

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 16th December 2009

Present Cllr John Phipps (Chairman)
Cllr Andrew Hull
Cllr Dave Isbell
Cllr Alan Oates
Cllr Colin Golding
Cllr Kate Binks
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

09/300 Welcome and Apologies for Absence
There were none

09/301 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2009
were approved and signed.

09/302 Declarations of interest
There were none

09/303 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.
No Public present

09/304 Clerk's Report
The Clerk reported that she had contacted ECC Highways to find out what the procedure was for planting daffodils on the land opposite the Village Hall, on Whites Hill, on the triangle outside the Village Hall and on the triangle at Shalford Green. The Clerk has received an application form that has to be sent to a number of ECC departments who have to give approval before any planting can take place. This being the case planting may not be able to be done until autumn 2010.

The Clerk had received a letter from the Village Hall Management Committee and this letter had been circulated to all Councillors.

The Clerk has received a letter from Caroline Macdonald regarding the amount of litter at the rear of Broome Close Villas and around the village. Following this the Clerk has contacted Mr Smith regarding this matter.

The Clerk had also received a letter from Mrs Smith regarding the amount of litter around the village.

The Clerk had recently received a Planning application which was passed to the planning committee.

The Clerk has enrolled on two training courses at the EALC and asked that if anyone wished to attend training courses to let her know.

The Clerk will find out if she can obtain some more 'poop bags' from the Dog Warden at BDC, if not find a source elsewhere. It was agreed that the Clerk would be given a budget of £50 pounds for his project.

The Clerk had received and circulated a letter from Andrew Brown at ECC regarding the work taking place at Stoneley Park. It was noted that he will contact with the PC in the New Year with regards to restoration of the existing recycling site at Shalford.

Andrew Brown also stated in his letter that he has been approached by someone who would like permission to fly a bird of prey at the park to catch rabbits. He has spoken to some ecologists and they were reasonably happy for it to take place but suggested that the Parish Council's views are sought first.

It was noted that the hawk might not just take rabbits and it could affect other wildlife. In addition such an activity in a public place may lead to children and dog walkers and their dogs being affected. After discussion it was agreed that a better way of rabbit control is applied. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Andrew Brown telling him of the PC decision.

09/305 Highways and Footpaths

09/305.1 Flower Beds - To receive a revised plan and an estimation of the cost

It was agreed to leave this matter for discussion until the spring.

09/305.2 Speedwatch - Monthly update

Notices have been posted in the Village Shop and on the web-site but so far Cllr Isbell has had one person reply.

Cllr Phipps suggest that we put a Speed Indicating Device in the middle of the village. It was agreed that Cllrs would come to the next meeting with some suggestions for its location.

09/306 Report from the Planning Committee

09/01523/FUL: Proposed dormer window and third bedroom rear extension on land adjacent to Sunnyside, Church End.

The original Application (04/02085/FUL), which had been granted by BDC, specified a 2-bedroom house plus a car-port. This new Application specifies a

3-bedroom house plus car-port . One of the original bedrooms has been extended rearwards and split in two, and a dormer window has been specified in the centre of the front roof.

The Planning Committee saw no reason to object to these modifications, and thus approved the Application unanimously.

09/01549/FUL and 09/01550/LBC: Brook Cottage, Water Lane, Jaspers Green.

The previous Applications (08/02037/FUL, 08/02038/LBC, 09/00980/LBC and 09/01285/LBC) have been permitted by BDC already. This new Application seeks to erect two wooden single garages between the Cottage and the road.

The Planning Committee felt that a better solution would be to have one wider double garage in the same location. This could have a lower pitch of roof than the twin single garages and thus be less obtrusive and more in keeping with the style of the Cottage.

However, in light of the fact that Brook Cottage is in a fairly remote location, and has no immediate neighbours, it was agreed that no objection to the Application would be made.

The Application was approved unanimously.

09/01350/FUL and 09/01351/LBC: Acacia Cottage, Shalford Green.

This new Application seeks to convert and upgrade the outbuilding of the dwelling on the site to a fully self-contained annexe, and use it as a dwelling in its own right.

While the Planning Committee had no objections to the proposal, it was noted that there will be a considerable amount of work to be done to enable the outbuilding to comply with Building Regulations.

The Application was approved unanimously.

Planning Results.

09/01284/FUL & 09/01285/LBC

Demolition of modern porch to east elevation and provision of conservatory to south west of extension. Brook Cottage Water Lane Shalford. Granted

09/00980/LBC Brook Cottage Water Lane Shalford Braintree CM7 4QX
Detail amendments to extension and alterations. Granted

09/308 Finance

09/308.1	£176.60	Clerks Salary,
09/308.2	£45.00	Phipps Landscapes, Bus shelter maintenance
09/308.3	£13.00	Clerks Expenses Stamps 5 @ .39 = £2.00/Travel 14 miles @ £0.40 = £6.00/Telephone Calls £5.00
09/308.4	£12.00	EALC - New Councillors Pack
09/308.5	£190.00	Shalford Parochial Council - Churchyard grass cutting

09/308.6 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Payments and monthly budget and Bank Reconciliation were approved

09/310 Boxted Wood

Cllr Golding reported that there had not been a meeting on the Boxted Wood Working Committee, but he had been sent an email with an estimate for printing boards the size of 'For Sale' signs which would go up if a planning application was presented. The Working Committee is also keeping a watchful eye on Andrewsfield, in case a planning application is made for developing this site.

09/311 Affordable Housing at Church End - Letter to BDC Planning Committee Chair

Clerk to put letter from Cllr Wendy Scattergood on the notice boards also send copies to Cllr Eversden for the web-site.

09/312 Affordable Houses S 106 Agreement

The draft S106 Agreement was reviewed and the following proposed changes agreed:

The villages from where applicants are considered after no more applicants have applied from Shalford to be:

Beazley End, Great Saling, Wethersfield, Blackmore End, Bardfield Saling, Panfield and Great Bardfield.

With regards to the residency the Parish Council agreed with the draft agreement.

The Parish Council must be able to stipulate where this money is spent. Also as it has been agreed that the footpath to the School is not be constructed the money that was to be allocated for this project must be put towards improving the road safety of the residents.

As well as restrictions on working hours etc there must also be a restriction on the route taken by vehicles going to and from the site. Vehicles must only use the B1053 to access the site and be prohibited from using the Great Saling and/or Panfield and/or Rayne to Church End minor road routes.

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Tim Lucas with the proposed changes to the S106 Agreement.

09/313 Parking on the Pavement at Church End

It was noted that people using the shop are allowed to park in the Village Hall car park. The Clerk to ask the shop to provide a notice board telling customers to park in this area.

- 09/314 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**
SID purchase and location
Setting up working group comprising members from Panfield, Great Saling and Shalford to agree a proposal to ECC for restricting 7.5 tonne vehicles using the minor routes in the area.
- 09/315 Date of next Meeting**
20th January 2010
- 09/316 Meeting Closed at 9.20 pm**

Signed..... Dated.....