



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on Wednesday, 17th September 2014.

Present Cllr Golding
Cllr Oates
Cllr Askew
Cllr Eversden
Cllr Birks
DC Tattersley

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

14/661 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Eves Cllr Ottley

14/662 The minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 16th July 2014 were amended and signed

14/663 Declarations of interest

There were none

14/664 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

There were none

14/665 Clerk's Report.

Clerk received letter ref fencing in the play area. This was forwarded to the VHMC.

The Clerk received a report that people were using the field for inhaling gases. This has been reported to the police.

Parking outside the school has got really bad again. The Clerk to speak to Paul Partridge.

The Clerk reported that she was in touch with Circle Anglia regarding planting wild flowers on the wild life plot to the right of the entrance to Stondonfield. At the present time it's full of thistles.

14/666 Finance

14/666.1	£216.0	Clerks Salary,
14/666.2	£110.25	P Edwards Maintenance
14/666.3	£580.80	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting
14/666.4	£40.50	Clerks Expenses
14/666.5	£25.00	Cancer Research Subs
14/666.6	£240.00	Braintree District Toilets
14/666.7	£450.00	Andrew Hull Clearing fence

Were approved by all members of the council present

14/666.8 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Were approved by all members of the council present.

14/667 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.

The VHMC had a meeting last week and one of the problems yet again is dog fooling on the field. It seems that a lot of children have been walking their dogs on the field over the holiday and not picking up the mess. The village hall committee are considering banning dogs from using the playing field.

Cllr Golding has been given the go ahead to get quotes for the refurbishment of the kitchen. He is finding it difficult to find someone to come and give quotes to do the job. A minimum of 3 quotes are required.

Cllr Golding is also applying to the MI Community for a grant to replace the surface under the swing.

Regarding the cancellation of the fete, an email went out to all the people who said, in the village hall survey last year, that they would help out at events. Only one person came to the Fete meeting in August. The fete was duly cancelled due to lack of help from villagers. It was decided that next year the fete would be on the day after the cricket festival to make it a fun weekend. Date to be confirmed.

14/667.1 Fencing around Village Hall

The fence has been erected and looks very nice. Andrew Hull has put a lot of work into taking the old fence and shrub/hedge down and overseeing the work. He has only put in a bill for out of pocket expenses (£450.00 for a skip for taking all the rubbish away and buying topsoil and grass seed). As the village management committee can't pay him for his work they would like the parish council to pay him £500.00 out of their £4500 grant money. This was agreed by all members of the council present.

14/668 District Councillors Report

The Boundary report has come back; it will put Shalford, Panfield in with the Three Fields.

(Wethersfield, Finchingfield and Great Bardfield.)

Brooks Newmark has been appointed as Minister for Civil Society based in the Cabinet Office He works with the Minister for the Cabinet Office on public sector efficiency and reform, including transparency and fraud, error and debt. He is also responsible for volunteering, the Big Society agenda and charities, social investment and enterprises and reforming public bodies.

Priti Patel has been appointed as Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury. She is responsible for childcare policy; women and the economy; tax credits and child poverty. and assisting the Chief Secretary on welfare reform; charities, the voluntary sector and gift aid; environment and transport taxation, North Sea oil, gas and shipping; energy policy and climate change; excise duties, including excise fraud and law enforcement; gambling duties.

14/669 County Councillors Report

No report

14/670 Village enhancement

14/650.1 Whites Hill

The Clerk and Clare Brush are in the process of getting the licence from Tim Olley at ECC. The trees will be planted at the end of Oct or beginning of Nov.

14/671 Planning Applications/Comments

14/671.1 14/01205/FUL Replacement of existing flat roof with pitched tiled roof incorporating P.V solar panels.

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The Parish Council had no objections to the application

14/672 Footpath

The Clerk to contact Rob Venables about next year's footpath cutting to see if he has any idea if and how many times footpaths will be cut.

14/673 Stoneley Park

The Clerk has been trying to get hold of Andrew Brown either by email or by phone, DC Peter Tattersley will check with Roger Walters if he still work for ECC.

14/673.1 Stoneley Park Trees

No update

14/674 Call for sites letter

The draft plan was ready to go out to consultation when the government changed the rules over how many house needed to be built from 270 per year to 750-950 per year over the 25 year plan. This works out to be approximately 16,000 houses in the District.

A new Local Plan will include all major planning policies for the District in a single document and will need to meet the requirements of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Once complete it will replace both the Core Strategy (2011) and the Local Plan Review (2005). The work completed on the Site Allocations and Development Management Plan and the comments which have been received, will not be lost. These will now be rolled forward into the Local Plan. It is therefore not the District's intention to review in detail all the decisions relating to minor site allocations and settlement boundary changes which have been agreed by the LDF Sub Committee and Council over the last two years in the new Plan process. BDC can't refuse people resubmitting plans if circumstances have changed.

14/675 Best Kept Village

The Clerk asked for the Judges report from the Rural Community Council of Essex 2014 Essex village of the year competition. The main thing Shalford requires is getting the community spirit back into the village.

14/676 Dog Poo

No update

14/677 The right for Parish Councils to sell electricity

Council decided against this idea as the parish council doesn't own any land.

14/678 Creamer Fund

Cllr Askew reported on the meeting she attended about putting a Defibrillator in every parish. The defibrillator needs electricity. The box has a key pad on the front to stop vandals damaging the machine; you have to ring 999 to get the code. The Creamer Fund is looking to fund this. We may have to pay for installation which would be £150.00, for each box. The Parish Council thought it would be a good idea to have one in Shalford, Church End Shalford, and Jaspers Green. The Village Hall Committee is happy to have one on the village hall wall. The Clerk to speak to the owner of the George to see if we could put a unit on the wall at the pub. There will be training provided on how to use the machine. There will be a further meeting in November.

14/679 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

The Budget, Moving Planters, Community Spirit, Election Time Table, Stansted flight paths

14/680 Date of next meeting

15th October 2014

14/681 Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

Signed.....

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