



Shalford Parish Council

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

Present Cllr Golding

Cllr Eves

Cllrs Askew

Cllr Eversden

Cllr Ottley

Cllr Oates

District Councillor Tattersley

14/702 Apologies for Absence

CC Roger Walters

14/703 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2014 were approved and signed.

14/704 Declarations of interest

There were none

14/705 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

There were none present

14/706 Clerk's Report.

Greenfields are getting their contractors to look at the drainage problem at Jaspers Green

The Sign at the bottom of Pods Brook has been reinstalled

Post Office

There's a minimum charge of £500 for a Door to Door drop

Mr Steven North

The Clerk received an email from Mr North, The Clerk had previously forwarded the email to members of the council; The Clerk also read the email out at the meeting.

VAS

The CMA was signed by Cllr Bass last week and the next steps are: Order VAS from Solagen

- ☐ Provide job Pack and forward to Project Delivery team,
 - ☐ Project Delivery will then program the installation of the post.
 - ☐ Once post is installed, Solagen will install Sign and control equipment.
- ECC will update when the job is programmed for installation.

Stoneley Park Update

As we are aware Essex County Council submitted a planning application for the restoration of the former Recycling Centre earlier this year. The application was made in accordance with plans discussed with the Parish Council and proposed the area to be restored as an extension of the existing Stoneley Park with a pond area and a limited number of parking spaces similar to the existing arrangements.

Unfortunately an objection was received from the ECC Highways department on the basis that due to the very wide highway verge at the location parking could not be permitted on land designated as highway (i.e in the existing gateway to the site). Furthermore if the parking area was placed further back beyond the highway boundary a reversing/ manoeuvring area would also need to be provided as all movements over the highway had to be 'in a forward gear'.

The end result of this would be that the parking area would become more of a car park and be located some way from the carriageway edge – a situation that it was agreed we wanted to avoid if at all possible.

They are still in discussions with highways to try to reach an acceptable solution for all parties and unfortunately it is this that is taking time. If a solution cannot be found then they will have to discuss how a gated car parking area can be created and more importantly managed.

Once the car parking issue has been resolved and planning permission obtained the works will take place as soon as the weather or if later the bird nesting season etc. allows.

The Clerk has replied to Andrew Brown suggesting that the Chairman and The Clerk are quite happy to meet at the site to discuss the parking situation with ECC Highways and Andrew himself.

Finger Post

ECC have recently been out on site with an engineer to look at the 'Finger Post signage' request.

Typically finger posts only have maybe 3 or 4 destinations, here we have 7. With the nature of wooden finger posts, the text size would have to be made a lot smaller making it very difficult for motorists driving at 30mph or 40mph to see.

If the directional signs are replaced with small signs on a wooden post, there are still going to be 3/4 other metal posts in that one area which couldn't be removed. The engineer is concerned that this would make the signage harder to read by having a traditional type post and the possibility of not having the traditional feel because of the 4 other metal posts. With the signs being smaller we may also cause drivers to slow to glance at the signs and cause an accident.

Cllr Eves will take photos of other finger post on the B1053 which have similar signage to the one to be erected at Church End Shalford.

14/707 Finance

14/707.1	£216.00	Clerks Salary
14/707.2	£110.00	P Edwards Maintenance
14/707.3	£223.20	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting
14/707.4	£24.00	Clerks Expenses
14/707.5	£43.19	David Eversden Website
14/707.6	£120.00	EALC Training
14/707.7	£312.00	Essex Arb Ltd Village Improvement
14/707.	£4,500.00	SVHM Grant and Hall Hire

Payments were approved by all member of the council present

14/707.9 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Were approved by all member of the council present.

14/707.10 Budget

The councillors discussed the budget asked the clerk to make a few amendments.
The Clerk will send out the working sheet before the next meeting.

14/708 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.

The Playing Field and the Cricket Pitch had been award a gold award by the Essex Playing Field Association.

14/709 District Councillors Report

The DC has agreed to grant planning permission to the gypsy site on the Coggeshall Road in Braintree. There has been an unofficial site there for many years and the council has refused planning permission before. As each district now has to find a number of sites in their area the council felt it would be a good idea to grant permission.

The Clinical Commission Group

Needs to make a 10 million pound saving, one of the things they were stopping was the fertility treatment there has now been an appeal this won't go ahead until a residual review has been done.

The Drop in Centre at Springfield will be closing and it will be move to Broomfield Hospital where A & E will only deal with emergency, all over treatments will take place in the new Walk in Centre which will be open 24 hrs.

111 is replacing the National Health Direct phone line

The Rapid Assessment unit in Braintree will move to Broomfield, which means more outpatients and Day Care, will be done at the Community Hospital at Braintree.

The 3 Big issues for the county are Hip Fractures, Obesity, and Mental Health
The District Council needs more involvement in our care homes.

14/710 County Councillors Report

No report

14/711 Village enhancement

14/711.1 Whites Hill

The trees on Whites Hill have been planted at long last

14/711.2 Moving Planters

The council decided that they could not justify paying £300 to move the planter from Water Hall Lane.

14/711.3 Wild Flower Planting

It was agreed that at the present time the Parish Council did not have the budget to plant a wild flower area at Stondonfield on Circle Anglia land. The Clerk to see if Circle Anglia will do the two cuts a year anyway to tidy it up

14/711.4 Notice Boards

Cllr Eves showed a picture of the Tour De France banner on the notice board which really stood out. Cllr Eves to look into the cost and how we could achieve more prominent notice boards.

Cllr Askew reported that the notice board at Jaspers Green was still broken, The Clerk had looked to see it we could get replacement doors. It was agreed that unless the door was dangerous there was no point in getting it mended as it will only get broken again.

14/712 Planning Applications/Comments

14/713 Footpath

ECC had stated that the PROW cutting in the next financial year will be dependent upon the budget granted, which is unknown at this moment. However there was only sufficient funding for one cut this year and it may be that it will be the same next year. Should there be sufficient funding next year then they would be doing two cuts. Please note that this would also apply to any cutting under the P3 scheme and parishes would not be funded through P3 to do additional cutting over and above the county-wide number of cuts. So for example if there is only sufficient funding for one cut and a parish wishes to do that through P3 then there will be no cut done by the direct labour. They regret that they cannot give us a more definite answer at this moment in time but as mentioned above it will be dependent upon future budget provision.

14/714 Stoneley Park

See Clerks Report

14/715 Election Time Table

Cllr Golding and The Clerk attended an election Training day. The Clerk to send the link to the EALC Website, for councillors to look at the leaflets on their site to decide if we want to get any of the leaflets print to encourage more people to stand as councillors and residents to vote. The Election is on the 7th May 2014.

14/716 Community Spirit

No Update

14/717 Dog Poo

No update

14/718 Christmas tree

It was agreed that The Clerk get a tree for £75.00, The Clerk reported that after the storm last year we need to get some new lights, this was agreed.

14/719 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

14/720 Date of next meeting

18th December 2014

14/721 Closed at 9.08 pm

Signed.....

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