

SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th April 07 held at Shalford Village hall at 8pm

Present

Cllr Christine Fowler (Chairperson)

Tony Bedding
John Phipps
David Eversden
Jenni Harrison
Alan Oates

1 member of the public

07/01 Cllr Fowler welcomed everyone to the meeting.

07/02 Public Forum

It was proposed that we have a public forum at the beginning of each meeting where members of public can come and talk to us, if they want a decision to be made by the Parish Council they must contact the clerk before hand to put the item on the agenda. This needs to be advertised on the notice boards. Proposed by A Oates seconded by D Eversden

07/03 Minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

07/04 Matters arising not listed in the agenda.

- 07/04.1 Alan to send clerk address for £500.00 website prize money.
- 07/04.2 Website Cllr Eversden has set up a private area in the localchannel.
- 07/04.3 Insurance Clerk to arrange cover for the computer at the Cost of £35.43
- 07/04.4 Clerk has not heard from Charlotte Lewtas ref the quotes for the village hall
- 07/04.5 Minutes of the meeting to be displayed on the notice board in the bus shelter. As the official notice board is not large enough to take 6 sheets of paper, a note must be put in the official notice board stating where these can be read.

07/05 Finance

07/05.1	£221.00	Clerks Salary
07/05.2	£41.92	Expenses
07/05.3	£50.00	Verge Cutting
07/05.4	£627.76	Footpath Cutting

07/05.5 £15.55 Electricity
07/05.6 £35.25 Pin Board Bus Shelter
07/05.7 £98.00 Village Hall meeting room rent

Payment to the above was agreed.

07/05.8 The Clerk reported that she had received a Training Bursary of £250 from the EALC for training purposes.

07/05.9 A Cheque for £1904.26 was received from Essex CC ref Parish Paths cutting.

07/05.10 Clerk to get the clearer updated budget out to councillors by the next Friday.

07/06 Footpaths

07/06.1 The Green Lane/byway past Park End Lane the County Council are putting road chipping to improve it.

Cllr Oates to check whether this byway has been down graded.

07/06.2 Cllr Oates will start cutting footpaths next week.

07/06.3 Footpath post missing on Park End Lane, also footpath post at reading brook pole lying on the ground.

07/06.4 Shalford Map update

Cllr Oates will talk to Galleywood and Banbury to see which of the 2 licences they used on their maps. Cllrs Oates is still working with local people with regards to places and interests in the area.

Cllr Oates to bring an updated map to the next full Council meeting.

07/07 Correspondence

07/07.1 Braintree Voluntary Support Agency helping the community could we obtain a grant to improve the play equipment, which needs to be improved? Cllr Phipps to look into.

07/07.2 Stoneley Park Benches and Notice Boards this was agreed in previous minutes.

07/07.3 Clerk to contact Essex CC Chrispin Downs regarding the park not being disabled friendly.
Could Essex CC give a brief report on the park?

- 07/07.4 Stop Stansted Expansion Parish Council to continue with the annual payment of £50.00
- 07/08 Planning**
- 07/08.1 Update Millbrook extension has been granted
- 07/08.2 Bellows Cottage Awaiting decision from BDC
- 07/08.3 Ewenbridge Farm it has been noted that the footpaths have not been mentioned in the plans
- 07/08.4 Housing Survey and Affordable Housing Information Day.
- Clerk and Cllr Fowler to do copies of 2005 Survey. Clerk to ask Moira Groborz to bring a box to put returned housing survey questionnaires in. Cllrs to be on hand throughout the day to take comments or questions which may require an answer at a later date, if necessary Cllr Harrison to coordinate these.
- Shalford already have 5 affordable houses.
- 07/09 Highways and Transport**
- 07/09.1 Victoria Hill & Pods Brook
Cllr Phipps and Oates met Bob Wiltshire Highways Olive Cowel, Roger Walters DC and Colin Golding. This was a very useful meeting even though one of the Felsted schools was still on holiday. There were several greater than 7.5ton Lorries using this road. There will be more investigation to look into this matter in the evening.
- Two things did come out of the meeting a 40 mph speed limit would not be enforced or priority traffic either.
- Colin Golding (a member of the public suggested erection of "concealed entrance" signs, but was told that walls/trees and bushes would have to be removed on private property to improve sight lines to maximum possible before this could be considered.
- 07/09.2 Road Signs
We can ask for a combined sign with the name and speed limit as long as the parish agreed it could be moved to where the original 30mph sign is situated.
- 07/09.3 Hedge Cutting
The hedge near the amenities & Park on Braintree Road needs cutting, Cllr Oates to contact Matt Gardener.
- 07/10 Annual Parish Meeting**
To be held on the 16th May at 7pm
Chairman's report Cllr Oates and Cllr Fowler to liaise on this.

- 07/11 **Annual General Meeting**
Clerk to check with Moira Groborz to see if she will be able to do the talk
alternatively clerk to check the cluster meeting minutes regarding speeding.

- 07/12 **Cluster meeting Thursday 14th June**
Topics Affordable Housing
Speeding
Information on Tip removal

- 07/13 **Dog Barking**
It has been reported that dog barking in the central park of the village is quite bad
Clerk to contact the dog warden and Community warden and suggest that they sit in
the George car park for awhile to assess the situation.

- 07/14 **Community Warden**
Clerk to invite the Community Warden to the Annual Parish Meeting also talk to him
about 7.5t Trucks and Dog Barking.

- 07/15 AOB Lones Hole Lane now has a 5 bar gate with private road on it. BDC to check.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

Signed

Dated.....