

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SHIPLAKE
PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN SHIPLAKE MEMORIAL HALL ON
THURSDAY 1st MAY 2014 at 7.15 P.M.**

1. PRESENT.

Mr Tudor Taylor (Chairman), Mr G Thomas, Mrs.A.Law, Mr C Smith, Mr D Pheasant, Mr R.B.Head, Mr D Bartholomew (CC)

An apology for absence was received from Mrs J Arnott, Mr G Davies, Mr F Maroudas and. Mr M Leonard (DC)

In addition there were approx. 35 members of the public present.

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming the members of the public.

**2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY
23rd MAY 2013**

The Chairman said that he understood that these minutes had been approved by the Parish Council at their meeting in June 2013 and asked that they be taken as read and be approved. This was accepted by the meeting and unanimously approved on a motion proposed by Mr T Taylor and seconded by Mr R Head.

3. MATTERS ARISING.

None were raised.

4. POLICE MATTERS.

The chairman discussed the Police report within his presentation

Key facts

-12 months to 27th April 2014 –a total of 30 crimes

-5 dwelling burglaries including attempts and 7 non-dwelling burglaries

-9 thefts

-1 assault/public order offence and this was prosecuted

-4 damage to property and 4 minor miscellaneous

-A number of non-serious traffic incidents on the A4155

-Regular “Have your say” meetings at The Corner Shop

-Support for PC parking initiatives –minor parking offences

-Take precautions to protect property

5. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT.

The Chairman, Mr T Taylor then made a presentation of his report, a copy of his full report can be viewed on the website by clicking [here](#)

The Chairman asked for questions on his report.

Mrs Audrey Robb asked whether the residents would have any say on the proposed electrification of the branch line .She stated that she was strongly against the proposal .The Chairman responded by saying that if electrification did not occur it could possibly jeopardise the branch line as there would be no means of connecting with the mainline to London in the longer term.

Mr Bill Peachey asked what was the current thinking of the Parish Council in relation to a proposed 3rd bridge across the River at Caversham. The Chairman responded saying unless there was a full review into an integrated infrastructure then Council were not supportive.

**6. ANNUAL REPORT OF SHIPLAKE, HARPSDEN, DUNSDEN AND PEPPARD
SICK POOR FUND.**

The chairman discussed the Fund within his presentation.

Key Facts

Trust deed 1953

4 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

Deficit £93 carried forward

Distributed 15 hampers (7 within Shiplake Parish)

7. GUEST SPEAKERS

The Chairman introduced Mr Dennis Oliver (Chairman of steering group of Shiplake Villages Plan) who presented an update on progress of the SVP. The full presentation can be viewed on the Parish Website by clicking [here](#).

8. OPEN FORUM SESSION.

The chairman opened the open forum for questions and comments at 8.15pm: Mrs Sheila Ferris commented that whilst she applauded the modernisation programme of the memorial hall she felt the entrance into the car park left a lot to be desired as it was looking very scruffy and also a lack of signage in the villages advertising the location of the Hall. Mr Roger head commented that the MH Committee were very aware of these issues, however due to an unexpected leak in the roof of the flat, funds for extra work were virtually depleted. Mrs Sally Taylor and Mrs Sheila ferris offered some funding from receipts for the Arts Trail which Mr Head acknowledged would be very useful to get the fundraising off to a start.

Mr Bill Peachey commented that the SVP steering Group and The SPC were overall doing a great job much appreciated by residents in the villages and that is maybe why there were few questions.

Mrs Sylvia Oliver suggested making the area around the Primary School a no parking area to relocate the parking issues further up the road.

Mr Stephen Doble suggested getting the School Bus to stagger its arrival and departure as it takes up a large amount of space there.

Professor Ray Wild commented that there is no parking restrictions currently by the school and in the SVP a recommendation was made introduce "Keep Free" areas and also to alter the sharpness of the corner as the bus has difficulty negotiating this hair pin bed .

Mrs Helen Robinson suggested the possibility of utilising the Memorial Hall Car park and using a walking bus technique .Mrs A Law commented that a walking bus has been in place for a while but is not well supported Mr Richard Curtis said also it would require a number of teachers to safeguard the children so in all not a realistic option.

The Chairman thanked the members of the steering group for their presentations and contribution to the success of the SVP and closed the Open Forum at 8.47pm.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further questions or business the Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 8.48pm