

SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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The minutes of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday, 20th February 2008

Present Alan Oates Chairman

Andrew Hull

Dave Isbell

John Phipps

Colin Golding

David Eversden

Cathryn Carlisle Parish Clerk

Jan Cole from RCCE: Village Design Statement

The village design statement is about the appearance of the village and the surrounding landscapes and boundary. It talks about the visual aspects of the village, and takes into consideration parked cars, yellow lines, wind turbines, signage, solar panels, phone masts etc.

First off, get peoples views, get a small team together to take photos of what's important and what needs to be changed. When all this is done get a questionnaire out to each household for their views.

We would need the help of the forward planning dept. The design statement would help with planning applications for the future. The design statement would take at least 18mths -2 years to complete.

07/125 Welcomed

Cllr Oates Welcomed Colin Golding our new councillor

Apologies for Absence

Jenni Harrison -- vacation

07/126 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 16th Jan 2008 were approved and signed.

07/127 Declarations of interest

None

07/128 Matters arising not listed on this Agenda

07/128.1 Stoneley Park

Clerk has received a report from ECC, who has agreed to carry out most of the work at Stoneley Park.

ECC has agreed to the following: Woodland management, Grassland management, Deadwood piles, Notice board, Gates Treatment of weeds, Site maps, modification of the road surface just inside entrance, removal of tree-guards on the ground, What they won't do is Bat and Bird boxes and re-profile the pond.

They need to check the compass wall and expanding the existing car parking area would have to wait until the amenity site is closed.

Clerk to send a letter to ECC to find out when this work would start.

Clerk

07/128.2 Amenity Site

It seems that the site is being closed in the middle of the day while the compactor is being used. This means that the main gates are closed; cars have been queuing as far away as the Village Hall, which is causing problems on the highway. Clerk to send a letter to ECC to suggest that the compactor should be used at the end of the working shift only.

Clerk

07/129 Planning

07/129.1 08/00199/FUL Fairmead, Garrets Lane, Shalford
Alterations to Access, extension to garage with garden store.

07/129.2 08/00120/LBC April Cottage Jaspers Green Shalford
Removal of existing cement render and re-render in Lime, replacement of existing casement windows with storm proof sash windows.

Planning Results

07/112.1 08/00004/FUL 08/00005/LBC Ewen Bridge Farm Iron Bridge Lane Shalford

Demolition of existing barn and carport and construction of a new barn and garage with associated landscaping to form a farm courtyard Granted ??>

07/129.3 It was proposed that Colin Golding goes on to the Planning Sub-Committee; Proposed by Cllr Oates, Seconded Cllr Eversden

07/130 Highways & Environment

07/130.1 Parking Restrictions out side school

Clerk has received a letter from ECC Highways in response to the PC letter re the proposed restricted parking outside the school. The Parish Council suggestions are as follows

- 20 Miles per hour speed limit
- Traffic Calming Measures
- Flashing amber lights at the appropriate times

Cllr Oates to draft a letter to Highways Dept.

Cllr Oates

Earlier in the week it was reported that the police were trying to move the contracted vehicles away from their designated parking area outside the school.

The Village Hall Committee has sent a letter to ECC Highways Dept explaining that the village hall car park is for the use of people using the hall. If parents use it for the school run it could cause problems by blocking hirers' cars in, causing problems for the Village Hall.

07/130.2 Causeway

The Causeway (lower part) was damaged last year when ECC Highways department tarmac the rest of the Causeway. Clerk to contact Highways to see when the Causeway is going to be repaired. Clerk

07/130.3 Signage Church End Shalford

Clerk to find out where the boundary for Church End Shalford is

Clerk

07/130.4 Signage Shalford Green

The signs will be placed on a locally determined programme which has been set for the next 2 years. If any finance becomes available beforehand Highways will install them earlier.

07/131 Footpaths

07/131.1 Park End Lane

The Parish Council would like this Byway to be re-designated a Restricted Byway which means non-motorized traffic only is allowed on it. It seems that what the village wants doesn't count; the Parish Council represents 800 people but Highways Dept takes our letter as one vote. Follow-up needed. Cllr Oates

A petition (to support retention of the current TRO) is going round the village. This has been drawn up by Adam Smith./Bob Marshall. The Parish Council suggest that we all send letters in to Highways Dept. details are on the Website, or contact the Clerk.

Petra Ward CPRE has contacted Cllr Oates with regards to this matter. The Clerk has passed this on to Dist Cllr Wilkinson and County Councillor Roger Walters. Cllr Oates is to speak to Joy Shepherd to see how EALC can help.

Cllr Oates will draft a letter to Highways. Cllr Oates

07/131.2 Footpath Left hand side of road round to Hulls Lane
Agenda Item next month.

07/131.3 Footpath Markers

Cllr Oates has positioned some fluorescent posts as mid-path markers across a couple of large fields on a trial basis.

07/132 Finance

07/132.1 £170.00 Clerks Salary 200871

07/132.2 £100.00 Bramleys 200872

Payments were approved by Councillors and cheques signed.

07/132.3 Clerks Contract

Has been completed and signed by the chairman and clerk.

07/132.4 Grass Cutting Contract

Clerk and Cllr Hull investigated the quotes and the Clerk asked Bob Bell if he would like to re quote for grass cutting. Bob Bell stood by his original quote.

Clerk has spoken to Finchingfield Clerk Kate Fox and she was very pleased with MDL's work. The Parish Council have decided to accept the MDL Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd quote.

Clerk to contact MDL and also write a letter to Bob Bell thanking him for all his hard work, and asking him to carry on cutting some designated field-edge footpaths

Clerk

07/133 Meeting/Seminars/Consultations

07/133.1 Going Local Sports in the Location

07/133.2 Going Green 26th Feb Travelling Wisely & Saving Energy

07/133.3 Going Green 13th March Shop Ethically & Saving Resources/Recycling

07/133.4 Annual Civic Service 17th April 7.30pm

07/134 Shalford News

07/134.1 The Parish Council thought a hardwood bench outside Clifffield would be a good idea

Clerk to contact Greenfields to see if we need any approvals before siting.

Clerk

07/134.2 Braintree & Witham Times input -- March Agenda

07/135 Speedwatch

Still awaiting a date

- 07/136 Dry Gulcher Day**
Still awaiting permission from the Archdeacon with regards to the headstone Faculty.
- 07/137 Braintree Green Spaces**
The Village Hall Committee are looking for Match Funding with regards to various options for the Village Hall field and play area.
Quarterly events are being held throughout the year to raise money for the Village Hall funds. These include a Barn dance and the village fete.
- 07/138 Hedges**
Abbotts Hall: Clerks has an email from the owner to say that 90% of the hedge is Highways responsibility Clerks has passed this on to that dept. for review.
Clerk has not heard from Ian Shaw with regards to the hedge on Braintree Road by Goldsticks.
- 07/139 Best Kept Village Competition**
PC decided not to enter this year.
- 07/140 Rural Services Survey** requested by RCCE has been completed, and will be returned to RCCE.
- 07/141 Annual Parish Meeting**
To be held on 21st May at 8pm.
Format will be revised so that a fuller report of PC activity over the last year can be made.
- 07/142 Correspondence**
- 07/143 Other Matters for Discussion Only**
Boxted Wood - proposed development of 4500 houses near Stebbing Green.
Grass outside Broome Villas/Footway - muddy, untidy: seek resident's views.
Bin at Shalford Green -- Clerk to chase again.
- 07/144 Date of next Meeting**
Wednesday 19th March 08, 8.00pm
- 07/145 Meeting Closed at 10.30pm**

Signed

Dated