

SHALFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 17th September 2008

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

Also present

Andrew Brown ECC
Peter Spurrier ECC
County Councillor Roger Walters

2 Members of the public

08/64 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Phipps welcomed everyone to the meeting.

08/65 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2008 were approved and signed.

08/66 Declarations of interest

Alan Oates 08/71.9

08/67 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

08/68 ECC Stoneley Park Presentation

ECC will continue with the maintenance of the site with respect to gas monitoring. They will also continue to maintain gas collecting and incineration equipment and surface water collection. ECC would be responsible for third party and environmental liability with respect to incidents resulting from the malfunction of the gas collecting and incineration and surface water contamination. The Parish Council would only take over the public side of the park. This would include grass cutting, weed control, ragwort pulling and minor repairs to path surfaces. The estimate for this is approx £3,000 per year. In addition there will some work to be carried out on the trees and for the first few years this could increase the cost to some £4000 per annum.

ECC will be doing some drilling work later this year at the site. The new recycling centre is due to open in Nov 09, with regards to the old site would need to be decided what we would like to be done with the site. I.e. small bottle bank. CC Roger Walters suggested that this be moved to another site to help to stop fly tipping. The gates would also need to be closed at dusk to avoid fly tipping as well.

From the new site in Braintree there will be some 14,000 cubic metres of soil needed to be removed and stored. Some of this could be used to landscape the hard standing occupied at present by the Amenity Site. ECC would have to clear the entire recycling site before handing it over to the village.

A company has approached ECC to ask if they can put an engine on the site to collect the gaseous energy to produce electricity that can be sold to the national grid.

If the Parish Council decided not to take on Stoneley Park ECC would close the site to the public. The public would only be able to walk on the path provided to get to Levelly wood with the bare minimum of grass strimming taking place. ECC has no obligation to open this land to the public.

With regard to obtaining funds from ECC to maintain the site the PC was informed that no such funds will be available. Cllr Walters asked if a 'dowry' could be made available. Andrew Brown agreed to look into this and report to the PC.

The Clerk has received a copy of the lease this is to be copied to all councillors. The Parish Council will have until early 2009 to make a decision on whether or not to take on the maintenance of the site.

The boundary fence is to be repaired, the new wooden gates erected and an information sign erected by the ECC.

08/69 Action Updates and on going items

08/69.1 Parking Restrictions out-side school

Cllr Phipps and Cllr Oates met with CC Roger Walters and Robbie Jamieson ECC Highways outside Shalford Primary School at 15.00pm. It was agreed that the Parish Council would write to ECC Highways explaining that with the change of head mistress the school has got to grips with parking and parents are leaving quickly after picking children up, the Parish Council like to see this project drop the Parish Council would still monitor the parking regularly.

Cllr Phipps

08/69.3 Park End Lane

The Clerk had received an email from Jim Bartley saying that he anticipates ECC will be sending out letters on the subject shortly.

08/69.4 Speed Watch

Speed Watch will take place one weekend in October 08

08/69.5 Footpath Map

The Map was presented at the fete; there was a lot of interest in it, Parishioners wanting to know when it would be available. It was reported that all that needs to be done now is the graphics on the reverse side. It was agreed that a complete breakdown of costs would be presented at the next meeting. It was thought that there may be some £180 extra to the £1000 budgeted required to get the map completed. It was agreed that the PC would make up any shortfall to get the map completed. Target for publication is November 2008.

08/69.6 Hedges

The Clerk has written to Mr Smith Hubbards, Ian Shaw Goldsticks, The Clerk will chase Matt Reeves ref Abbots Hall.

08/69.7 Eco Village Cancelled by Galliard Holmes.

Item Closed

08/69.8 Footpath and Pathway maintenance

The Causeway is overgrown with nettles and Giant Hog weed again Clerk to chase Jim Bartley.

08/69.9 Water Lane

The Clerk had received a letter from Essex Police and an acknowledgement from Essex Highways saying that they are investigating this matter.

08/69.10 Tree on the Triangle

Clerk to meet BDC with regards to the tree on Tuesday 23rd Sept

08/70 Planning Applications

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

08/36.1 Planning Results

08/01153/FUL St Andrews Church The Street Shalford Granted
Erection of extension to north elevation to accommodate a small meeting room and toilet.

08/01138/FUL 12A Clifffield Shalford Braintree Granted
Erection of single storey front extension

08/01053/LBC Abbots Hall Braintree Road Shalford Granted
Proposed works to front elevation - remove modern bay window; proposed new balcony at first floor level; replace two existing sash windows with casement doors; replace masonry paint on stone porch with pozilime.
Proposed works to rear elevation - replace existing Georgian wired glass to veranda roof with clear toughened

08/00063/DAC The Orchard Shalford Green Road Shalford Proposed Double Garage Application for approval of details reserved by condition 2 of approval Granted

08/71 Finance

08/71.1	£171.80	Clerks Salary August	200913
08/71.2	£124.55	MDLandscapes	200910
08/71.3	£225.00	Bramleys	200909
08/71.4	£45.00	Phipps Landscapes	200912
08/71.5	£18.56	Clerks Expenses	200919
08/71.6	£45.00	Phipps Landscapes	200914
08/71.7	£171.80	Clerks Salary September	200918
08/71.8	£186.84	MDLandscapes	200911
08/71.9	£242.25	Alan Oates	200915
08/71.10	£465.00	Bramleys	200916
08/71.11	£225.00	David Norton	200917

08/72 Parish Council taking over Kiosk Clifffield

It was agreed that the Parish Council would not be adopting the phone box.

08/73 Tony Bedding

Donation to Creamer fund/Farleigh Hospice. It was agreed that the Parish Council Donate £25 each to the above charities.

08/74 Parking on Grass at Clifffield.

The Clerk has received a letter and photos from a member of the public with regards to vehicles parking on the grassed area at Clifffield and vehicles being driven up the curb across the grass and across the public pathway to access the back garden of a house. It was agreed as the grass area in question is owned by Greenfields and the driving of vehicles across the

pathway is a matter for the police the Parish Council would pass the letter on to Greenfields and Essex Police with a covering letter stating that the PC strongly objects to what is taking place. Clerk/Cllr Phipps

08/75 Report on Village Hall activities which require action from the PC
Fete went very well we sold 6 Tea Towels and 5 Mugs.

08/75.1 Key to PC Office

It was reported that without permission the office used by the Parish Council was used on the day of the fete for 'counting money'. Some councillors thought that this was acceptable other did not. It was agreed that Cllr Phipps would draft a letter to the village hall committee with regards to third parties using the office and the assurance that the office would not be used by a third party unless prior agreement had been received from the PC. Cllr Phipps

08/76 Meetings/seminars

Cluster Meeting Thursday 27th November Shalford
BALC Open Meeting - 9 October 7.30pm at White Notley Village Hall, The Street, White Notley, Witham.

08/77 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 section 12 10(2)(b) states that business must be specified; therefore the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

PC's objectives for 2009
Cluster meeting agenda items

08/78 Date of next Meeting
15th October 2008

08/79 Meeting closed at 9.50pm

Signed.....

Dated