

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 18th August 2010

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

10/438 Apologies for Absence
There were none

10/439 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 21st July 2010 were approved and signed.

10/440 Declarations of interest
Cllr Oates declared a Personal Interest in agenda item 10/448

10/441 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.
There where none present

10/442 Clerk's Report
The clerk reported that she had spent a lot of time investigating item 10/448

10/443 Stoneley Park/Amenity Site
The Clerk and Chairman went to the opening of the new recycling centre in Braintree. Over the last 2 weeks employees from ECC have been on site to inform people where the new site is, this presence will finish next weekend. It was reported that the night the site closed there was an attempted break-in. The thieves where caught by the police.

10/444 Parish Council Website Introduction Page
Cllr Hull and Cllr Isbell where asked if they had managed to write the Introduction to the website. This has not been done. It was agreed that they would bring their wording for the Introduction Page to the September meeting.

10/445 Finance

10/445.1	£176.60	Clerks Salary,
10/445.2	£45.00	Phipps Landscapes, Bus shelter maintenance
10/445.3	£11.56	Clerks Expenses Stamps 0.96/Travel 14 miles @ £0.40 = £11.56/Telephone Calls £5.00
10/445.4	£85.79	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting
10/445.5	£18.00	BALC Subs
10/445.6	£14.69	A & J Lighting
10/445.7	£16.78	David Eversden

Payments where approved and signed

10/445.8 Grants

After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council would pay £250 each to the Bendeloves Trust, Shalford Local History Association and FOSTAC cheques were written for the above groups. With regard to the Horticultural Society, Cllr Oates agreed to contact them unofficially to ask why they did not attend the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed that the final allocation of £250 would be held over until the September meeting.

10/445.9 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

It was agreed that these required checking and they would be presented at the September meeting.

10/446 Parking at Church End outside the Shalford Shop

Cllr Binks raised concerns about the amount of cars and lorries being parked outside the Shalford Store. The Clerk to speak to the shop keeper and see if they could put a sign up saying cars should be parked in the Village Hall car park.

10/447 Speed-watch

Cllr Isbell reported that CSW team hadn't been able to do any monitoring this month as volunteers were not available. It was agreed that the clerk would contact PC Carter to arrange further training. The Clerk to advertise this in B & W Times

10/448 Sewage Treatment Plant at Jasper's Green

Cllr Phipps proposed a vote of thanks to the Clerk for the hard work she had put in doing researching this item. This was unanimously agreed.

Cllr Oates outlined the situation as a resident in Jaspers Green connected to the sewage system.

Following receipt of the letter from Holmes and Hill the Clerk contacted EALC and asked for their advice. EALC stated that the Parish Council has no statutory duty for sewage work and is not a community group, it is a statutory body.

After receiving all the information it was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council could not become involved in either the management of or the financial aspects of the sewage system at Jaspers Green. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Holmes and Hills telling them of the PC's decision.

10/449 Mobile Library Campaign

It was agreed to put an article on the website along the lines of 'Use It or Lose It'.

10/450 'Shaping up for the Future'

It was agreed to put all letters received from ECC regarding this matter on the website.

10/451 Parish Plan

The Parish Council agreed that the council would not be developing a Parish Plan

10/452 Rural Housing Questionnaire

The questionnaire was completed and would be sent to BDC by the Clerk.

10/453 Christmas Tree at Village Hall

Cllr Binks proposed that a Christmas tree be placed outside the Village Hall. It was agreed in principle. It was further agreed that Cllr Binks would prepare a risk assessment and obtain cost estimates for the purchase of a tree and lights and submit them at the September meeting.

10/454 Replacement Shalford Press Secretary

It was agreed that the Parish Council would put articles relating to PC matter in the B & W Times and Essex Chronicle. It would also encourage organization in Shalford to submit their own reports directly to the newspapers.

10/455 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council
Nothing to report

10/456 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

10/457 Date of next Meeting

15th September 2010

10/458 Meeting Closed at 9.40 pm

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