

C Block County Councillor comments:

- Village can't say no to development, community have a right to build.
- Asks residents to look at the future development of the village, wanting it to stay vibrant.
- The village may seek advice about being demoted in terms of service centre
- SCDC is resisting the change for more housing, the government planning inspector said that not enough land had been offered for development, developers are buying land and arguing planning applications that have been denied over the fact that SCDC are not being compliant, thus unwanted development is going through.

Conclusion:

- Residents unwilling to vote on number of builds for the area
- Residents are willing to consider small, affordable houses, if this is viable. 20 votes 'for' and 3 against.
- Chr Hazelwood to invite Charles Loyd from Bawdsey Estate to discuss if affordable houses may be considered and what the intentions are for the land east of heath drive.

Meeting Closed 9.20pm

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Chairman  
Mr M Hazelwood

13th January 2015