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The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 16th January 2008

Present Alan Oates Chairman

Andrew Hull
Dave Isbell
John Phipps
Jenni Harrison
David Eversden
Cathryn Carlisle Parish Clerk

07/108 Apologies for Absence: None

07/109 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th Nov 2007 were approved and signed.

07/110 Declarations of interest: None

07/111 Matters arising not listed on this Agenda

Stoneley Park
Cllr Phipps has now been given a list of updates and improvements for Stoneley Park. Cllr Phipps is to draft a letter to Crispin Downs (ECC) to suggest that this work done by Essex County Council, and to ask for timing of completion. Cllr Phipps

Hedges

The hedges in Hulls lane belonging to Dr Cutts and Mr Pharaoh have now been cut. Cllr Hull to thank them for their work. Cllr Hull

Clerk to send a letter reminding Mr Mathers of Abbots Hall about his hedge. The clerk to send a letter to Mr Ian Shaw of Goldsticks regarding the cutting of the first field hedge adjacent to Braintree Road, at Church End Shalford. Clerk

07/112 Planning

07/112.1 08/00004/FUL 08/00005/LBC Ewen Bridge Farm Iron Bridge Lane Shalford
Demo of existing barn and carport and construction of a new barn and garage with associated landscaping to form a farm courtyard

Planning Results

07/01974/FUL George Tanner (Shalford) Erection of cart shed garage Granted

07/02115/FUL Fairmead Garrets Lane: Alterations and Extension and main dwelling. Refused

07/02296/FUL Wedgewood Jaspers Green: Erection of extension and alterations to existing bungalow. Granted

The Old Post Office, Church End Shalford: Clerk to speak to BDC. Planning Dept. Clerk

07/113 Highways & Environment

07/113.1 Road Signs:

Shalford Green: positions for place name signs have been suggested by Cllr Phipps to be passed to Highways. Clerk

07/113.2 Victoria Hill & Pods Brook: No Update

07/113.3 Speed & Volume Survey

We are still awaiting a date to receive the Vehicle Activated Sign. Cllr Oates to draft a letter, which will address The Restricted Parking issue -see below Cllr Oates

07/113.4 ECC Restricted Parking:

Proposed by Highways for outside the school was discussed. Concerns were aired re the scheme, indicating that the proposal might well not have the desired effect.

A letter to be written to show our concerns. Cllr Oates

07/114 Footpaths

07/114.1 Park End Lane; awaiting comments from Highways.

07/114.2 Footpath Left hand side of road round to Hulls Lane: Clerk to chase Clerk

07/114.3 Proposed Footway Wethersfield Road

Highways are reluctant to proceed, on account of the considerable work involved. No further action to be taken.

07/114.5 Footpath Map

We have now received the Ordnance Survey licence for the footpath map. We plan for a run of 1,000 maps, which we hope to have available for the fete.

07/114.6 Footpath Markers

To enable walkers to follow footpaths across large fields, Cllr Oates will be installing some intermediate marker posts with fluorescent green tops, on a trial basis. Cllr Oates

07/114.7 Footpath 33

The Stile has not yet been installed; Cllr Oates to chase up. Cllr Oates

07/115 Finance

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| 07/115.1 | £340.00 | Clerks Salary | 200864 |
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| 07/115.2 | £55.81 | Ordnance Survey | 200865 |
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| 07/115.3 | £68.00 | Shalford Village Hall | 200866 |
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| 07/115.4 | £63.47 | BDC Shalford News (Nov) | 200867 |
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| 07/115.5 | £50.00 | Bramleys | 200868 |
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| 07/115.6 | £31.10 | E-on | 200869 |
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Payments were approved by Councillors and cheques signed

07/115.7 Clerks Contract

Clerk and Cllr Harrison to put final figures and contract together.

07/115.8 Budget/Parish Support Grant

Budget and Precept was approved by the whole Council

Clerk to present Quarterly updates through the year. Clerk

07/115.9 Bank Account Mandate

Has been updated; Cllr Oates and Cllr Phipps to sign cheques and The Clerk in case of emergencies.

07/115.10 Grass Cutting Contract

Clerk and Cllr Hull to liaise with regards to the grass cutting contracts for the next cutting season.

07/116 Village Appraisal

Cllr Harrison is to have a look into the questionnaire regarding to the next stage of the appraisal. Cllr Harrison and Clerk to meet to establish a schedule for the next stage of the process.

07/116.1 Ms Jan Cole will be at the February P C meeting to talk about the Village Design Statement.

07/117 Activity Day

Activity Day will take place on the 30th July the Parish Council has agreed to pay for the hire of the village hall. Posters will be sent out later in the year via the schools and on village notice boards. The Activity Day is for children between 5 – 12 years of age and run by BDC at the cost of £5 per day per child.

07/118 Vacancy on the Parish Council

Three Applications have been received. Clerk to check when the Village hall is free with regards to interviewing applicants. Any one who has any specific questions with regards to the interviews please send them to Cllr Harrison by the end of this week.

07/119 3 Fields Parish Plan: No update

07/120 Speed Watch update

Training dates still awaited from Police. Cllr Isbell to let clerk know if he's not heard anything with regards to training in the next 2 weeks.

07/121 Meeting/Seminars/Consultations: None for discussion

07/122 Other Matters for Discussion Only

'Dry Gulcher' Day will be on Weds. 28th of May. A US Airforce Plane (a Flying Fortress 'Dry Gulcher') crashed in a field near Shalford Hall on 9th Aug 1944 killing 1 American crew member (Harold Norris); a relative is planning a headstone memorial in the church yard, followed by a Lunch in the village hall. Details to follow. Cllr Oates

Essex CC is planning is to place items of general interest on The Shalford website; this is to help fill the void caused by cessation of Shalford News.

Cllr Eversden is also to assess the viability of putting the Wethersfield Newsletter on our website.

Neighbourhood Watch:

Reports that a vice has been stolen from a farm in the area. The NHW coordinator (Clive Stewart) will continue to circulate crime reports, which will be placed on our website.

Braintree Green Spaces Committee have been evaluating the Braintree area and reported that Shalford needs more provisions for children and young people.
This to be an agenda item for the PC Feb meeting.

07/123 Date of next Meeting 20th February 08

07/124 Meeting Closed at 9.56pm

Signed.....

Dated