

SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 19th November 2008

Present John Phipps (Chairman)
Colin Golding
Andrew Hull
Jenni Harrison
Dave Isbell
David Eversden
Alan Oates
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

08/95 Apologies for Absence
None

08/96 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2008 were amended, to be signed at the next meeting.

08/97 Declarations of interest
None

08/98 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.
None

08/99 Highways and Footpaths
08/99.1 Park End Lane - Clerk to chase Jim Bartlett ECC

08/99.2 Speed watch

Cllr Isbell reported that speed watch is up and running they've had a few teething problems. The highest speed recorded is 47 miles per hour in a 30 mph speed limit. The initial reaction is that it is a positive deterrent. However Speed Watch can not operate in the dark or wet weather. Information of vehicles found to be speeding is passed on to police headquarter in Chelmsford and if there are five reports of this vehicle speeding from any part of Essex the owner of the vehicle will be contacted by the police.

08/99.3 Footpath Map

Cllr Oates presented the footpath map, recommendations for distribution was the shop, George Pub, and Fostac evening. A suggested donation of £2 was agreed, this money will go towards play equipment for the village hall field. A vote of thanks went to Cllr Oates for all his hard work.

08/99.4 Footpath and Pathway maintenance

It was agreed that the council would see if any work is needed. This to be done as and when needed.

Clerk to contact ECC Highways to see if they own the holly Tree outside the village hall.

08/99.5 Water Lane

A letter has been received stating that ECC will not be carrying out any traffic calming measure in this area.

08/99.6 Hedges in need of cutting

ECC Highways will be cutting the hedge outside Abbots Hall in the next 5 weeks, using a 2 way traffic signals.

The hedge owned by Mt Palmer opposite Council Houses in Braintree Road Shalford is in need of cutting.

08/99.7 Tree on the Triangle

A letter had been received from Lord Hanningfield Head of ECC stating that he had taken advice from ECC Highways and he would uphold the decision made by his officers.

All councillors were in favour of continuing this project and suggested that we write to Lord Hanningfield again outlining a few facts, The tree would be planted in a 40 mph not 60 mph as stated in letter, with regards to 2 wheeled vehicles colliding with the tree there is already a number of signs that vehicles could collide with. We would be planting a mature tree with a canopy that would be at least 2mtrs high it was suggested that we could plant an evergreen.

Cllr Phipps recommended that the PC obtain a quote for removing the sign and digging out the soil that was infected by the Honey Fungus, which killed the old oak tree, and putting a new plinth and concrete base for the new sign in a new position. If permission granted for a replacement tree.

08/100 Stoneley Park

It was agreed that the PC would defer the decision on Stoneley Park until more information regarding funding from ECC had been obtained.

The Parish Council will write to Nicola Beach at ECC with regards to a Dowry or payment towards the maintenance.

The Parish Council will be asking ECC if the decision can be deferred until March 09 to allow all investigations to take place. The PC will endeavour to have another public meeting in the New Year.

08/100 Planning Applications

08/01955/FUL Pouts House 2 Water Lane Shalford Braintree CM7 4QU
Erection of single storey extension as a substitute for the originally approved conservatory not proceeded with.

The parish council did not support this application.

08/100 Planning Results

Appeals

08/00004/FUL Ewen Bridge Farm Iron Bridge Lane Shalford

08/00795/FUL Fairmead Garrets Lane Shalford Braintree Proposed extension and alterations to main dwelling

08/101 Finance

08/101.1 £292.06 £171.80 Clerks Salary

August over time 14 hours @£8.59 = £120.26

08/101.2 £124.55 MDLandscapes Grass cutting

08/101.3 £45.00 Phipps Landscapes Bus shelters

08/101.4 £13.00 Clerks Expenses

£5.00 Telephone and internet 16 miles

Agenda and Notices out 0.40 = £6.40 5 Stamps £1.60

08/101.5 £17.68 John Phipps New keys for Cupboard

08/101.6 £16.00 Great Saling Village Hall Hire Budget meeting

08/101.7 £570.00 Shalford Parochial Church Council Grass cutting

It was agreed after a vote with 4 in favour with 1 against with one abstention that the PCC would be asked to submit a monthly invoice for the work. A letter is to be sent to the PCC regarding this matter.

08/101.8 £632.15 Tawny Press Footpath Map

08/101.9 Bank account update

It was agreed to move this item to the January Meeting

08/101.10 Budget Figures

It was agreed that the sum of £1900 would be put into the reserve fund for bulbs and plants to be planted in 2009. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would give a donation of £360 to the Shalford Local History Association towards the printing of one of the Shalford books.

The acceptance of the Budget Figures was proposed by Cllr Golding and seconded by Cllr Hull. All were in favour.

- 08/102 Making the Links - Making it Happen'**
It was agreed to move this item to the January Agenda
- 08/103 Plans for the Parish 2009**
These were agreed and their costs are in the Budget
- 08/104 Logo for Headed Paper**
Cllr Eversden is to look at logo again as it does not reproduce very well.
- 08/105 The Causeway**
ECC Jim Bartley No update to date
- 08/106 Report on Village Hall activities which require action from the PC**
It was reported that the Village Hall Committee has received it first grant towards the shower refit.
- 08/107 Activity Day**
It was agreed that the Parish Council would support this event again.
- 08/108 Meetings/seminars**
Cluster Meeting Thursday 27th November Shalford
- 08/109 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**
- 08/110 Date of next Meeting**
January 09
- 08/111 Closed at 10.30pm**

Signed

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