



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday, 19th February 2014.

Present Cllr Golding
Cllr Askew
Cllr Oates
Cllr Eversden
Cllr Birks
Cllr Eves

14/545 Apologies for Absence

DC Tattersley
Cllr Otterley

14/546 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 15th January 2014 were amended and signed.

14/547 Declarations of interest

There were none

14/548 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

A member of the public wanted to talk about the Tour De France. The member of public suggested it would be a good idea to park cars on the playing field. Cllr Golding proposed that we close the meeting so the council could talk about the event. This was agreed by all councillors present. The meeting was reopened

14/549 Clerk's Report

The Clerk received a letter from Sylvia Lester regarding the state of Ewen Bridge Lane and Ancells Lane, the potholes were reported to ECC in March and again in September last year. The Clerk spoke to ECC Highway's and she was told that the lane had been inspected and it was a priority 3 which means nothing will be done in the foreseeable future. The Clerk suggested that everyone living down the lane should report the potholes. ECC has now reclassified all roads from 1 to 3, 1 being major roads and the focus of the major part of the spend on maintenance, 3 being minor roads where it is unlikely that repairs will be done.

River Warden

The Clerk circulated an email prior to the meeting about volunteers to become River Wardens. Patrick Vinck from Iron Bridge and Steven Locks from Wethersfield Mill have both put their names forward to become wardens.

Annual Parish Meeting

The clerk has booked the Annual Parish Meeting for the 15th May at 7pm. The 1st half an hour will be a talk from Joby Humm regarding the Tour De France, followed by other speakers.

Code of Conduct Training

Cllr Golding and Cllr Eves will attend.

14/550 Finance

14/550.1	£216.00	Clerks Salary
14/550.2	£110.00	P Edwards
14/550.3	£0.00	MD Landscapes
14/550.4	£24.50	Clerks Expenses
14/550.5	£36.00	EALC
14/550.7	£14.99	E-on

Payment were agreed by all members of the council present

14/550.6 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation.

Were agreed by the council present

14/551 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.

The refurbished of the toilets will commence on the 20th Feb. The VHMC have had a quote for repairing the flat roof, this will cost £1,325.00 and a grant has been applied for.

The cleaner's contract has been terminated and the VHMC have taken on a Caretaker/cleaner to look after the Hall and Grounds. His duties will include internal and external work.

The CCTV cameras have been put up.

14/552 District Councillors Report

No report

14/553 County Councillors Report

No report

14/554 Village enhancement

14/534.1 Whites Hill – Tree Planting

The Clerk was asked to send copies of letters from the utilities companies, maps, letters from the adjacent landowners, and let ECC know who was doing the work. As one of the land owners had objected to the planting Cllr Golding suggested that we send a letter to ECC confirming that we choose the tree species and planting location after taking advice from Anne Hooper (Arboricultural Consultant to ECC at Place Services) and therefore believe that the land owners objections are without foundation.

Whites Hill – Unofficial Lay Bye

It was decided that we would leave putting in more posts at the moment. Cllr Birks suggested that we sow wild flowers on the verge, Cllrs said as they had spent quite a lot of money last year to clear all the brambles which were very overgrown they would like for the grass to get established before we start to plant anything else there. It was suggested that we might be able to plant some wild flowers on the bank when Stoneley Park gets its makeover.

14/553 Planning Applications/Comments

14/553.1 14/00155/FUL Erection of agricultural building for the storage of machinery and straw - Sheering Hall, Braintree Road, Shalford, Essex, CM7 4QY
The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

14/00156/FUL Erection of agricultural building for the purpose of grain storage and drying - Sheering Hall, Braintree Road, Shalford, Essex, CM7 4QY
The Parish Council had no objections to this application.

14/556 Village Signs

14/556.1 To discuss the signs in the village

No Updated

14/556.2 Vehicle Activated Speed Sign

No update

14/557 Attack on Dog Poo

The Clerk has given Cllr Eversden the leaflets from the dog warden to be handed out around Barryfields with the free paper.

14/558 Footpath

The Clerk to contact ECC PROW Officers to see if ECC are proposing to cut footpaths this year and if so how many times. The Clerk is also to contact Came and Company to see if our insurance would cover volunteers/councillors. The council would only be able to pay fuel expenses.

14/559 Tour De France

The Clerk and Cllr Golding attended a meeting for the Tour De France. The advertising caravan comes into Shalford at about 11.27am and the bikes come in at about 1.25pm. Roads will be closed from 7.30 am to approximately 4.30pm, once the broom lorry comes through this is a sign that the road is open again. The District Council should have heard a couple of days ago where they intend to close roads, so far the clerk hasn't received anything. The Clerk and Chairman will attend another meeting next week.

14/560 Standing Orders

Cllr Golding to finish looking at the standing orders ready for approval at the AGM

14/561 The Local Heritage List for Braintree

The Parish Council think that this is a very good idea but are still considering who could be interested in helping. The Clerk is to send a copy of the letter to SLHA.

14/562 WW1 100th Anniversary

Do we want to plant poppies for the 2014 real poppy campaign?

It was agreed that as the Parish Council doesn't own any land we would be unable to plant any poppies.

14/563 Draft recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for BDC

The Parish Council could see no problem with this.

14/564 Emergency Planning

Cllr Golding attended a training course for Shalford and the Clerk attended for Great Saling. Primarily the only thing that will affect the parish is a power outage which happened last October. Network Power has a list of vulnerable people and as soon as they know that the power is going to be off for a long time they contact the Red Cross who put their emergency plan into action to look after registered vulnerable people.

If a tree comes down blocking a road you ring 999 who will call all the relevant people ie Police/ECC Highways/BDC etc.

The only thing we can do is organise a place of refuge where people can get a hot drink/hot food and light and find out any more information. The risk of having gas cylinders for heat light and cooking has been highlighted and as a result, the Clerk and Cllr Golding proposed that the best way to provide the refuge service is to look into installing an emergency generator at the Village Hall. It was agreed that the Clerk and Chairman make enquires.

14/565 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda
Annual Parish Meeting

14/566 Date of next meeting 19th March 2014

14/567 Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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