

The minutes of the Parish Council, meeting held on Wednesday, 15 December 2010

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

10/511 Apologies for Absence
Cllr Hull

10/512 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 17 November 2010
were approved and signed. The amended Minutes for September meeting
were also signed.

10/513 Declarations of interest
There were none

10/514 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other
matters that are of mutual interest.
There were none.

10/515 Presentation from PC Peter Carter on Community Speed Watch
PC Carter was unable to attend the meeting. The Clerk reported there will be
a presentation on the new Speed Watch arrangements at Dunmow Police
Station on the 12th January 2011 at 7pm. It was agreed that until the Parish
Council had answers to a number of questions it would not commit to taking
part in the new scheme.

10/516 Clerk's Report
The Clerk has received a telephone call from a resident on Water Hall Lane
regarding how icy the road was in the recent bad weather. He had spoken to
ECC Highways with regards to getting a salt bin at this location, and was told
about the pilot scheme that ECC were undertaking. The resident wanted to
know what the Parish Council was doing about the pilot scheme; after the
clerk explained what the pilot scheme involved the resident understood why
the Parish Council hadn't entered into the pilot scheme. The clerk explained
that the best thing to do is write to ECC with his complaints.

Stondonfields

It was noticed that Collins and Beckett the builders were working on Saturday morning, after the Chairman went down and spoke to the builders he was informed that as the weather was above freezing the plasterer was working. The only machine that was working was the generator.

Investigations by the Chairman and the Clerk have revealed that the working hours and days that can be worked stated in the Circle Anglia Information Pack given to the Parish council in April 2010 were incorrect also that the page from the S106 document on the BDC Website was missing.

The clerk has received a copy of the revised working schedule this, together with the page missing from the S106 document have been distributed to all Councillors and published on the web site. The Clerk has been informed that the work on the site is due to finish in mid to late March 2011.

Plan associated with Planning Applications

The Chairman has ascertained that Printability in Braintree can print plans in the size of A1 for the cost of £3.50 per copy provided that they are sent electronically to them.

Signs for Shalford Green

The cost for 3 'Shalford Green' signs would be approximately £ 1,400.00

Minerals Development at Broadfield Farm, Rayne

The site is to the north of B1256 Dunmow Road, between Blake End and Rayne

The site is 90ha and would yield an estimated 4.2mt of sand and gravel over a 14 year period. Material would be exported by road and a new access would be needed onto Dunmow Road. Once completed, the site would be returned to agriculture or amenity use. Consultation will take place between 9 Dec 2010 - 17 February 2011. A 'Drop in Session' will be held in Rayne village hall on the 14 January 11.30 to 18.30. Cllr were encouraged to attend

10/517 Finance

- 10/518.1 £178.20 Clerks Salary,
- 10/518.2 £45.00 Phipps Landscapes,
- 10/518.3 £8.62 Clerks Expenses stamps 2 @ 0.41 = £0.82/Travel 7 miles @ £0.40 = £2.80 /Telephone Calls £5.00
- 10/518.4 £705.00 MD Landscapes Bulb planting
- 10/518.5 £600.00 Cllr Eversden computer equipment The Clerk had spoken to Mal Hanley regarding the £600 and the VAT on the invoice it was recommended that the council give a grant of £600 to Cllr Eversden for the website.
- 10/518.6 £52.64 P Edwards Timer Cable etc
Payments were approved and cheques were signed
- 10/518.5 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

The monthly budget and Bank Reconciliation was approved.

10/519 Parish Summit

The Facilities and Services Form was amended and completed for the clerk to send to the BALC.

10/520 Budget

The budget was agreed as the same as the previous year. Cllr Phipps proposed that the Parish Council purchase three Shalford Green Signs. This was seconded by Cllr Golding. The purchase was agreed by all councillors present.

10/521 Clerk's Electronic Equipment

It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase a new lap-top with a guide price of £400. It was further agreed that the Parish Council would provide £200 the other £200 being provided by Great Saling PC.

10/522 Clerks Working Schedule

The HR committee had agreed to the Clerks working hours and a copy was tabled. The hours will be 12.00 to 14.00 on a Tuesday and 09.00 to 11.00 on a Thursday. The Clerk will take calls at other times.

10/523 Cleaning of Bus Shelters

Cllr Binks presented the new job description for cleaning the bus shelter this will be put in the bus shelters, notice boards, shop and website. Tenders need to in by the 1 Feb 2011 with the new contract starting in April 2011

10/524 Election Planning

It was agreed that there was a need to encourage candidates for the May 2011 election. After discussion it was agreed to produce some posters advertising the election and calling for candidates. Cllr Eversden will produce a draft poster for consideration at the January meeting.

10/525 Twinning

The Clerk to speak to Panfield Clerk and see what the benefits there are to twinning and what are the disadvantages. Cllr Golding agreed to see if there is a Twinning Association.

After discussion it was agree that due to the fact that an election was to take place in May 2011 the present Parish Council will not come to a decision on this matter until after the election. The Clerk write to Simon Lang and say that the matter will be dealt with after May 2011

10/526 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council

There was none

10/527 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Elections

Bench

Twinning

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Unofficial Lay-by on White Hill

10/528 Date of next Meeting

19 January 2011

10/529 Meeting Closed at 21.35

Signed

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