

Minutes of the Parish Council, meeting held on Wednesday, 20th October 2010

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

10/474 Apologies for Absence
There were none

10/475 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 15th September 2010
were amended and to be retyped to be signed at the next meeting.

10/476 Declarations of interest
Cllr Phipps on 10/480.2 and 10/481

10/477 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other
matters that are of mutual interest.
There were none

10/478 Clerk's Report
Clerk Working from her home.
Due to the Clerk's landlord saying that she is not able to work from home she will be working from the Village Hall office once a week. Post and phone calls will still have to go to Woolpits Road as there is no letter box or phone line at the village hall.

The Clerk has spoken to ECC regarding the Speed Indicating Device (SID), the money from the 'Affordable Houses' S106 agreement for highways is £6,000. A solar powered SID will cost £7,000 the Clerk has asked ECC to put this in writing so the Parish Council can respond with their comments.

Shalford Green Signs

The Clerk has asked ECC Highways for a price on purchasing and installing these signs in the following positions. On the land opposite the Homestead, Hubbards Farm and the bridge at Pods Brook on the Great Saling side of the bridge.

FOSTAC

The Clerk has received a letter from FOSTAC thanking the PC for the donation of £250

Battery Recycling Box

The Clerk has put a Battery Recycling Box in the village shop.

Chairman's Training Day

Cllr Binks will be attending the next two training days one in November and one in December to complete her training.

Parish Summit

Cllrs Eversden and Isbell will be attending on the 3rd November

Cllr Eversden will be attending Election Training on the 3rd November as will the clerk.

10/479 Community Speed Watch

It was agreed that Cllr Isbell will give the Clerk the name and telephone of who is responsible for Speed Watch. The Clerk will try and find out what is happening and what is involved with the 'new' Speed Watch arrangements before the next meeting.

10/480 Finance

10/480.1 £178.20 Clerks Salary,

It was agreed that the clerks pay would be increased as to the SLCC pay scale.

Cllr Phipps vacated the Chair and handed over to Cllr Binks for the next item.

10/480.2 £45.00 Phipps Landscapes, Bus-shelter maintenance

After discussion it was agreed that a new contract would be put out for tender. This is to be an agenda item next month.

Cllr Phipps returned to Chair the meeting.

10/480.3 £27.00 Clerks Expenses 20 Stamps £8.20 /Travel miles 14 @ £0.40 = £5.60 Telephone Calls £5.00

10/480.4 £171.55 MD Landscapes Grass Cutting

10/480.5 £14.87 E-on

10/480.6 £60.00 EALC Training

Payments were approved for all the above by all Councillors.

10/480.7 Monthly Budget was agreed there was no Bank Reconciliation, as the bank statement had not been received

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10/481 Daffodil Planting

The Clerk informed Cllrs that she had managed to get 5,000 daffodil bulbs from the Green Heart of Essex campaign. The Clerk had asked for quotes for planting the bulbs from 3 local companies. Quotes were to be with her by the 18 October. Quotes had only been received from Phipps Landscapes and Complete Garden Design, but not from MD Landscapes. As only two quotes had been received it was agreed that the Clerk would contact MD Landscapes to obtain a quote. After discussion it was agreed that the lowest quotation would then be accepted. It was agreed that the bulbs would have to be planted by the 29th November.

Cllr Phipps returned to Chair the meeting.

10/482 Website

The Chairman thanked Cllr Eversden for all the hard work he's done on the website. The website won a prize of £600 this is to be spent on the purchase of IT equipment or software. After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Eversden would look at the price of a new base system for his computer that is to be used for the Shalford Website.

10/483 Christmas-tree at the Village Hall

The Village Hall Management Committee has agreed that a Christmas tree can be placed outside the village hall. The electric power can be run off the shed. Cllr Binks agreed to carry out and produce a risk assessment at the November meeting. Cllr Hull stated that he would provide a support for the tree. Cllr Binks to look at the trees on Cllr Phipps' property to see if there is one suitable. If not a tree would have to be ordered.

10/484 Salt Bins

ECC are doing a pilot scheme where a bag of salt would be delivered to a secure dry place and someone from the parish would then need to go round the village and spread the salt.

The Parish Council felt that Salt Bins would be a better option. It would be hard to get someone to spread the salt particularly as one of the spots requiring salting in icy conditions is Victoria Hill, which well out of the village.

10/485 Press Releases

To decided if Shalford PC requires to receive electronic press releases from BDC.

(Approximately 4 per week.)

The Parish Council decided they received enough e-mails so they would not be taking up the offer to receive any press releases.

- 10/486 To receive a report from the VHMC** on the amount of money raised from the fete.
The village fete made £1400.00 profit.
- 10/487 Village Hall Management Committee matters** affecting the Parish Council
The New play equipment will start to be installed in the 2nd week of November 2010
- 10/488 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**
Budget - Any items to be considered for the budget need to be brought to the next meeting with quotes for consideration.
- 10/489 Date of next Meeting**
17th November 2010
- 10/490 Meeting Closed at 9.24pm**

Signed.....

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