



# Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council, meeting held on Wednesday, 15th January 2014

**Present** Cllr Golding  
Cllr Eversden  
Cllr Askew  
Cllr Ottley  
Cllr Oates  
Cllr Birks

DC Tattersley  
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

**14/525 Apologies for Absence**  
There were none

**14/526 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday** 18th December 2013 were approved signed.

**14/527 Declarations of interest**  
There were none

**14/528 Public participation session with respect** to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.  
There were none

**14/529 Clerk's Report**  
Stoneley Park  
It is still very much on Andrew Browns list of work but ECC has had a few break downs and other problems which have been given priority.

In terms of the replacement gas flare the contract has been awarded and they hope to have the new flare installed towards the end of March. This will involve some site clearance along the access track, and they will let us have further details in due course.

The Clerk to send an email to Roger Walters regarding the reinstating of Stoneley Park.

## **14/530 Finance**

14/530.1	£216.00	Clerks Salary,
14/530.2	£110.00	P Edwards
14/530.3	£979.63	MD Landscapes
14/530.4	£24.00	Clerks Expenses
14/530.5	£4500.00	VHMC

Payments were approved by all members of the council present

14/530.6 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation  
Were agreed by all members of the council present

14/530.7 Budget

The budget was agreed and the precept would be £12,318 which would give a nil increase in the Council Tax for Band D properties. There has been a small increase in the tax base from 318.04 to 322.39. The resolution was proposed by Cllr Askew seconded by Cllr Eversden.

## **14/531 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.**

### **14/531.1 Village Hall Trust deed**

Trustee Deed has been amended. The changes were made on how the committee is made up. It includes 2 organisations that use the hall and 8 elected members. Should any other groups start using the village Hall they can apply to become committee members.

The Clause regarding people from outside the village not being on the committee has been removed.

The Deed has now been sent to the Charity Commission for them to endorse it.

### **14/531.2 Maintenance /improvements**

The CIF has given the VHMC a grant of £7622 towards the refurbishment of the toilets. The VHMC will match fund this. The work is due to start mid Feb 2014.

## **14/532 District Councillors Report**

Cllr Tattersley will chase up about the listing of phone box near Clifffield.

## **14/533 County Councillors Report**

No Report

## **14/534 Village enhancement**

### **14/534.1 Whites Hill**

The Clerk reported that CC Roger Walters is on the case of the Planting licences. The Clerk has to send a copy of the letters she has received from the utility companies, plans where we want to plant trees, a letter from adjacent properties, and the name of the person who is doing the work to ECC.

The litter bin at the lay bye should have been removed last week.

It was agreed that the clerk gets a price for 3 more stakes each side of the lay bye with similar spacing.

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**14/535 Planning Applications/Comments**

**14/535.1** Abbots Farm Granted

**14/535.2** 13/01435/FUL Erection of two detached dwellings and garages  
Land Adjacent to The Old Vicarage The Street Shalford  
The Parish Council has no objection

**14/536 Village Signs**

**14/536.1** To discuss the signs in the village  
Still awaiting to hear from LDP

**14/536.2** Vehicle Activated Speed Sign

The funding team are still deliberating the best way forward.  
The clerk to email CC Roger Waters, to see if he can help with this matter.

**14/537 Attack on Dog Poo**

Cllr Ottley said there still seems to be quite a lot of dog poo around the playing field, the Clerk is to drop off the leaflets from BDC making people aware of picking up dog poo, for delivery with the Broadcaster.

**14/538 Footpath**

The Clerk to find out how many footpath cuttings, ECC will be doing this year? Can volunteers cut the footpaths and get their expenses back? The Clerk will ask these questions to ECC.

**14/539 Tour De France**

The Clerk has spoken with Joby Humm from BDC regarding the event, the route will be closed from 7.30 am to 4pm the only vehicles that will be allowed down the route are emergency vehicles. The Clerk has said that she and the Chairman are will to attend any of the meetings at BDC.

Cllrs were concerned that spectators will come the night before and park on the verges.

There will be no cars allowed to park on the roads if they are still there in the morning of the race they will be towed away.

**14/540 Standing Orders**

It was agreed that Cllrs read the Standing Orders and come back next month with any questions.

**14/541 The Local Heritage List for Braintree**

Councillors to bring ideas to the next meeting

**14/542 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda.**

**14/543 Date of next meeting 19th February 2014**

**14/544 Meeting Closed at 9.30pm**

Signed.....

Dated.....