

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th April 2009

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

09/170 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The clerk reported she had received a letter from Cllr Harrison tendering her resignation with immediate affect.

09/171 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 18th March 2009 were corrected for spelling and signed.

09/172 Declarations of interest

There were none.

09/173 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

None present

09/174 Clerks Report

The clerk reported that since she had received the resignation letter from Cllr Harrison, she had been in touch with Braintree District Council asking that they send all the relevant information and paper work to be posted on the notice boards advertising a vacancy.

The Clerk reported that she had attended the Parish in Spring Time event at Causeway House in Braintree and Shalford had won for its Footpath Map had won a prize. The Clerk was presented with a certificate and a prize of 2 litter-bins. It was proposed that the litter bins be donated to the VHMC to be put near the tennis court and on the playing field. This was agreed by all councillors.

The Clerk has sent details of the APM to the Braintree and Witham Times

The clerk has received the annual Street Cleaning agreement from BDC, Shalford will receive£362.86 the clerk has done the relevant invoice and letter to claim this money.

It was proposed that the 'metalled' section of the Causeway and its verges would be treated differently to the other footpaths around Shalford for its cutting requirements and cutting programme. This was unanimously agreed.

With regard to the Causeway cutting Bob Bell has informed the Clerk that he is unable to do the work every two weeks. The Clerk has asked MD Landscapes and Phipps Landscapes for a quote for the work, which is required to be started immediately. After discussion it was agreed that to get the work started the Clerk be empowered to spend up to £100.00 to get work started.

09/175 Boxted Wood

It was agreed that the Council were totally opposed to this development. The Clerk reported that as the Clerk to Great Saling, and one of the nearest villages to this proposed development she and the Clerk from Stebbing are planning to hold a meeting inviting all neighbouring parishes to attend and decide what the next step is to be taken in opposing this development. It was agreed that the Shalford would be represented at this meeting by Cllr Golding.

The clerk has been informed that a planning application is to be submitted in August, even though Elsenham is the preferred site, the developers thinking that there is scope for the Boxted Wood site as well. It is thought that both BDC and Uttlesford are against this application. However it was noted that the planning application may not go through the normal channels.

09/176 Highways, Footpaths and Trees

09/176.1 Shalford sign

No update

09/177 Report from Planning Committee

At its first meeting Cllr Alan Oates was elected chairman. It is planned that the committee will meet on the first Monday of each month with an additional meeting on the third Monday if required.

09/00273/FUL Erection of two storey side extension, porch, extension to existing utility room, alterations to roof and associated improvement and landscaping.

Fairmead Garrets Lane Shalford CM7 5BA

Council recommend that the above application be refused.

09/178 Finance

09/178.1	£171.80	Clerks Salary,	200968
09/178.2	£45.00	Phipps Landscapes, Bus shelter maintenance	200969
09/178.3	£17.40	Clerks Expenses Stamps £1.44/Mileage 21 @ 0.40	
	£8.40/Telephone	Calls and Internet	£5.00 200970
09/178.4		Clerk Pay review	
The Council agreed the following pay increase for the Clerk, which is in line with the National Scale. SCP 18 - £8.83/hour x 20 = £176.60/month (£2119.20/annum)			
09/178.5	£182.85	MDLandscapes Grass Cutting	200967
09/178.6	£186.45	EALC Subscriptions	200971
09/178.7	£ 14.87	E-on Electricity	200972
09/178.8	£363.54	H M Customs over claimed VAT	200975
09/178.9	£100.00	Farleigh Hospice Mal Hanley fee	200974

09/179 Parking outside the school

The clerk has received a letter from ECC Highways stating that they would be monitoring the location between now and the middle of June. They would then review the situation to determine if any restrictions are required.

09/180 APM

The agenda was amended and agreed

09/181 Website Domain Name

It was agreed that Cllr Eversden would enquire if the Shalford Domain name is available and how much it would cost.

09/182 Report on Village Hall activities which require action from the PC

It was reported that Laurence has resigned from the committee and he will stop cutting the playing field in the near future.

09/183 Matters to be items for the next meeting agenda

Footpath cutting - Payments from P3 for 2009/2010
Domain Website

09/184 Date of next Meeting

20th May 09

09/185 Meeting Closed at 9.35

Signed

Dated