

SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 18th July 2007 in the Village Hall.

Present Alan Oates Chairman

Andrew Hull
Dave Isbell
John Phipps
Jenni Harrison
Tony Bedding
Cathryn Carlisle Parish Clerk

2 members of the public

Public Forum

The Great Notley Youth Cricket Club banner has been interfering with the view from the house on the opposite side of the road; it has now been re-sited to the end of the tennis courts. It has been agreed that the banner will stay until the end of the cricket season.

It was suggested that there be a notice board advertising all the sports facilities which are available at the village hall.

07/42 Apologies for Absence:

David Eversden

07/43 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th June 2007 were approved and signed

07/44 Declarations of interest:

Andrew Hull ref 07.46.3

07/45 Matters arising not listed on this Agenda

Website:

Anything official from the Parish Council that needs to go on the website should only come from the Clerk. Info All

Hedge Cutting

Cllr Oates to draft a letter regarding hedge cutting.

Clerk to photo copy the fly posting leaflets to all councillors

Community Speed Watch Clerk to chase Adam Pipe at the end of August.

AO
Clerk
Clerk

Ref progress on equipment availability.

07/46 Planning

07/46.1 Affordable Housing

We have had a letter from Brooks Newman MP ref Affordable Housing and Shalford's recent RCCE contacts; at the moment it was thought we did not need Mr Newman to write to the RCCE.

07/46.2 Westerns Farm

We have had some complaints regarding the amount of noise coming from the wind turbine, which has not been connected to the grid yet. We have been informed that a brake has been put on the turbine, the noise has ceased.

07/46.3 07/01336/FUL Redfants Farm House (annex) Comments have been sent to BDC

07/46.4 07/01293/LBC Westerns Farm (Chimney Stack) Comments have been sent to BDC

Planning Results Awaiting Approval from BDC

07/00944/FUL Jubilee Cottage Single Storey Extension

07/00989/FUL Lones Hole Replacement Outbuilding

07/00799/FUL Quinces Garden Room and First Floor Ext Side and Rear

07/00733/FUL High Ridge Wethersfield Road Extensions

07/47 Highways & Environment

07/47.1 Road Signs:

Clerk has been in touch with the Highways department regarding all outstanding road signs; at the moment the signs are with their contractors.

07/47.2 Victoria Hill & Pods Brook

Great Saling has reported that they have sent a letter to Highways regarding a priority traffic system on Victoria Hill. Response to clerk Needs to be followed up.

07/47.3 Footpath from Hulls Lane - Bridge

Clerk to draft a letter to Olive Cowell regarding the need for a footway on the house side of the road.

Clerk/AO

07/48 Footpaths

07/48.1 Brambles Quote re grass triangles

Clerk to speak to Bob Bell thanking him for his quote and explain we would look at the quote later in the year when our next years budget

has to be prepared. Until then the clerk will let him know when we would like the triangles cut. **Clerk**

07/48.2 Stoneley Park

Cllr Phipps reported that the committee for parks and open spaces has met and he mentioned the matter of wheel chairs at Stoneley Park, which is unsuitable for hand propelled wheel chairs.

What we need is more signage and better access to the park.

And check that Stoneley Park is on the Website. **JP/DE**

Clerk to give Cllr Phipps Crispin Downs contact details at ECC **Clerk**

07/49 Finance

07/49.1	£226.00 Clerks Salary	200835
07/49.2	£95.00 Brambles	200838
07/49.3	£30.00 EALC Budget & Precept Course	200837
07/49.5	£37.59 SLCC Subs	200834
07/49.6	£263.62 BDC election expenses	200839

All agreed

07/49.7 Clerk and Cllr Bedding to discuss Mileage and Broadband and Phone calls costs for clerk **Clerk/TB**

07/50 Standing Orders & Clerks Contract **JP**

Cllr John Phipps to take a look at and revise the layout of the Standing Orders

Clerk to look into contract **Clerk**

07/51 Village Hall

The Parish Council thought it might be a good idea to invite the Village Hall Committee to an informal meeting showing our support for the VHC and anyone wishing to be involved in this committee could be invited.

This to be held on the 15th August, if agreed with VHC **All**

07/51 P C Cupboard

Next Meeting

07/52 Church Roof Grant

Cllr Oates read out a progress report from the church; he anticipates updates every two months. **AO**

Cllr Bedding reported that a benefactor had come forward to underwrite the cost of possible repairs to the church roof. There will be some extras costs, for example down pipes and guttering, which the Parish Council grant could be put towards.

07/53 Meeting/Seminars/Consultations

07/53.1 Cluster Meeting

The Cluster meeting was well attended with 4 Cllrs from Shalford
2 Cllrs from Gt Saling, Cllr Tim Wilkinson and Alan Southerby from
BDC with late apologies from Panfield

Speed Watch

Gt Saling would like to go ahead with this scheme in conjunction with
Shalford Clerk to get in touch with Mick Baker from Great Saling
whos in charge of Gt Saling Speed Watch.

There is a large number of lorries going through Gt Saling and Shalford
Cllr Wilkinson possible will look into traffic calming measures.

Quite Lanes are being tried out in Essex. These are lanes on which only
limited Vehicular access is allowed, making them safer for Walkers,
Cyclist, Horse riders etc. Felsted has two Quite Lanes. If Quite
Lanes are a success, we would consider applying for Hulls Lane to be
denoted a Quite Lane.

07/54 Date Next Meeting

19th September 07

07/55 Other Matters for Discussion Only

It was thought that an information document to update the parish
about Affordable Housing
Stoneley Park
Parish Appraisal
Could be produced and put out with the next Shalford News

07/56 Closed at 10.40