



SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



2013

You are invited to a

Neighbourhood Planning Open Day

Saturday, 8 June 2013
At the Scout Hut, Main Street
10 am till 1 pm

Come and hear the results emerging from the
Questionnaire
Receive an update on the SHLAA sites and
progress on the Neighbourhood Plan
Let us have your views.

Annual Report from the Chairman (abridged)

The Parish Council meets on the 2nd Monday of the month, with a monthly surgery in the library on the 1st Saturday of the month. The Planning Committee meet prior to the PC meeting to consider plans received, and comment as appropriate. 27 applications had been received this year. Other means of communication include the quarterly newsletter, Shadwell News, Noticeboards, website, emails, phone, letter or in person. The roles of the 9 Parish Councillors were explained – Robert Dyson as Vice Chairman, Planning Chair; Denise Simpson, Finance Chair; Geoff Turnbull, with Ted Vickerman, Keith Pickford, Geoffrey Wilson and Norman Taylor. Each month, reports are received from the police, and from Wetherby and District Crime Prevention Panel. Our representative here is Patricia Bullough who was thanked for her continued work. The support and commitment of the Clerk was highlighted, without whom it would be impossible to operate.

The year had started on a sad note with the unexpected death of Councillor Cindy Barr known to so many in the village and still greatly missed. The resulting vacancy was filled by Denise Trickett who has taken on the role and become a valued member of the team.

Financially, the Precept has been maintained at the same level of £30,000. Grants had been awarded to many village societies and associations. Application forms are available from the clerk or on the Website.

Regular items on the agenda include highway issues and potholes, flytipping, blocked drains and gully, overgrown hedges, lighting problems and the bus service.

Other issues which have come before the Council include the provision of new 'dog bins' at the beginning of Ash Hill Lane footpath, and a replacement bin at the Red Lion bus stop, a water butt has been installed to use by the allotment holders. A review of the Conservation Area has been completed – the first since the 1960s – and this was funded by the Ward Councillors.

The Council has entered into the Parish Paths Partnership Scheme with the LCC Parks and Countryside Dept. This means that we take control of the upkeep of our Public Rights of Way.

On-going issues include parking at the school, a loop system for the Recreational Centre, renovation of the War Memorial, final completion of the new lampposts, and the provision of additional allotments. Private schemes could be entered into between householder and allotment holder, and the Parish Council would act as go-between.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Potter

Chairman

SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT to the Clerk

Shadwell Parish Council is seeking an Administration Assistant to work six hours per week, averaged over the month: Starting salary: £7.00 per hour, working mainly from home. The working pattern is flexible and will be agreed with the successful candidate.

This is an interesting and challenging position. You must be highly motivated, enthusiastic and able to work on own initiative and meet deadlines.

Duties include attendance at some meetings, some minute taking, filing, correspondence and replying to emails – in particular with City Council services and members of the public, undertaking actions from meetings and updating the Council's website.

You will be a good oral and written communicator, computer literate, and willing to undertake training. Experience in office work and knowledge of Microsoft Office is essential. A local knowledge of Shadwell would be an advantage. Relevant training will be made available.

Application forms and further details are available from: clerk@shadwell-parish-council.org or from Lesley Hoff
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Closing Date: 30 June 2013

Budget 2013/2014

Shadwell Parish Council	Budget 2013/14	Budget 2012/13
Staff, Contracts and Grants		
Staff Salaries	5500	5500
Village Maintenance Contractors	4500	5000
Village Plants/Baskets	3000	3000
Village Flowerbed Watering	510	
Loan Repayment	3380	3380
Grants/Donations	1500	1000
Sub Total	18690	18180
Services		
Clerk's utilities	240	250
Admin/Copying (inc. Petty Cash)	800	750
Subs/Books/Training fees	750	750
Allotments	300	300
Room Hire	450	250
Insurance	550	550
Website Maintenance	250	150
Audit Fees	400	400
Village Maintenance Supplies	1500	1000
IT Equipment	300	300
Councillors' Travelling Costs	150	--
Press & Media	400	400
Sub Total	5790	4800
Public Works		
War Memorial Restoration	2000	--
Neighbourhood Plan	From reserve	
Library	3000	3000
Snow Clearing	1000	1000
Village Hall	--	1500
Recreational Centre	--	1500
Scout Hut Roof	1500	
Sub Total	7500	7000
Total	31980	29980
<i>Precept</i>	30000	30000
<i>Spending from Reserve</i>	1980	
<i>Outstanding liabilities</i>	11000	11550
<i>Amount in Reserve</i>	27561	24740

risen for the new financial year. This reflects the need to increase how much money we spend on supplies for the village maintenance contractors who undertake work such as gardening, joinery, painting etc. The development of the Neighbourhood Plan means we also have to allow for an increased number of room bookings.

Public Works

Last year we provided funding to the Recreation Centre and the Village Hall for decorating, internal fixtures and fittings and new windows. This year we are supporting the refurbishment of the War Memorial in time for the 100th anniversary of the start of the First World War, as well as supporting the Scouts by contributing to some essential repairs needed on the Scout Hut roof.

The precept

The precept for 2013/14 has been frozen for another year at £30,000.

The Reserve

The Council is advised by our auditors to have half of its annual budget in reserve. Our reserve figure significantly exceeds this as a result of bringing in various projects under budget in recent years as well as our success in bringing in external grants. We plan to spend just under £2000 of this money supporting our spending plans this year rather than increasing the precept. In addition any costs associated with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan will also be met from this reserve figure.

Staff Contracts and Grants

Our Clerk to the Council will be working reduced hours from Autumn 2013 and will be supported by an admin assistant. The budget for staff salaries and maintenance contractors remains the same.

The budget for grants to voluntary organisations in the village has been increased by 50% in recognition of the challenging economic environment which makes it increasingly difficult for them to access alternative sources of funding.

Services

The budget for services has

Shadwell Local History Society

Thank you to everyone who has donated photographs, newspaper cuttings, books, and memorabilia to the local history archive. We really appreciate this and are cataloguing items as they come in. When appropriate all the material will be transferred to Shadwell Independent Library.

We are currently putting together our first journal of Shadwell History, which will include some of the material from the archive. The journal will share research articles, reprints from books and newspapers like the Leeds Mercury and old copies of the Shadwell News, memories, and photographs. We hope you will enjoy reading this so please watch out for the first copy over the summer.

Robert Dyson will be the leading an historical walk around Shadwell on the 21st June. This will be a very interesting stroll around the western side of the village. We will look at Shadwell in its historical context and features and characteristics of village life, including old and newer buildings, farms, fields, street furniture and architectural features. We will also hear fascinating stories and tales of times from the past. The walk will last about 1½ hours. It will start at the Library on Main Street at 6.30 pm and we will finish at the Red Lion. There will be a charge of £2 per person and we ask you to reserve your place by contacting Denise.trickett@btinternet.com or 0113 2737250. Thank you.

If you would like a copy of 'Shadwell and Its People' when it is reprinted, would like to contribute to the journal or want more information of the SLHS then please get in touch with Denise.

Shadwell Independent Library

The Library is now formally registered as a charity with the Charity Commission. We hope that this will enable us to access further Grants. The Library is now open for a fourth session - on a Wednesday morning between 10am and noon. We have had a generous donation from a local benefactor which means that we now have the funds to upgrade the heating system in the Building and make it more comfortable for use in the winter months. We are always on the lookout for volunteer librarians, but if you have any skills which we could use - such as decorating, small joinery jobs etc please do get in touch. This is a Community Building which is for the use of everyone. The more people involved the better. For the opening we had a trio playing classical music and the acoustics in the building were wonderful. We intend to put on more concerts, including a Jazz Trio on the 3rd July. Join our Facebook Page to find out what is going on - we shall of course be putting up notices in the traditional way as well. For information please contact Robert Dyson on 0113 2737440 or shadwelldyson@btinternet.com

Meetings for next 3 months

Full Council (7.30pm)	15 July 2013 9 September 2013
Planning (7pm)	15 July 2013 12 August 2013 9 September 2013
Finance (7.30pm)	22 July 2013

All meetings are held at the Recreational Centre

Your Shadwell Parish Councillors will be holding a surgery once a month in the library. If you have any concerns or just want a chat please come along.

Surgeries for the next 3 months	6 July 2013 3 August 2013 7 September 2013
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Councillors and contact details

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