



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 18th June 2014.

Present Cllr Askew

Cllr Eversden

Cllr Oates

Cllr Eves

Cllr Birks

14/622 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Golding Cllr Ottley

14/623 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 21st May 2014 were amended and signed.

14/624 Declarations of interest

There were none

14/625 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest

There were none present

14/626 Clerk's Report

Mr D Smiths letter

In response to David Smiths letter regarding the recently reviewed Village envelope, the committee drafted a letter which the clerk will send to Mr Smith. The consultation period for inclusion in the village envelope has now ended.

Street Lights

Greenfields has said that regrettably they would not be taking over the Street lights on the bungalows on the Braintree Road or at Clifffield; this is something that Greenfields would not consider for the foreseeable future. The committee discussed the value of the lights to the community and agreed to continue to meet the upkeep.

Email Received

Mr North emailed about the road Closure The Clerk sent an email to ECC, they do not put diversions down minor roads, but if locals want to use this road there is

no way in stopping them it's a public highway. The councillors said that ECC did divert traffic up Water Lane when they did the road works at Panfield.

Phone Call Received

Mr Metherell from Tan Office or Ancells in the hole? Phoned about the type of road surface being put down outside his property which he felt should be anti-skid or non-slip as had previously been laid. The Clerk has sent a letter to Highways.

ECC Highways records show that surface dressing treatment has previously been applied to this section. This treatment basically prolongs the life of the carriageway by sealing the surface and restoring the skid resistance to the original design specification.

ECC Thinks that the resident may have the idea that a higher than normal friction surfacing material is present at the site. This is not the case. ECC Highways have specified an appropriate material to achieve the desired skid resistance. It should be noted (as with all sites) that engineering methods can not totally eliminate the dangers posed by the thankfully few drivers that do not comply with the Highway Code General advice (144to 158). The Clerk to report back to Mr Metherell

Activity Day

The Clerk had received information on the Activity Days these would cost the Parish £270.00 for 3 adults to supervise 30 children the cost would be £9 per child. The Parish Council decided not to take up this offer.

14/627 Finance

14/627.1	£216.00	ClerksSalary
14/627.2	£110.00	P Edwards Maintenance
14/627.3	£111.60	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting
14/627.4	£103.95	Clerks Expenses
14/627.5	£56.00	A & J Lighting Maintenance
14/627.6	£82.33	Corrine Eves Annual Parish Meeting
14/627.7	£4541.00	The Traditional Company Fence Deposit

Were approved by all members of the council present

14/627.8 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Were approved by all members of the council present

14/628 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.

No report

14/628.1 Fencing around Village Hall

The Clerk has received the go ahead for the fence around the Village Hall a deposit needs to be sent to confirm the order. The Clerk now needs to get 3 quotes to remove the old fencing and rip out the brambles etc.

14/629 District Councillors Report

The New Mark and Spencer's food store will be opening soon, at Freeport? The new Toby Carvery off the Braintree by pass has opened. Councillor Tattersley reported on the new Witham swimming pool which he felt will be a great asset to the whole Braintree area.

14/630 County Councillors Report

No report

14/631 Village enhancement

14/631.1 Whites Hill

The Clerk has sent the Npower plans to ECC as requested, the clerk will now chase to see whether there was any update.

14/632 Planning Applications/Comments

The clerk had received an email from Natalie Butcher (BDC) regarding Tan House. The hedge has now been planted and the enforcement order removed.

14/633 Vehicle Activated Speed Sign

No update. The committee asked that the clerk continues to chase (whoever) on this issue.

14/634 Footpath

The Clerk has emailed Rob Venables after the last meeting and he's away from his desk until 26th June. The Footpaths are getting really bad, Cllr Oates had tried to get hold of someone at ECC to find out when the footpaths are being cut, but couldn't find anyone to help. The committee are at a loss as to how to progress this ongoing un-satisfactory situation. Some suggestions were put forward including, the PC paying for one cut from the precept, asking farmers to assist with cutting paths on their land or spraying off the paths to stop re-growth.

14/635 Tour De France

The Clerk showed the council what the banners are going to be like for the Tour de France, we should get these very soon.

14/636 Stoneley Park

14/636.1 Stoneley Park Trees

Andrew Brown has said it's probably ECC responsibility, the clerk to send details of what needs to be done.

14/637 Winter Salt Bag Scheme

It was agreed that we should enter into the scheme this year. Mr Eves has agreed to store the salt in a barn ready for distribution when needed. Cllr Birks is to clear the remaining salt bags from the village hall car park.

14/638 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

The Telephone box at Clifffield has been removed by British Telecom.

14/639 Date of next meeting

16th July 2014

14/640 Meeting Closed at 20.54pm

Signed.....

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