



Shalford Parish Council

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Annual Parish Assembly Minutes held on Wednesday 1st May 2013

Present all members of the Council
District Councillor Tattersley
County Councillor Roger Walters
26 Members of the Public
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

The Chairman of the Parish Council gave the following introduction:
“Good evening and welcome to this Annual Parish meeting. For those of you who don’t know me my name is Colin Golding I am Chairman of the PC and also of the Village Hall Management Committee.

Just a reminder that this meeting is intended as an opportunity for organisations in the village to present what they have been up to over the last year and their plans for the coming year and hopefully to gain support from the village as a whole and may be recruit new members.

As far as the PC is concerned our annual report was distributed a week or so ago and I hope you had a chance to read it.

In 2012 we had a budget of £18,700 and I am pleased to say that we came in under budget by nearly £600. This year we have set a budget of £18,500. Of that the residents of Shalford contribute through what is called the precept around £50 per household, so less than £1 per week.

We use that money in various ways to maintain and improve the village. Some of the things we do don’t meet favour with everyone and the planters that we put around the village had mixed reviews but I would ask people to wait until they are full of colour later in the year and then pass judgement.

For this year we are looking to do something about the unofficial layby that has been created on Whites Hill and we are also looking to plant some trees on the verge on Whites Hill.

Planning is always a contentious issue and you should be receiving a questionnaire shortly regarding two pieces of land which the owners would like to develop for housing. I would urge you to complete and return those to us so we can act on the views of the residents of the village.

You will find more details of our activities in the Annual Report and you are welcome to come to our monthly meetings and have your say.”

1. Apologies
Rev Wilson, Andrew Overall, Jo Grove-Smith
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May 2013 were approved and signed
3. Bendeloves Charity

Mr Alec Tanner gave the following presentation:

“Good evening all and thank you for inviting me to say a few words. I am chairman of the “Bendlowe” together with Mrs J Grove Smith and the Rev Wilson. The Vicar is a permanent appointment, but the other two are appointed by the Parish Council. The Parish Web-Site gives an outline of the trust and how fortunate the villages were in olden times.

The trust all but died twice in the last century. Once when the cottage on Pond Hill, near the George was sold circa 1950 and again about 1990.

After the cottage sale the trust provided coal for 2 elderly men and 2 elderly women of the parish at Christmas and this went into the 1980’s.

With funds from the sale of the Parish Maps and one or two large donations from concerts etc the Trust has had circa £2500.00 in its funds for the last twenty years.

In that time we have been given wheel-chairs, walking frames, bed tables etc and can now offer to anyone in the Parish who may be disabled. Please contact Angela.

Over the years we have given out Electric Stamps or Plant pots at Christmas. Our clerk may just deliver a plant to someone ill or recently bereaved.

The August Tea has remained popular. We have tried coach trips, but one or two elderly people are no longer keen.

We have done nothing different to usual in the last year we have £2452.95 in the bank. any good suggestions please let us know.”

4. **Shalford Primary School 12 months in the life of Shalford Primary School!**

Kate Ward Head of Shalford Primary School

Kate has been head at the school for 5 years now. She gave a slide presentation “a year in the life of the school”

May was the Queens Diamond Jubilee Celebration

June year 5/6 went on their residential trip to Mersea Camp

June also brought the Olympic Torch with various events arranged with neighbouring schools.

July brought Olympic fever with Shalford winning the cup against other local schools.

In July Kate encourages all children to take part in the Horticultural Show.

September Autumn Horticultural show.

Oct the topic was Shrek the children organised a sponsored bounce to raise money for the whole school to go to London to see Shrek the Musical in November all the children enjoyed this.

Dec KS1 did the nativity and KS2 did Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs many of the children were ill in that month so they ended up with only 4 Dwarfs and 6 Donkeys.

January the topic was Africa this linked up with Colchester Zoo doing Stand Tall to celebrate 50 years of Colchester Zoo. The School brought 3 x 3ft high Giraffes which each class chose a design to decorate.

Feb they had a Pyjama Day and made pancakes.

March was Science week where they made Rockets and talked about space on the last day the school was taken over by aliens.

April the Giraffes have been returned back to Colchester zoo. Later in the year the Giraffes will be taken and placed in various parts of Essex for everyone to see.

They had a break in in April where the thief’s attempted to take the laptops but got disturbed and left them in the middle of the playing field.

The School has 84 Children at the present time it can take 105, 20 children come from Braintree and 30 from Panfield which is catchment. There is a place on the governors anyone interested please see Kate.

5. **Fostac**

Fostac submitted a written report as follows:

FOSTAC fund raising is to preserve St Andrew's Church building to hand it on to future generations in good order. FOSTAC has a membership of more than 100 villagers and friends and through our events extends our community contact.

FOSTAC has been working hard to raise money for their current project, which is the glazing of the bell tower at St Andrew's Church. There is still some way to go before FOSTAC is in a position of having sufficient funds for this particular project.

Monies have been paid to the Architects for plans and drawings, however fund raising is to continue.

In 2012 the following events were organised:

Thursday 1 March 2012 – Chandelier Cream Tea

Saturday 17 March 2012 – Auction of Promises

Friday 18 May 2012 – Bricks for Hampton Court

Saturday 26 May 2012 – Jubilee Concert

Thursday 31 May 2012 – FOSTAC AGM

Sunday 22 July 2012 – Therapy Taster Day

Sunday 30 September 2012 – Car Treasure Hunt & BBQ

Saturday 6 October 2012 – Cheese & Wine Evening

The events that have been arranged for 2013 are:

Thursday 7 March 2013 – Springtime Tea

Saturday 11 May 2013 – Gt Bardfield Community Choir

Thursday 23 May 2013 – FOSTAC AGM

Saturday 13 July 2013 – Come & Sing

Sunday 16 June 2013 – Salmon and Jazz

Sunday 11 August 2013 Pimms with Canapes

September 2013 – event to be planned

Saturday 30 November 2013 – St Andrew's Supper with Magic

6. Shalford Local History Association

Shalford Local History Association submitted the following written report:

Activities over the last year have included the Group continuing to catalogue and index its artefacts and archives. The display in the glass cabinet in the Village Hall, is now regularly updated by a member of the Group.

The History Group assisted the school in judging their history project for 2012. Queen Victoria ruled for over 60 years, so now has our present Queen Elizabeth. That makes them similar. There are other similarities, but also lots of differences.

The children had to find out how many similarities and differences there are. The Challenge Trophy went to the pupil with the longest list!

There was a book launch with a talk by John Harvey and display of World War II memorabilia, on Friday 23 November 2012 attracting nearly 100 villagers to the Village Hall.

The book "Progress in Pictures" is a pictorial record of old Shalford and a companion volume to "Pictures in Progress". To date approx 100 copies of "Progress in Pictures" have been sold. There are copies still available at a cost of £7 being sold through the Village Stores.

The Group is soon to launch the 2013 May Holmes Langford History Project for Shalford school children. The subject for the project is “the Story of the oldest thing, or anything really really old in my home”. This will be a home based project for the children to start and complete during the Summer Term.

7. Village Hall Management Committee

The Chairman gave the following report:

“We had our AGM 3 weeks ago and had a good turnout probably as a result of our questionnaire put around the village asking what people wanted from their village hall. The general consensus was that people would like to see some general improvements to the building but not pull it down and start again. So we are forming a subcommittee to take it forward.

The village hall made a small loss this year with our expenditure exceeding our income by about £45 but we did buy the flag pole, flag and new goal nets for the children’s goals and we ran the children’s Halloween disco as a not for profit event. So in the normal way our routine income just exceeds our expenditure.

Having had the tennis court refurbished we decided that we needed to raise some revenue to maintain it so formed a Shalford Tennis Club and through that make a small charge to use the court and this seems to be a success.

We are grateful to the Parish Council for a grant that they give us towards improving the facilities and this will be used on short term improvements such as redecorating the kitchen and maybe new units.

We have purchased a new bench to replace the Bowler Hatters bench that rotted and this will be installed shortly and this year we are looking at ways of extending the children’s play area.

In terms of events we have a car boot sale planned for the 11th May but the booking of pitches is low so we might have to cancel it.

Later in the summer on the 29th June we are planning a village day to centred around a cricket tournament with a hog roast and bar and live music in the evening.

So let’s hope summer comes before then!”

8. Shalford Horticultural Society

Heather Smith gave the following report

“In February 3 members resigned from the committee, in March a flyer was sent out asking people to join the Horticultural Society since then they’ve had 5 new members have come forward. The Club are going to Great Dixton Merriments. The schedules will go out later this month. Show dates will be announce as soon as possible. This year there will be no prize money, in the children’s groups each age group will get a trophy. Please Enter “

9. District Councillor Report

Cllr Tattersley explained the differences between Essex County Council, Braintree District Council and the Parish Council, ECC deals with the larger issues which is spread out over the county, District Councils deal with Refuge/Planning etc.

The Parish Council are very committed to get the best for the village. Councillors have to do compulsory training, they deal with planning applications the precept, grass cutting and many other thing. Councillors are not paid its all voluntary.

10. County Councillors Report

County Councillor Walters said he had received an email regarding the derestriction of Byway 13 which takes place on the 10th May the said she hadn't seen any emails regarding this Experimental Revocation Order. This will be an agenda item.

See attached report.

11. Questions

Concerns on the reopening of Byway 13

Cllr Askew had concerns about a piece of land in Jaspers Green that an elderly gentleman has cut until recently could we find out who owns this so that the Parish Council can get someone to cut the grass.

Potholes

Members of the public were told that potholes and other road defects should be report via the ECC website.

Stoneley Park, Clerk to chase update

The owner of the George asked why the web site was advertising the Panfield Beer Festival not Shalfords

Meeting Closed at 9.10pm

Signed.....

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