

SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 19th September 2007

Present Alan Oates Chairman

Andrew Hull

Dave Isbell

John Phipps

Jenni Harrison

Tony Bedding

David Eversden

Cathryn Carlisle Parish Clerk

1 member of the public

Public Forum

Park End Lane: a letter from Mr Bob Wiltshire, ECC Highways, concerning a possible revocation of the Traffic Restricting Order (which prohibits cars, m/bikes and horse-drawn carts) had been sent to several households which are on or near the Lane (Byway #13). This has caused considerable concern to these households, because this revocation would allow 4x4 cars, motorbikes, and potentially trucks to use the Lane. It would render the Lane unsafe for walkers, horse-riders etc because of the traffic speeds involved; the sharp bends near the main road end were also cited as dangerous places for traffic.

Park End Lane is in a good condition at the moment after ECC had apparently spent £70,000 on the resurfacing project.

07/57 Apologies for Absence: none

07/58 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th July 2007 were approved and signed.

07/59 Declarations of interest: none

07/60 Matters arising not listed on this Agenda

Hedge cutting at the recycling centre: Clerk to speak to Olive Cowell to chase Highways Dept. reply to our letter. Clerk

Clerk to write to Dr Cutts and Mr Pharaoh regarding the overgrowing hedge on Hulls lane. Clerk

The Willow tree on the opposite side of the road to the Village Hall has been cut back, after pedestrians had complained of the obstruction.

Stoneley Park: Cllr Phipps is to meet Crispin Downs and Andrew Brown (-----?) at the park on the 21st September at 10.30. One of the things that will be discussed is the 'welcome' of the park. Cllr Phipps to update the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Cllr Phipps

07/61 Planning

Parsonage Farm Car Parking

It had been reported that approximately 70 cars had been parked at this address; they are cars owned by people who had gone abroad from Stansted on business or holiday. Brian Taplin of BDC Planning Dept spoke to Messrs Smiths who promised that these would be moved within 28 days.

Planning Results

07/01336/FUL Redfants Farm House	Granted
07/01293/LBC Westerns Farm (Chimmey Stack)	Granted
07/00944/FUL Jubilee Cottage Single Storey Extension	Granted
07/00989/FUL Lones Hole Replacement Outbuilding	Granted
07/00799/FUL Quinces Garden Room and First Floor Ext Side and rear	Granted
07/00733/FUL High Ridge Wethersfield Road Extensions	Granted
07/01062/FUL The Pent House The Street Single Extension	Granted
07/01515/FUL 20 Barryfields Shalford	Withdrawn

07/62 Highways & Environment

07/62.1 Road Signs

Shalford Green would like 3 place-name signs marking Shalford Green Clerk to speak to Highways.

Clerk

1 Fox Cottage would like to put a sign for concealed entrance clerk to find out regulations.

Clerk

Clerk to chase road depressions at Shalford Green (ref note from Cllr Oates to Highways)

Clerk

07/62.2 Victoria Hill & Pods Brook No report from Highways. Hold over to next meeting.

07/63 Footpaths

07/63.1 Park End Lane

The banning order will be removed unless we can think of some really good reason to keep it in place or get a revised restricting order. Cllr Oates to draft a letter to be sent to Jim Bartlett within ten days.

Cllr Oates

Cllr Bedding is to meet Miss Petra Ward from Campaign for Protection of Rural Essex on/around 24th September.

Cllr Bedding

07/63.3 Footway from Hulls Lane - Bridge Essex Highways department had replied saying that this would not be feasible. Cllr Oates said that the response did not address the issue of walkers' safety, but merely said why Highways couldn't do anything; he would draft a letter for the clerk to send.

Cllr Oates and Clerk

07/63.4 Clerk has sent a quote for the 2007 footpaths cutting programme and for the footpaths map -- to Lisa Cross at P3.

Cllr Oates asked for a list of footpaths cut by Messrs Wisby and Bell, that he could submit a status to PRow. He had cut footpaths 61 (July) and 48, 50, 31, 47 (August)

Clerk

07/64 Finance

07/64.1	£340.00	Clerks Salary	July & Aug	200845
07/64.2	£102.00	Shalford Village Hall	Hall Hire	200844
07/64.3	£21.00	RCCE Photo	Copying Survey	200843
07/64.4	£414.00	G Wisby	Footpaths	200842
07/64.5	£602.50	Bramleys Grass	Cutting and Footpaths	200846
07/64.6	£47.47	Just Lamps (UK) Ltd	Maintenance	200841
07/64.7	£15.55	E-on	Electricity	200840
07/64.8	£19.92	Clerks Expenses	Stamps	200849
07/64.9	£92.23	Viking Direct	Stationery	200847
07/64.10	£10.00	RCCE	Subs	200848

All payments were approved and signed

07/65 Standing Orders & Clerks Contract

Cllrs to read the standing order and send any amendments to Cllr Phipps by the 28th September.

All

Clerk to check that the bold print is still in place.

Clerk

07/66 Village Hall

07/66.1 Painting the village hall committee have received a better quote and B.A.King can start as soon as possible.

Committee Meeting: at the last meeting the Secretary and the Treasurer both resigned. Cllr Phipps to speak to Colin Golding to see if he would be interested in helping.

Cllr Phipps

Cllr Harrison had spoken to Rayne Village Hall and they had help from people who are on Community Service. Also the Parish Council also helped on the village hall committee.

Cllr Oates will speak with VHMC to get a better understanding of their financial strength.

Cllr Oates

07/67 Website

Cllr Eversden proposed we move to www.essexinfo.net/shalford instead of www.thelocalchannel.co.uk; it is much easier to use and does not cost us anything; the test site had 11,000 hits in one month. Free training re the site is available at County Hall

Cllr Eversden

Proposed By Cllr Phipps seconded by Cllr Oates

07/68 Meeting/Seminars/Consultations

07/67.1 Three Fields Parish Plan Update

Is for solving problems is the community. If this goes ahead we will see less of the police in our area. This group will be run as an individual group, and it will not be connected to the Parish Council in any way. Cllr Isbell to do a summary report; he is concerned to ensure that the speed detection programme for Shalford goes ahead.

Cllr Isbell

07/67.2 Going Local 13th November no subject yet

07/67.3 Cluster Meeting 22 November Great Saling Subject Quiet Lanes and Judy Cudd from BDVSA

07/69 Date of next Meeting 17th October

07/70 Other Matters for Discussion Only: none

07/71 Meeting closed at 10.30

Signed Dated.....