

The Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 18 February 2009

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

09/132 Welcome and Apologies for Absence
Cllr David Eversden

09/133 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2009
were approved and signed

09/134 Declarations of interest
There were none

09/135 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.
There were no public in attendance

09/136 Tree Warden Heather Smith
Heather Smith reported that she liaises with BDC with regards to any tree problems in the area. There is a problem with a tree at the school houses in Church End Shalford.
Clerk to let Heather Smith have a copy of the TPO for Jaspers Green. It was suggested that Heather puts some notices up that gives information about tree wardens.

09/137 Highways, Footpaths and Trees
09/137.1 Shalford sign
Cllr Isbell has spoken to Mr Salmon who made the original sign of for the village and he has said he could do this again, but will speak to someone else and see if they could make a wrought-iron sign. Cllr Hull has inspected the post and the post is in good condition. The first time that Shalford is mentioned is in the doomsday book of 1086, not

1319 as is on the present sign. David Cobb has provided the parish council with some alternative designs for the sign.

09/137.2 Holly Tree & Hedges update

The Clerk reported on the action taken by Highways and that the holly tree was affected by honey fungus. The PC recommended that the VHMC have the trees around the playing field checked for honey fungus.

The Clerk has written to Dr Mayo and Mr Palmer and received a telephone call from Mrs Mayo saying they would cut the laurel hedge. Mr Palmer has written to the PC advising them that the trees/hedge in question were in fact not growing on his land but on land owned by ECC. The clerk has informed ECC Highways, who has inspected the hedge along Braintree Road and has found evidence of an old ditch line closer to the road than the vegetation. Mr Palmer has been sent a letter from ECC to deal with this problem within 14 days.

09/137.3 Footpath Cutting Programme

Cllr Oats to amend a couple of items on the cutting plan and give an explanation for the increased cutting frequency of the 'Causeway'. The programme will then be sent to the Clerk to be past on to P3.

09/138 Stoneley Park

The Clerk has received some information on grants for Stoneley Park, the clerk is to keep these on file for future reference.

09/139 Planning Applications

09/139.1 09/0003/FUL Tan House Barn Iron Bridge Lane Shalford CM7 5JA

Proposed conversion of existing building of dwelling falling within use Class C3 of the Use Classes Order -The PC supported this application

09/117.1 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

09/140 Finance

09/140.1 £171.80 Clerks Salary Feb Agreed

09/140.2 £45.00 Phipps Landscapes Bus shelter Maintenance - Agreed

09/140.3 £36.10 Clerks Expenses Stamps £6.56 Petrol 5.60 @ 0.40 per mile -Telephone /Internet £5 -Stationery £18.94- Agreed

09/140.4 £52.00 Chairman's Training Day John Phipps. - Agreed

- 09/140.5 The balance sheet for the Historical Association had been received together with a request for a donation to help in the publication of books about Shalford. The parish council agreed to give a grant to the Historical Association of £250 for this purpose.
- 09/140.6 A & J Lighting Solutions
It was agreed that a new 5 year maintenance contract would be signed.
- 09/140.7 Audit Commission Report
Has been signed off by the auditors.
- 09/140.8 £20.00 Shalford News to Advertise in Shalford Area Directory
It was agreed that this was not needed
- 09/140.9 £79.25 Shalford Village Hall Hire of Hall 5 meetings Oct/Nov. - Agreed
- 09/140.10 £175.00 EALC Cilca Course cost shared between GT Saling and Shalford - Agreed
- 09/140.11 £190.00 Shalford Parochial Church Council Church yard grass cutting - Agreed

09/141 Best Kept Village Competition/Green Village Competition

It was decided that this year Shalford would not be entering the competition. But the PC will ask the parishioners if this is something they would like the PC to do next year, with the help of all the villagers. The Parish Council have plans for improvements to the look of the village planters etc. Cllr Golding to get quotes for planters.

09/142 Publicly Maintainable Highway - Licence

The clerk has received a letter from ECC Highways with regards to Public Maintainable Highway licences. Such a licence is required for planting trees or flowers on land for which ECC Highways are responsible. Clerk is to find out how much a licence would cost.

09/143 Logo for Headed Paper

It was agreed to adopt design number 5

09/144 Parking outside the school.

The clerk has written to Olive Cowell regarding the No Waiting Proposal outside the school, and find out what was meant by 'No Waiting'. A public consultation will take place around Easter this year.

09/145 Village Appraisal

Cllr Harrison has not heard from Alwyn Jones, The clerk had tried to get hold of him, the clerk will contact Mr Jones again and get an update for the next meeting.

09/146 Report on Village Hall activities which require action from the PC

There were none.

09/147 Letter to Roz Metson

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Harrison would redraft of the letter and send to the clerk. The letter would then be sent to Cllrs and if all are in agreement with the content a hard copy would be sent to Roz Metson. But if any Cllr wanted any fundamental changes to the letter then the Clerk would call an extraordinary meeting of the PC in order that it can decide whether or not to accept these changes. It was noted that the PC is not allowed to conduct any business that requires a decision by e-mail

09/148 Dog Fouling

A letter has been received with regards to dog fouling in Shalford, the clerk has received some dog poop bags which are available from the Parish Clerk or the Village Shop.

09/149 APM

It was agreed to hold this item over to the next meeting.

09/150 Footpath Map

It was agreed that the parish council should enter the map into Parish in Springtime' - an event for Towns and Parishes - 19th March
Cllr Oates informed the PC that a further £125.00 in donations had been collected.

Cllr Oates reported that no acknowledgment had been received from the VHMC with regard to the donations already been sent. Cllrs Hull and Golding were asked to raise this matter at the next VHMC meeting.

09/151 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Whites Hill

Road Surfaces/gritting/flooding/drainage

Inappropriate Speeds on Hulls Lane

09/152 Date of next Meeting

18th March 09

09/153 Meeting closed at 10.40pm