



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 16th April 2014

Present Cllr Golding
Cllr Eves
Cllr Eversden
Cllr Askew
Cllr Oates
Cllr Ottley

Rob Venables ECC
Cathryn Carlisle Clerk
1 Member of the public

14/590 Apologies for Absence

14/591 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2014 were approved and signed.

14/592 Declarations of interest
There were none

14/593 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

14/594 Clerk's Report
Stondonfield

At some stage Neil Willoughby will get to Shalford to look at the damaged tree and most likely arrange for its replacement. He will do his best to get there by the end of April.

With regard to the land on R/H side as you enter the site. He understands that part of the planning consent for this site was for there to be land left unmaintained as meadow or similar to attract wildlife. Therefore in line with the approved planning, this land has been left, unmaintained.

He's sorry it looks a mess, but unmaintained land generally does.

The person he believes is to best speak to regarding estate matters is Mrs Sara Pool, she is to his knowledge the Neighbourhood Officer for the area. If the patches are changed and somebody else manages this area, then he is sure Sara will ask the

Neighbourhood Officer for the area to contact us to discuss our concerns in more detail. He has cc'd Sara into this email for information and action.

Charity Bike Ride Stansted to Harwich

Thai will go through the Parish on the 13th June

Mr North's email

The Clerk received an email from Mr North regarding car rallies using Water Lane.

14/595 Finance

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| 14/595.1 | £216.00 | Clerks Salary |
| 14/595.2 | £125.55 | P Edwards |
| 14/595.3 | £223.20 | MD Landscapes |
| 14/595.4 | £27.10 | Clerks Expenses |
| 14/595.5 | £14.67 | E-ON |
| 14/595.6 | £213.39 | EALC |

Payments were approved by all members of the Council present

14/595.7 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

These were approved by all members of the Council present.

14/595.8A & J Lighting Contract

The Clerk has written to Greenfields Housing Association to see if they would take over the street lights on their land. They are still looking into this but it is unlikely that Greenfields will take this on.

14/595.9 Financial Regulations

The Clerk to amend the new financial regulations

14/596 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.

Toilet refurbishment has finished, the flat roof has been repaired, the VHMC has a grant of £400 for the cricket day

14/596.1 Fencing around Village Hall

Andrew Hull presented the quotes he had received for the Estate Fencing which will go from the Oak Tree on the left hand side of the village hall all the way to the footpath entrance which is approximately 142 metres. The Clerk sent a website link so Cllrs could look at what the fence will look like once its up. This sort of fence should last many years, so it would be a good investment for the village. Andrew Hull now has to represent this to the VHMC next Wednesday. Once the Clerk has all the quotes she will need to send them to BDC for approval in order to draw down the Section 106 money.

14/597 District Councillors Report

There was none

14/598 County Councillors Report

There was none

14/599 Village enhancement

14/599.1 Whites Hill

Planter summer planting

Paul Edwards is in the process of finding the most cost effective source for plants as many suppliers are expensive at the moment. When he's has found some at the right price he will buy them so he can bring them on in his green house before planting out in late May when there is no risk of frost.

Tree Planting

The clerk is still chasing the licence

14/600 Planning Applications/Comments

14/600.1 Sheering Hall Braintree Road Shalford application granted for erection of agricultural building for storage of machines and straw

14/600.2 Cold Hall Cottage Jaspers Green Shalford Essex CM7 5AS application granted for demolition of existing garage and stables and erection of new garage and outbuilding for use as gym-summerhouse and garden storage.

14/600.3 14/0498/ADV Land At Edge Of Field North Of Braintree Road Shalford Essex Display of 1 no. fascia sign displayed on a wheeled frame advertising fresh fruit at Wash Farm, Sible Hedingham.

The Parish Council has no objection.

14/600.4 Tan House has planted its hedge

14/601 Village Signs

14/601.1 To discuss the signs in the village

The finger post sign at Shalford was signed off by the Cabinet Member Cllr Bass this morning and will be programmed for delivery during the 2014/15 financial year. Matt Valentine would like to say this year, but until it has been uploaded to the programme list he cannot provide any further information.

14/579.2 Vehicle Activated Speed Sign

Matt Valentine is currently speaking with the engineers regarding the VAS installation of which will be installed during this 2014/15 financial year.

14/602 Footpath

Rob Venables ECC PROW officer gave a report on how the footpaths are going to be cut this year. Firstly there will be a targeted cut around the district then a full cut at sometime between June-August. Their budget has been cut by 64% this year. There are various groups that can help with the cutting of footpaths, but it wouldn't be all the footpaths. The Parish Council could get a P3 grant for certain footpaths; Councillors are to bring to the meeting any idea's which footpaths should get extra cuts.

Cllr Oates to bring the details of lengths of footpaths to the next meeting.

14/603 Tour De France

The Clerk attended the last meeting, she's asked for toilets and some cones to put along the Braintree road to stop spectators parking there the night before the race.

14/604 Emergency Planning

No update

14/605 Annual Parish Meeting

The Clerk has written to all the organisations in the Village inviting them to speak at the Parish Meeting. So far the clerk has heard from Bendelows Trust, VHMC, British Legion, and the PCC, the clerk to speak to the school, the Chairman asked all councillors to speak to any other groups they are involved with too see if they are wishing to give a presentation.

14/606 Best Kept Village Competition

Registration forms have gone in to the RCCE, Cllr Eversden to put notices up around the village.

14/607 Stoneley Park

The Consultation period finished on the 14th April, we are waiting to hear if planning consent will be approved. The clerk is to contact Andrew Brown at ECC to see if he has any news on the planning permission.

14/607.1 Stoneley Park Trees

The Clerk is to contact Andrew Brown at ECC to see if they have a management plan for Stoneley Park.

14/608 Speed Watch Report

Until the police do some more assessments, which the speed watch team have asked numerous times, nothing has been done.

The issue was raised of safety on the roads on Sundays, particularly with motorbikes.

The Clerk to see if we could get the police to do a speed check on a Sunday.

14/609 Invitation from St Andrews Church, to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Diocese of Chelmsford
At the present time most councillors seem to be busy that weekend,

14/609 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda
Standing Orders

14/610 Date of next meeting
APM 15th May 7pm onwards
AGM 21st May 2014

14/611 Meeting Closed at 9.15pm

Signed.....

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