

Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday, 17th June 2009

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

09/207 Apologies for Absence
There where none

09/208 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2009 were approved and signed.
It was agreed that Brenda Hanley would be sent every month a copy of the approved minutes and a copy of the next meeting agenda.

09/209 Declarations of interest
None

09/210 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.
No members of the public

09/211 Clerks Report
Quite Lane

The clerk had an email from Felsted Parish Council where the quite lane scheme is being trialled which said.

Quote: "The Council was quite enthusiastic about it as a concept, and were impressed by the reports from other parts of the country where it had been tried. However so far the implementation in Felsted by ECC has been pretty inept, with confusing signs on ugly posts (I believe that these may be replaced, though I don't yet know with what), a lack of enthusiasm and investment.

For example, other Highways Authorities have encouraged traffic to slow down in Quiet Lanes by encouraging grass verges to spread onto the road surface and by sowing grass seed in the road centre, to make them look more rural. By contrast, ECC promptly resurfaced the Quiet Lane section of Stebbing Road, then painted new white road-edge lines throughout this section 'because it was policy' (though, perversely, not on the undesignated

bit!). The new 'village gate' and 'cattle grid' there have increased noise levels and don't appear to have slowed traffic, though we are asking for speed check evidence on this. Some of the lanes chosen as Quiet Lanes were, with hindsight, not really rural enough to qualify."

Recycling Centre

Cllr Eversden had asked if the Parish Council had been told of the date for the closure of the amenity site in Shalford. The Clerk reported that she had spoken to CC Roger Walters about this matter but he had not heard about the closure date.

The Clerk to write a letter to Mrs Beech, asking for an update of the closure of the site and how the closure would be publicised also the lead-time. In addition the time table for Stoneley Park.

Insurance

The clerk reported that on the insurance schedule there is Hayterette Mower. It was reported that the mower is in the shed with the tractor mower, it was agreed that the mower be given to the Village Hall Committee and taken off the PC insurance schedule.

Local Priorities for Shalford

DC Tim Wilkinson had asked for a list of things that Shalford would put on a 'wish list'. He required an immediate answer and could not wait until after the PC meeting. The Clerk had given him a list of things that the PC had previously agreed. These were a New Village Sign, Village Gates, Plants and a Speed Indicating Device.

09/212 Boxted Wood

No update was available. The next meeting of the PCs will be on the 14th July at Gt Saling Millennium Hall at 7.30 Cllr Phipps agreed to go in place of Cllr Golding who has a previous engagement.

09/213 Highways, Footpaths and Trees

09/213.1 Shalford Village sign

After discussion it was agreed to keep the present design as it appears on so many documents, books and maps but to remove the date. The Clerk reported that a quotation from Alpha Signs of £800 did not include taking down the present sign or its reinstatement. It was agreed to accept the Alpha Sign quote but to ask them what would be the extra cost of taking down the sign and its reinstatement. It was agreed that the Clerk be empowered to spend up to £1200 for a new sign and its removal and erection. The PC thanked David Cobb for the work he had done and the draft alternative designs he had submitted and Cllr Phipps agreed to speak to David Cobb regarding the PC's decision.

09/213.2 Flower Beds

Cllr Golding reported that he will meet with Josh Phipps to discuss designs and planting suggestions and obtain quotes for the work. A maintenance programme and its cost would also be needed.

The area's identified for planting are outside Tanners Yard, Water Hall Lane and the triangle at Shalford Green. It was suggested that more daffodils be planted this year on Whites Hill also on the triangle at the Panfield Road Junction at Shalford Green.

09/213.3 Speed Watch

Cllr Isbell gave a report on what is sent to the police with regards to the speed watch. On the 25th May, between 12.20-13.20, 20 people were measured travelling at between 36-49 mph in a 30 mph limit, on the 27th May between 7.45-8.35 there were 8 people travelling at between 37-53 mph. On the same day no one was found to be exceeding the speed limit outside the school. These have been reported to the police. At the Cluster meeting PCSO Liz Stuart informed the parish Councils that PC Carter was now armed with a speed gun and could now issue speeding tickets.

It has been reported that there has been a car transport parked in the junction of Barryfields, but the police don't seem interested. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Chief Constable at Essex Police stating that the PC wanted an explanation as to why this matter was not dealt with by the police

09/213.4 Salt Bins and Winter Gritting

Clerk to speak to ECC about Salt Bins and the locations being Whites Hill Victoria Hill and outside the George.

Clerk to check if ECC's insurance covers members of the public using the bin/s and spreading the salt and grit.

09/214 Report from Planning Committee

09/214.1 09/00618FUL Erection of one detached dwelling-house and garage Land opposite Jaspers Green Shalford

The Parish Council recommends that the Application be refused. There has been no material change to the reasons for refusal in the year 2000, and the Planning Committee could not see any justification for approving the Application now.

This Application conflicts directly with the requirements in Planning Policy RLP12, an agricultural need requirement.

09/214.2 09/00654/FUL White Court Erection of detached cart-lodge/store

The Parish Council has no objection to the Approval of this Application.

09/214.1 Planning Results

09/000236/FUL & 09/00237/LBC

Conversion of two no. barns to form B1 business units and proposed internal and external alterations to both plus the erection of a detached cart lodge. Shalford Hall Farm, The Street Shalford Braintree Essex CM7 5HH.

This application has been withdrawn

09/215 Finance

09/215.1 £176.60 Clerks Salary, June

09/215.2 £45.00 Phipps Landscapes, Bus shelter maintenance

09/215.3 £14.96 Clerks Expenses Stamps £1.56 / 21 miles @ £0.40 = £8.40 /Telephone Calls £5.00

09/213.4 £190.00 Shalford Parochial Church Council Grass Cutting It was agreed that a copy of the PCCC accounts would be given to all Cllrs

09/213.5 £167.90 MD Landscapes Grass Cutting

09/215.6 Bank Account Cllr Hull to complete all paper work and take into Barclays Bank.

09/215.7 Audit figures to be signed

Answers to questions were agreed, entered and the document signed

09/215.8 £55.00 RCCE Subs

All payments were approved and signed.

09/216 Parish Council Vacancy

The Clerk had received an e-mail and CV from Graham Brace. However it was not clear if he wanted to apply for the position now or in two years time. It was agreed that the Clerk would contact him to see if he wants to apply now for the position now or wait for 2 years when he's hoping to retire. The Clerk would also outline the role of a councillor and the frequency of meetings.

09/217 Circle Anglia Affordable Housing

The Clerk had received a letter from Circle Anglia saying they would be submitting an application in May. To date this hasn't been done. Cllr Phipps has spoken to Tim Lucas at BDC with regard to the number of affordable houses proposed in the hamlet of Church End. Mr Lucas informed Cllr Phipps that 35% of new builds have to be affordable houses. Mr Lucas also told Cllr Phipps that 20 people were on the housing list wanting affordable houses in Shalford. This is where Circle Anglia get there information from.

09/218 Appraisal Report

Cllr Eversden had prepared a draft report and sent it to all Cllrs. However at the start of the discussion it became clear that a number of Cllrs had not

come prepared to review the document. This being the case the Chairman proposed and it was agreed to hold this item over until the next meeting. The clerk reported that she had shown Jan Cole, Field Officer from RCCE, a copy and she stated that she was very impressed with the report. The Chairman thanked Cllr Eversden for the work he has put into preparing this draft.

09/219 Shalford Village affordable houses

Cllr Hull gave a report on Community Land Trust and outlined ways that such a project can be funded. By running such a scheme the village would have control on who would come into the village. Some District Councils give money to the parish council to build houses. It would take a lot of hard work and hopefully people in the village with this kind of expertise would help with this.

Councillors were in principle in favour of such a project and asked Cllr Hull to look into the matter further. The web site is www.communitylandtrust.co.uk

09/220 Telephone Box near to the Shalford Telephone exchange.

The Clerk had spoken to ECC Highways Department to ascertain who is responsible for cutting the hedge around the telephone box and they agreed to find out who owned the land. Clerk to contact ECC Highways for an update.

09/221 Report on Village Hall activities which require action from the PC

There were none.

09/222 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Future Parish Council contribution to the village hall
Road signs on the triangle at Church End.

09/223 Date of next Meeting

15th July 09

09/224 Meeting Closed at 9.50