

SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday, 16th April 2008.

Present Alan Oates Chairman

Andrew Hull

Dave Isbell

John Phipps

Colin Golding

David Eversden

Jenny Harrison

Gail Chittendon PCSO

1 Member of Public

Cathryn Carlisle Parish Clerk

PUBLIC FORUM

Gail Chittendon PCSO informed the PC that we have a new Sergeant Ashley Seymour who is based in Braintree.

Things are pretty quiet in this area. They are trying to get the BDC youth bus to go to Panfield; it already goes to Finchingfield twice a month on a Monday between 7-9pm, and there's a youth worker on the bus. The bus is geared up for ages 10-16 its mainly used by the 13-16 year olds, they can play DVD's use the game consoles etc have tea's and coffee or just talk to the youth worker. The bus is parked at the playing field on Steven Marshall Ave in Finchingfield and hopefully at the Scot hut in Thistlewood in Panfield. PCSO Chittendon will keep us updated.

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With regards to the Parking Restriction, the first time PSCO Chittendon knew of this proposal was when the Clerk sent her a copy of our letter. PSCO Chittendon would like to be at the meeting with ECC Highways.

Re 'Church End'

Mr. Peter Rawlinson informed us that he has lived in the village for some 80 years, the old local shop opposite the Village Hall has always been known as being in Church End Shalford and the main road has always been Shalford.

- 08/1 **Welcome and Apologies for Absence** (none)
- 08/2 **The minutes of the PC meeting** held on Wednesday 18th March 2008 were approved and signed.
- 08/3 **Declarations of interest**
None
- 08/4 **Action Updates and on-going items**
- 08/4.1 **Parking Restrictions outside school**
Cllr Phipps has seen Olive Cowell from Highways looking at the site; the Clerk has had a letter from Highways saying that this matter is being investigated further and therefore until they have all the relevant information, it would not be possible to attend a site meeting.
- 08/4.2 Signage Church End Shalford**
The Clerk has received 3 letters regarding the survey done by Cllr Eversden regarding where Church End Shalford actually is. The origin of 'Church End' apparently stems from the fact that a Mr Churcher used to run The Fox pub. - now Fox Cottages. The road subsequently became known as Church End - and the name does not extend into Braintree Road.
Cllr Eversden to draft a letter to ECC Highways listing actions required with regards to the placing and changing of signs. **Cllr Eversden**
- 08/4.3 Park End Lane**
ECC Highways have sent an email anticipating getting responses to the formal consultation done in the next couple of weeks.
- 08/4.4 Footpath Left hand side of road round to Hulls Lane**
ECC Highways have replied to the clerk's letter with regards to the footway to Hulls Lane, stating that due to the width of the verge and carriageway they would be unable to install a footway. Item closed.
- 08/4.5 Speedwatch**
Cllr Isbell anticipates doing the Community Speed watch training by the end of the first 2 weeks in May; he now has 10 volunteers between Shalford and Great Saling. The only problem is that there is no-one to do the school runs times. Retired people needed. If interested, please contact Cllr Isbell or the Clerk
- 08/4.6 Dry Gulcher Day**
David Cobb from Shalford Local History Association has now taken on the project, apart from the Stone which Cllr Oates is looking after: the Stone will go by the Ken James bench.

The Dedication ceremony will take place on the 28th May 2008 and starts at 12noon; it will be followed by a cold finger buffet at The George. The SLHA to pay £150 towards the buffet. Cllr Oates suggested that the PC pay the outstanding balance up to £100.

Proposed by Cllr Oates Seconded by Cllr Hulls

08/4.7 Bench at Clifffield (re Shalford News)

The Clerk is still waiting for a reply from Greenfields to see if a bench can be sited at Clifffield. Once this has been agreed the Clerk will let Brenda Hanley know so that she can order a Bench. Clerk

08/4.8 Stoneley Park -- ECC timing for works

Woodland Management and Deadwood piles would start in the autumn08. Grass Management to start week commencing 21st April when they will pick up tree guards.

Gates and Notice and Site Map to be done in the Autumn 08 after work on the gas pipe is finished.

Notice for Stoneley Park in the next 2-3 weeks.

Weed Control Done

Not aware of any repairs needed to wall; the main compass needs a bit of re pointing.

Modification of Road Surface has been done. Cllr Phipps to see if this is to our satisfaction.

Car Park has been made a little bit bigger more car parking will be made after the amenity site is closed at the end of 2009. Cllr Phipps

Waste Management Team will need 24hr access to the site to check the levels of methane.

Cllr Oates said that part of the Dry Gulcher party will probably need vehicular access to the compass area on 28th May; contact to be made with ECC to arrange for the availability of the gate key, and to confirm OK for vehicle access, for this special occasion.

08/4.9 Footpath Map

Cllr Oates has been in touch with the Cartographer concerning a few minor changes. Cllr Oates is still looking for items to go onto the reverse side of the map. The map is to be ready for the Fete on the 6th Sept. Cllr Oates

08/5 Planning

08/5 Planning Results

07/150.1 08/00335/FUL 20 Barryfields Shalford Braintree

Erection of side/rear extension and loft conversion with rear dormer.

The proposed development would completely fill the site when viewed from the front; there would be no access to the rear garden without going

through the house (lawnmowers etc?!); the left side of the building would be at the extreme edge of the site.

22 Barryfields would look out of its backdoor at a vast, blank brick wall, which is very close (see Proposed SE elevation).

There would be no access to the rear in case of emergency.

The Parish Council does not recommend this application.

07/150.2 08/00315/FUL & 08/00316/LBC

Granted

Abbotts Hall Braintree Road Shalford Erection of new Garden Room

Apparently the proposals are exactly as those approved some years ago, and not executed.

The Parish Council does not see any problems with this application; it certainly won't affect any neighbours.

07/150.3 08/00324/FUL The Orchard Shalford Green

Demolition of existing kennels and yard and conversion and extension of existing gatehouse to form residential annexe.

This is not a 'Residential annexe', this is a new house.

The Orchard is already a big house, which has had a wing added within the last couple of years or so.

The Parish Council think this application should be refused.

07/150.4 08/00338/FUL The Orchard Shalford Green

Granted

Proposed Double Garage

The site plan and location plan doesn't show the building correctly, we think the proposed garage is not shown on the location plan, and the current summer house is not shown on the site plan.

The Parish Council don't have a problem with this proposal.

08/6 Finance

08/6.1 £171.80 Clerks Salary 200875

08/6.2 £105.75 MDLandscapes Grass Cutting 200876

08/6.3 £185.78 EALC Affiliation fee 200877

08/6.4 £15.55 E-On Electricity 200878

08/6.5 £51.00 Shalford Village Hall Hire 200879

08/6.6 £1123.37 Alan Oates Footpath cutting - to be reimbursed by P3
200880

08/6.7 £50.00 Bramleys Feb Grass Cutting 200881

08/6.8 £30.00 EALC Office Furniture 200882

Proposed by Cllr Isbell Seconded by Cllr Hull

08/7 Highways

08/7.1 7.5T Weight Limit

Cllrs Phipps and Golding were interviewed by BBC Radio Essex with regards to number of large lorries using Victoria Hill.

PSCO Chittendon commented on the number of lorries using our 7.5T restricted roads; she informed us that PC Carter has spoken to the Traffic Division in Bocking. PC Carter needs to know what time these lorries use the roads? Cllr Phipps informed her that the metal recycling lorry went past his house empty and came back full the other day, he's seen large horseboxes using our roads when the road in Braintree was closed, these lorries were going to Towerlands; he's also seen the pallet lorry that goes to Wethersfield using the weight restricted road

Cllr Isbell commented on that you can get signs that say DO NOT USE SAT NAV. Cllr Oates to Check on SatNav inputs at the NECat NEC, Clerk to Speak to ECC Highways.

Clerk/Oates

08/8 Meeting/Seminars/Consultations

Braintree Traffic Management Liaison Meeting 7th May 2.30pm

08/9 Annual Parish Meeting Weds. 21st May

Clerk to have Notes (prior to the APM) from Cllrs who are speaking at the APM. All Cllrs

Clerk to do Notices advertising this meeting.

Clerk

08/10 Village Hall

The Clerk has received a request for funding from the Village Hall.

The Parish Council agreed to help pay for a second hand gang mower. The village hall committee will put £750.00 towards the £3,500 cost of the mower. Any repairs needed for the mower and the insurance is to be covered by the VHMC.

Proposed Cllr Oates Seconded Cllr Eversden.

The VHMC are looking for grants for various improvements to the village hall field, but as grants take a little time to complete etc, mowing season is with us again and this needs to be done quickly to keep the field in the condition we expect.

It has been previously stated that any money given to the VHMC for outside work should only be spent on the children's play area. This has now been minuted. It was suggested by some of the Cllrs that the people who hire the village hall field should help with funding for all the repairs needed.

Funding would be more accessible if the PC joined Essex Playing Fields Association

Clerk to complete the joining form

Clerk

08/11 Other Matters for Discussion Only

Hedges

Clerk informed the members that she had spoken to ECC Highways with regards to Abbots Halls Hedge.

Highways are going to inspect the hedge which is encroaching on to the highway.

08/12 Date of next Meeting

19th May at 8pm

21st May APM at 8pm

08/13 Closed at 10.35pm

Signed.....

Dated