



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday, 16th December 2015

Present Cllr Eves (Chairman)
Cllr Golding
Cllr Eversden
Cllr Askew
Cllr Oates
Cllr French

DC Tattersley
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

15/211 Apologies for Absence

DC Schwier
Cllr Stevens (Funeral in Ireland)

15/212 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 18th November 2015, Cllr Golding proposed that we approve and sign the Minutes this was agreed by all members of the Council present.

15/213 Declarations of interest

There were none

15/214 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

There were none present

15/215 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that the Council had been awarded £350 towards a new computer from NALC Transparency Code Fund, The Clerk can also claim for software for the computer.

The Clerk had received an email from Mr North and Cllr Askew had spoken to Mr North about the state of Water Lane, there is mud and stones making the road dangerous.

The Clerk sent an email to Paul Partridge (Head of Operations at BDC) who passed it on to Richard Bass (Street Scene Supervisor) who replied that Street Scene had swept the road with their 7.5 tonne sweeper, as their HGV sweeper had difficulties

due to the narrow access of the road. They swept the road as best they could, however some of the middle of the road was heavy with weed growth. They did remove as much of the gravel/mud as possible, hopefully this is satisfactory to ourselves.

This area would require ECC to rectify as BDC do not have to authority to close road to undertake such work.

The Clerk to ask Richard Bass when this work will take place.

The Clerk had received an email this evening about speeding in Church End, Shalford a resident is trying to ascertain the procedure to request some form of enforcement to the speeding limit through the village - having been hit once and had their front fence taken down twice in the last six weeks they are now looking to consider the best way to address the issue of speeding which has become substantially worse since they moved in in January last - whilst in Braintree yesterday they spoke to someone at the council offices who advised them that this issue would normally be addressed through the Local Highways Panel via the Parish Council.

Cllr Eversden mentioned that there is a petition in the shop for residents to sign, regarding speeding through the village. It was agreed that The Clerk completes an Local Highways Panel form to get the ball rolling to get a speed and volume survey done as soon as possible.

The Clerk had received a letter sent to Angela Tanner Thanking the Bendelows Trust for the loan of a wheel chair.

The Clerk had spoken with MD Landscapes to see how much a Christmas tree would be to plant outside the Village Hall, it would cost £70 for a 3 mtr Tree and if the Parish Council wanted to make it a Community Event to plant the tree MDLandscapes would help free of charge. This to be an agenda item Jan.

15/216 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

Cllr Oates reported he had Mr Buckley to see him, Mr Buckley wants to build a house on his land in Jaspers Green, The Clerk had spoken to his daughter after the last time Mr Buckley spoke with Cllr Oates at the end of June 2015 and explained that her father needed to speak to the Planning Dept at BDC. It was agreed that The Clerk write to Mr Buckley and explain that the Parish Council does not deal with Planning Applications.

15/217 Advertising and Promoting the Parish Council

Clerk to send contact detail to Barry Vincent

15/218 Finance

15/218.1	£220.08	Clerks Salary,	201
15/218.2	£116.40	P Edwards Maintenance	201
15/218.3	£24.50	Clerks Expenses	201
15/218.4	£199.20	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting	201
15/218.5	£70.00	EALC Training	201
15/218,6	£192.50	Redricks Xmas Tree	201

Were approved by all members of the Council present. Cllr Askew checked the accounts prior to the meeting.

15/218.7 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Were approved by all members of the Council Present. Cllr Askew checked that Bank Statement to the Bank Reconciliation.

15/218.8 Budget Setting

Councillors looked at the budget form and made some adjustments, The new Tax base for Shalford is 332.17. The Clerk is waiting to hear from BDC what cuts to the Localism Grant will be. Precept Forms need to be in by 30th Jan 2016.

15/218.9 To decide if we wish to opt out of the Sector Led Body

Cllr Golding asked if The Clerk knew how much this is going to cost? And if once you opt out can you opt back in and vice versa.

15/219 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.

No update

15/220 District Councillors Report

DC reported that the BDC has invited DC to look at the sites that are in the DC area, The DC are looking at the policies to enable the BDC to go forward in the process for looking at which sites are suitable for development.

If a developer puts in a planning application before the local plan is completed BDC Planning Department has to look at the application on sustainability ground.

15/221 County Councillors Report

15/222 Planning Applications/Comments

15/00390/TPO Abbots Hall Braintree Road Shalford

To carry out work on trees affected by the TPO recommend approval

15/00040/COUPA Prior Approval of Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Building to a dwelling house (Use Class C3) and for Associated Operational Development – Application for associated operational development, to Barn 1, under Part Q (b) following approval of Lawful Development Certificate 15/00049/PLD that confirmed change of use to two dwellings is lawful.

Goldsticks Farm Braintree Road Shalford CM7 4QY recommend approval

15/01478/FUL Erection of single storey side extension and first floor extension
Fairmead Garretts Lane Shalford Essex CM7 5BA recommend approval

15/223.1 Planning Comments

Erection of single storey rear extension to annexe, conversion of garage to habitable space and addition of 4 no. windows to the existing building and change of use from holiday let to annexe

Barnsdale The Street Shalford Essex CM7 5HL - Granted

15/223 **Footpath/bridleway**

15/223.2 Footpath Map to discuss the reprinting of the footpath map.

It was agreed that The Clerk send a copy of the Map to Dean Fisk at BDC for him to look at. The Clerk to look back who printed the Map in 2008.

15/224 **'Thank You' letters from the Parish Council**, to look at design from BDC

CLRs voted against having Thank You cards

15/225 **Annual Parish Meeting to discuss Annual Parish Meeting**

CLr Eves asked if the Annual Parish Meeting could be arranged for April instead of May. It was agreed that PC have the APM on the 20th April, instead of the April meeting.

15/226 **Salt supplies for vulnerable residents** CLr Eves to report

CLr Eves to get more information.

15/227 **ID badges for Councillors** CLr Eves to report

CLRs decided against having ID badges

15/228 **Parish Safety Officer to look at information** sent from Essex Fire and Rescue Service

It was agreed that the information be put in the Parish Magazine.

15/229 **Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda**

Queens 90th Birthday Celebration is the Parish Council prepared to lead.

15/230 **Date of next meeting**

20th January 2016

15/231 **Meeting Closed at 9.25pm**

Signed..... Dated.....