

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF
SHOCKLACH OVIATT AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL
HELD IN SHOCKLACH PRIMARY SCHOOL ON THURSDAY, 12 MAY, 2011 AT 7.30pm**

PRESENT: Cllr Kathy MacKenzie (Chair)
Cllr Jim Blake
Cllr Marcus Chaloner
Cllr Lou Macchi
Cllr Mark Piggott
Cllr Jo Shone

1. **APOLOGIES:** none.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** none.

3. **STATEMENT BY CHAIRMAN:** Cllr Kathy MacKenzie reported the following as the main events of the past year:

- Parish Meeting 2010: there was a good turnout by local residents. There was a presentation on the "860" celebrations by Ann Barnet (Acting Head, Shocklach School) and Reverend Jane Stephenson. There was also a presentation by Cllr Lou Macchi on SODPC's campaign for a restriction on the size of vehicles using the lanes in and around Shocklach, detailing the results of the recent petition.
- The Parish Council have considered the following consultation documents:
 - Cheshire West and Chester Open Space Assessment Audit
 - New Waste Strategy for 2012
 - Affordable Warmth Strategy
 - Local Transport Plan
 - Draft Statement of Licensing Policy and Conditions for Sex Establishments
 - Localism Bill
 - Cheshire West and Chester Budget 2011/12
 - Affordable Rural Housing
 - Scrutiny Review of CwaC's relationship with local councils
 - Consultation on proposed changes to CwaC's home assistance policy
 - Open Source Planning
- Considered twelve planning applications.
- Delivered two Christmas parcels to two special residents of Shocklach.
- Continue to campaign with the weight/width restriction (78% of households in favour of a restriction being applied).
- There have been very successful speed gun surveys involving all councillors and several local residents. The results are:

2010

June (4th): 6 letters sent out
July (1st/22nd/23rd/27th/29th/30th): 81 letters sent out
August (9th/23rd): 19 letters sent out
September (3rd/27th/29th): 21 letters sent out
November (10th): 3 letters sent out

2011

March (4th/9th/16th/25th): 23 letters sent out
April (8th/26th): 19 letters sent out
May (6th): 3 letters sent out

Although very successful, more help is always wanted. Shocklach is the only village/parish council with its own speed gun in the entire CWaC area.

- SODPC continues to have a close relationship with Shocklach Primary School. Some children and the Head Teacher (Mrs Clisham) are coming to our Parish Meeting this year. We try to support each other in campaigns (such as dog fouling) but unfortunately, this will be the last year SODPC will be able to give the school book tokens due to financial constraints.
- SODPC's preferred charity is the North West Air Ambulance which is supported as much as possible and every year, a donation is made.

- SODPC's involvement in the ongoing planning application for the bottling plant in Threapwood resulted in a meeting to discuss local residents' growing concerns with the proposed bottling plant. Many hours have been spent supporting neighbouring parishes on this matter.
- There are four vacancies on the Parish Council at the moment: two each for Horton and Caldecott. These have been advertised and enquiries are welcome. It is important to note that those interested do not have to live in the parishes.

Cllr Kathy MacKenzie concluded by thanking Cllr Mark Piggott for his work on the Finance Committee together with Cllr Jo Shone and Cllr Marcus Chaloner, Cllr Lou Macchi for his work on consultation documents, Cllr Jim Blake for his local and historical knowledge and the Clerk for all her hard work.

Cllr Marcus Chaloner proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Kathy MacKenzie for all her work as Chair and this was endorsed by all present.

4. **ELECTION OF CHAIR AND DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY THE CHAIR:** Cllr Jim Blake nominated Cllr Kathy MacKenzie for the Chair and this motion was seconded by Cllr Mark Piggott. Cllr Kathy MacKenzie accepted and all were in favour and promised their support. Cllr Kathy MacKenzie signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office which was countersigned by the Clerk as Proper Officer.
5. **COMMITTEES AND SIGNATORIES:** it was proposed by Cllr Kathy MacKenzie that Cllr Jo Shone and Cllr Mark Piggott remain on the Finance Committee. Cllr Jim Blake seconded the proposal and all were in favour. Cllr Lou Macchi proposed that all signatories remain the same. This was seconded by Cllr Kathy MacKenzie and all were in favour.
6. **ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 5 APRIL, 2011:** Cllr Mark Piggott reported that the financial year had started with a balance at 1 April, 2010 of £1,666.09, receipts had been £502.03 (including a precept of £350.00) and payments had been £472.51. The balance at 31 March, 2011 was, therefore, £1,695.61. The accounts had been certified as true and correct by the Finance Committee and the Summary Receipts and Payments Account was recommended for acceptance to the Parish Council. Cllr Lou Macchi proposed that the accounts be adopted. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Marcus Chaloner and all were in favour.

The AGM was brought to a close and the meeting ended at 19.47.