

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 20th May 2009

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

09/189 Election of Chairman

Cllr Isbell nominated Cllr Phipps seconded by Cllr Eversden

189.1 Election of Vice-Chairman

Cllr Eversden nominated Cllr Hull seconded by Cllr Isbell

09/190 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Cllr Colin Golding

09/191 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2009 were amended and signed.

09/192 Declarations of interest

➤ To amend/update declaration of Interests forms as appropriate.
No changes reported

➤ To declare any 'Personal' or personal and Prejudicial' interest relating to items

On the agenda having regard to paragraphs 8 to 12 (inclusive) of the Code of Conduct for Members part 5/1 of the Constitution and having taken appropriate advice (where necessary) before the meeting.

There were none

09/193 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

No members of the public present

09/194 Clerks Report

Clerk reported that she had received a payment for £362.68 for Street Cleaning Grant from BDC.

09/195 Boxted Wood

The clerk gave a report on the newly formed committee set up to fight the proposed Boxted Wood development. This committee would meet bi monthly and more frequently if any planning application was presented. Each parish council was asked to pledge a £100.00 for the start up of this committee and earmark a further £500.00, if needed be to help with administrations fee etc, a Cllr from a neighbouring council is to set up a web site. If a planning application is presented leaflets would be distributed to the various Clerks, to let residents know what is happening.

09/196 Highways, Footpaths and Trees

09/196.1 Shalford sign

Cllr Hull to get the sign measured. Cllr Isbell to ask the lady David Cobb suggested to give us a quote for a painting the sign on wood.

09/196.2 Water Lane

It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Mr North and recommend that he writes to the local MP himself. It was agreed that the Parish Council had done all we can do with regard to the speed limit. It was agreed to look at the possibility of getting Water Lane and Hulls Lane designated as 'Quiet Lanes'. It was noted that Quiet Lane trials were being carried out in Felsted and it was agreed that the findings of these trials would be obtained when they are published.

09/196.3 Footpaths

Clerk informed the parish council that she had been contacted by P3 with regard to the budget for grass cutting and it has been recommended that we reduce our P3 budget to £2750.00. If we exceed this we can negotiate with P3. This reduction was agreed by all councillors present.

09/196.4 The Causeway

The Clerk reported that The Causeway had been cut at a cost of £20. It was agreed that this was an acceptable cost and that The Causeway would be cut every two weeks. The Clerk agreed to contact the contractor and ask if the 'bank' could also be cut.

09/196.5 Flower Beds

The Clerk read out a report from Cllr Golding. He had received a quote of £3600 for the 3 Flower Beds. It was agreed that this was more money than had been envisaged. The concept of raised flowers beds was discussed and Cllrs did not think that these would be appropriate in a rural environment. It was agreed that before taking this matter further the Council needed to see a plan of where the flower beds were to be located and their designs for the next meeting. Cllr Hull recommended that Cllr Golding obtain some help with the designs and Cllr Phipps agreed to get him some contact details.

09/197 Report from Planning Committee

09/197.1 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 cartlodge. Shalford Hall Farm, The Street Shalford Braintree Essex CM7 5HH
The Parish Council recommended that this development be made into offices. Cllr Phipps asked if a bat survey had been carried out as it had been reported that bats use the buildings.

09/197.1 Planning Results

Planning permission has been granted for the temporary classroom at Shalford School.

09/198 Finance

09/198.1	£176.60	Clerks Salary, February	200976
09/198.2	£45.00	Phipps Landscapes, Bus shelter maintenance	200977
09/198.3	£35.21	Clerks Expenses Stamps 4 /Petrol 39 miles /Telephone Calls	200978
	£5.00	other Keys refreshment £13.17	200978
09/198.4	£387.25	Aon Ltd Insurance	200979
Cllr Hull to be the Third signature on the account, the clerk to get all relevant paper work and distribute to all relevant Councillors.			
09/198.6	£144.90	MDLandscapes Grass Cutting	200980
09/198.7	£66.75	Alan Oates Top bar for cutting machine	200981
09/198.8	£64.40	A & J Lighting Solutions Maintenance	200982
09/198.9	£495.00	Bramleys P3 Footpath cutting	200983
09/198.10	£45.00	A Phipps replacement cheque	200984

09/199 Parish Council Vacancy

The Clerk has put notices in all the parish notice boards and also the shop advertising the vacancy all applicants are to be in by the end of June. If the clerk receives any applications she will invite the applicants to an interview in early July the successful applicant will be invited to attend the July meeting.

09/200 Website Domain Name

The Parish Council has decided to stay with ECC website

09/201 Affordable Housing

The Clerk invited Circle Anglia to the meeting but Circle Anglia declined the invitation.

The Clerk today received a letter for Circle Anglia quoting some of the important parts of the letter.

The had received a letter from Circle Anglia proposing the following 8 rented units (2 x 1b/2p flats, 3 x 2b/4p houses, 3b/5p houses and 1 x 2b/4p

bungalow) and it is their intention to submit a planning application in May 2009.

Circle Anglia commented that as this scheme has been designed to address the housing needs of the local people to Shalford and they would have welcomed a meeting with members of the Parish Council in order to keep us fully informed of their intentions. It would have been nice to provide us with an opportunity to see how they have addressed some of the concerns previously raised in relation to safe access to the school etc. but following the somewhat vitriolic public meeting they attended in June 2007 they will not attend anything other than a private/closed meeting with members of the Parish Council.

09/202 Appraisal Report

Cllr Eversden agreed to make the appraisal results more presentable. These would then be sent Cllrs before the next meeting for approval.

09/203 Report on Village Hall activities which require action from the PC

It was agreed that the Village Hall Management Committee should in future communicate directly with the Clerk and not individual Councillors regarding donations given to the VHMC by the PC.

So far donations from the footpath map amounted to £428.13 and this has been given to the Village Hall Treasurer.

09/204 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Speed watch update
Telephone Box Braintree Road
Shalford Village Housing Association

09/205 Date of next Meeting

17th June 2009

09/206 Meeting Closed at 9.50 pm

Signed

Dated