



# Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 17th December 2014

**Present** Cllr Golding  
Cllr Askew  
Cllr Oates  
Cllr Eversden

**14/722 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Eves  
DC Tattersley

**14/723 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday** 19th November 2014 were approved and signed.

**14/724 Declarations of interest**

There were none

**14/725 Public participation session with respect to items** on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

There were none

**14/726 Clerk's Report.**

The Clerk reported that the Christmas Tree had cost more than was budget due to wanting a 15ft tree, the quote was £300 the clerk got this one for £160. The Parish Council would like to thank Paul Edwards for putting up the tree.

att Valentine from ECC highways has spoken to the engineer and the sign requested would not be acceptable at this location with the current set up, however, with changes implemented a finger post sign could be implemented with two locations on it.

- The 30 mph speed limit signs and weight restrictions signs on both sides of the Bennett junction be removed and installed by the hedge which separates the shop and the property next door.  
If no accident data, we can remove the 'Give Way sign'
- On the verge opposite the Bennett junction place directional signage (if 'X' height large enough one sign sited in the middle would suffice) for Shalford and Wethersfield and Bocking and Braintree.
- Advanced signage for weight restrictions will need to be erected in both directions

If the Parish Council are happy with this the engineer to move forward with improving this junction please can you confirm.  
The Parish Council agreed to get Highways to continue.

**14/727 Finance**

14/727.1	£216.00	Clerks Salary
14/727.2	£163.88	P Edwards Maintenance
14/727.3	£120.00	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting
14/727.4	£24.00	Clerks Expenses
14/727.5	£160.00	Christmas Tree

Payments were agreed by all members of the council present.

14/727.5 Clerks salary review

The Clerk announced that NALC had sent through a pay rise this is implemented in January 2015.

14/727.6 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Were agreed by all members of the council present

14/727.7 Budget

The council looked the budget but until BDC let the clerk have Localism Fund grant figure the council cannot finalise the budget for 2015/16.

**14/728 Village Hall Management Committee** matters affecting the Parish Council.

It has been confirmed the VHMC have got a grant for £10,000 to refurbish the kitchen. Work will start mid-January 2015.

**4/729 District Councillors Report**

No Report

**14/730 County Councillors Report**

No Report

**14/731 Village enhancement**

**14/711.4** Notice Boards

No report

**14/731 Planning Applications/Comments**

**14/731.1** 14/01583/FUL & 14/01584/LBC Proposed internal alterations to entrance hall.

Abbots Hall Braintree Road Shalford Essex CM7 5HG

The Parish Council supported this application

**14/732 Footpath/bridle Way**

**14/732.1** To discuss footpath cutting

The Council has put in a reserve to cut the footpaths if ECC can't do it next year. Cllrs asked for clarification on footpath cutting across fields.

**14/732.2** Bridleway next to Bridle House

The Clerk had sent letters to Mr Collins and Mr & Mrs Tarling regarding the state of the bridleway which runs between their properties. The Clerk has sent an email to Jim Bartley ECC PROW Officer asking if the bridleway can be improved the bridleway needs clearing and draining.

Mr Collins has done some work along there and is quite willing to do some more.

**14/733 Election Time Table**

The Clerk to send a link to EALC website where it shows what leaflets available regarding the elections. The Clerk to send copies of the ones that Cllr Eversden produced 4 years ago. Cllrs to look and see which ones we need to get printed for March.

**14/734 Councillors Resignation**

The Clerk and the Chairman announce that Cllr Ottley had handed her notice in. It was agreed that The Clerk write and thank Mrs Ottley for all her contributions to the parish council.

The Clerk reported that she had told BDC and as we're very close to the election in May it would not be worth advertising the post, by the time the advert had gone out we had interviewed it would February at least.

**14/735 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**

30 mph speeding on the Braintree Road at Church End Shalford

**14/736 Date of next meeting**

21st January 2015

**14/737 Meeting Closed at 8.17pm**

Signed.....

Dated.....