



Shalford Parish Council

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

Present Cllr Golding
Cllr Eves
Cllr Eversden
Cllr Oates
Cllr Birks
Cllr Ottley

2 members of the public
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

14/682 Apologies for Absence

DC Tattersley
Cllr Askew

14/683 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 17th September 2014 were approved and signed.

14/684 Declarations of interest

There were none.

14/685 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Mr Mark Faulkner and Tony Kafer came and explained what has been going on at Abbots Hall and what is going to be done.

They moved in on 4th September 2013 to find that the house and grounds were in a pretty serious state of neglect and they've been quite busy over the last year.

Their primary focus to date has been making repairs and addressing the inevitable problems associated with several years of poor maintenance. Works conducted to date

- Addressed damp and water ingress into the basement
- Repaired the roof
- Insulated the roof
- Repaired skylights
- Replaced missing slate and lead work
- Repaired and painted windows
- Modernised the heating system

- Installed ground source heat recovery system
- Dug a bore hole
- Updated lighting systems
- Decorated internally
- Modernised kitchen
- Repaired the leaking coach house roof and treated rotten timbers
- Repaired drainage ditches (untouched since Italian prisoners of War dug them)
- Improved land drainage (ongoing)
- Managing a pastoral improvement and the overall health of the land in general e.g. composting and use of manure from horses
- Removed downed, dead, dying, diseased and dangerous trees
- Addition of small pond to filter water for dirt and agricultural chemicals
- Redecorated rewired and re-plumbed the lodge for Tony and Flo

So what's going to happen next?

It is their intention to restore Abbots Hall and the parkland surrounding it to the best of their ability and to recreate a traditional House sitting in appropriate parkland setting with garden and walled garden in keeping. It will also be a productive source of food for Saling Hall Restaurant with Rooms.

But above all they wish the Hall to be a safe, wonderful and fascinating environment for their four boys to grow up in.

They are at the moment in consultation with Braintree Council, working with Andrew Martin and Andrew Fossey, preparing detailed plans for submission.

These plans will include (amongst other things)

External works to main house – lead work and fenestration

- Limited modifications to external courtyard (new back door)
- Internal works to entrance Hall
- Master Plan for park and gardens
- Green house designed by Alitex
- Swimming Pool inside walled garden
- Improved Access to walled garden
- Tree movements
- Tree planting
- Ongoing tree management
- The installation of significant additional mixed native hedges
- Relocation of main driveway
- Solar panels to power pumps for ground source heat recovery
- Fencing to parts of the perimeter

Summary

The works carried out to date were an essential priority to improve the fabric and services of the house to bring it up to standard for modern comfortable family living.

Next priority is to make further changes and alterations - primarily to the external elevations, outbuildings and grounds – all of them in keeping with the tradition of the house and grounds. These changes will be subject to a comprehensive master plan to be agreed with the Council, together with a series of individual applications for listed building consent and planning permission as necessary. They will be happy to give the PC a preview of these proposals as they emerge to keep the parish council informed.

14/686 Clerk's Report

The property 12 Braintree Road has already started the work on the porch; The Clerk has spoken to the Planning Dept.

The Clerk called in at The George after the last meeting and they are happy to have a defibrillator on the pub wall, and are happy to go to any training.

The section 106 money for the fence has been paid into the account.

The Clerk has asked for the brambles on the Braintree Road to be cleared this will cost £100

The VAS which is to be put near the Stondonfield development as part of the highway 106 money when planning permission was given is now being held up by the CMA Committee. The Clerk and Chairman had to write a letter explaining that the Parish and Councillors are in support of the installation.

The New finger post for the triangle at Church End Shalford the installation has now been put back to March next year.

Cllr Golding added that the Clerk does send a lot of emails out for information but if anyone feels strongly about an item and would like it on the agenda please let the Clerk know.

14/687 Finance

14/687.1	£216.00	Clerks Salary,
14/687.2	£110.00	P Edwards Maintenance
14/687.3	£111.60	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting
14/687.4	£24.00	Clerks Expenses
14/687.5	£14.99	E-on Electricity
14/687.6	£6,000	Shalford Village Hall Roof fund
14/687.7	£2,000	St Andrews Church
14/687.8	£120.00	PKF Littlejohn Audit
14/687.9	£500.00	Andrew Hull Fence

All payments were approved by all members of the council present.

14/687.10 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Were approved by all members of the council present

14/687.11 Audit
Council received the completed Audit.

14/687.12 Budget
To be discussed further at the next meeting

14/688 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.
The grant application for the kitchen has gone in and will know sometime in November if they have been successful.
Playground resurfacing one company has been contacted and another two need to visit the site to give quotes.
The large puddle in the car park will be looked at in the near future.

14/689 District Councillors Report
No Report

14/690 County Councillors Report
No report

14/691 Village enhancement

14/691.1 Whites Hill

The Clerk is in contact with Tim Olley and Clare Brush, we are now waiting for the licence to come through.

14/691.2 Moving Planters

It was decided that we defer from making a decision on moving the planter from Water Hall Lane. Next month's Agenda

14/691.3 Wild Flower Planting

The Clerk has spoken to Circle Anglia with regards to them replanting the piece on land on the left hand side as you enter Stondonfield. Circle Anglia won't clear and replant, but they will take on doing 2 rough cuts through the year.

The Clerk has spoken to MDLandscapes who would clear the site and plant the following wild daffodils, wild hyacinth, wild tulip for spring colour, autumn colour lily of the field and cyclamen, he would also spread the area with meadow flower seeds for £300 + Vat.

It was agreed that we do more research on what we would like planted.
Cllr Eves said she would take this on.

14/692 Planning Applications/Comments

14/693 Footpaths

The Clerk reported that she had tried to get hold of Rob Venables after the last meeting; he has since left ECC,

Jim Bartley asked that we contact him again near the end of November.

14/694 Stoneley Park

The Clerk has spoken to Andrew Brown ECC with regards to Stoneley Park. The ECC planning dept. didn't like the parking area and needed for it to be changed. The Clerk had hoped the new plan was available for the meeting but she had not heard anything from Andrew Brown

14/695 Election Time Table

The returning officer gives notice 32 days before the election and proceedings must be conducted in accordance with a set timetable. The Clerk and Chairman will be attending an Election workshop at the EALC.

14/696 Community Spirit

After much discussion on how we get more people interested in being a parish councillors or being more involved in the parish itself, it was agreed that Cllr Birk would look at setting up a working group.

The objective is to wake people up and stimulate more people to be more involved in the village and becoming a councillor.

It was agreed that councillors talk to people and see if anyone is interested.

14/697 Stansted Flight Path

The proposed flight path changes, comes near to the parish but not over it. There will be a major review of flight paths in 2018/19. Cllr Golding suggested that we need to be more aware of the situation.

It was agreed that the parish council write a letter supporting SSE when it effects Shalford.

14/698 Dog Poo

Most people clear up there dog mess, there seems be only a few that don't, and there is a lot of fox mess on the field. Cllr Ottley will start and put the flags out again.

14/699 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Notice Boards, Quality Parish status

14/700 **Date of next meeting**
19th November 2014
18th December 2014

14/701 **Meeting Closed at 9.37 pm**

Signed.....

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