



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 18th February 2015

Present Cllr Golding
Cllr Eversden
Cllr Askew
Cllr Birks
Cllr Eves

1 Member of the public
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

15/19 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Oates
DC Tattersley

15/20 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 21st January 2015 were approved and signed.

15/21 Declarations of interest

There were none

15/22 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

There were no reports

15/23 Clerk's Report

Mark Carlo (Dog Warden for BDC) sent an email from Mr Isaac regarding the amount of dog fouling in the village. Mr Isaac and his wife have volunteered to give out poo bags whilst walking their dogs they would give out bags hopefully encouraging people to pick up their dog mess.

Stoneley Park

Andrew Brown ECC has finally managed to pin down Highways to have a meeting with him regarding the parking. Unfortunately they are on the Maldon Local Plan examination and cannot meet until w/c 9th Feb. He will see how it goes at that meeting, but suggested a meeting with the Parish Council if they can't get a solution without resorting to a car park.

Consultation "Getting Around Essex" the Clerk asked Cllr Askew if she could complete the questionnaire.

Finger Post

The Clerk had received yet another email from Matt Valentine with regards to the new finger post. The Clerk to send the email to councillors, so they can look at all the details more thoroughly. Then send their views to the clerk by the following Wednesday so she can respond to Matt Valentine.

Defibrillator

The Clerk and Chairman met with an electrician prior to the meeting to discuss the cost and where to put the defibrillator equipment at the Village Hall. As the council had agreed at a previous meeting that a defibrillator would be a good idea Councillors gave the Clerk permission once she had received the quote to get the defibrillator fitted subject to a £300 cost limit.

Braintree District Council

Braintree Council has agreed to make a one-off additional payment to parish and town councils in 2015/16, a sum of £224.00 will be paid to Shalford Parish Council

15/24

Finance

15/24.1	£216.00	Clerks Salary,
15/24.2	£110.00	P Edwards Maintenance
15/24.3	£24.00	Clerks Expenses
15/24.4	£18.00	BALC Subs
15/24.5	£115.00	EALC Training
15/24.6	£115.20	A & J Lighting Maintenance

All cheques were agreed by all members of the council present

15/24.5 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Were agreed by all members of the council present

15/25

Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council

The Kitchen is in the process of being refurbished only a few things need to be completed. The kitchen will be usable for the FOSTAC function on Friday afternoon. £10,000 of the cost came from the Community Initiative Fund and £2,700 from the Parish Council's maintenance grant.

Grant applications are being completed for a new tractor costing £10,000, grants have been offered of £8,000.

The new tractor will replace the old tractor which is unable to pull some of the equipment, this will mean it will save money not having to hire in contractors. Cricket Day will be on July 11th. VHMC has been awarded £300 from the Essex County Council Community Games fund. The next thing to look at getting refurbished is the basketball area.

15/26 District Councillors Report

No report

15/27 County Councillors Report

No report

15/28 Village enhancement

15/28.1 Notice Boards

Cllr Eves to put some yellow card/paper in one of the notice boards to see what it looks like.

15/28.2 Tree Planting

It was agreed to plant 2 oak trees opposite the village hall. The Clerk to get a price from MDLandscapes. The Clerk already has approval to plant them.

It was agreed to keep an eye on how many daffodils come up on Whites Hill and look to planting more in Autumn.

15/29 Planning Applications/Comments

15/29.1 Call for Sites Issues and Scoping Consultation

It was decided that the Parish Council wouldn't respond to the consultation.

Rayne Parish Council is looking to set up a working group with regards to the proposed development between Great Saling and Boxted Wood.

15/29.2 15/00122/FUL Erection garage and workshop

Millbrook Wethersfield Road Shalford Essex CM7 5HS

No objection

15/29.3 15/00124/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension to existing annexe

Annexe At Millbrook Wethersfield Road Shalford Essex CM7 5HS

No objection

15/29.4 Proposed changes to the council's scheme of delegation for planning applications.

Cllr Eves to draft a response to BDC

15/30 Footpath/bridle Way

15/30.1 To report on next year's footpath cutting

Jim Bartley has told the clerk that ECC will be doing one cut in 2015/16 we await confirmation of timing.

15/30.2 Bridleway next to Bridle House

Clerk and Cllr Eves met with Jim Bartley and Nicky Coleman from ECC PROW and Adam Grove-Smith, to look at the bridleway next to Bridle Cottage at Church End Shalford. Adam Grove-Smith has agreed to clean out the ditch in the autumn. The Clerk has written to Mr & Mrs Tarlings and Mr & Mrs Collins explaining what is going to happen. Adam Grove-Smith suggested it might be a good idea to tap into Mr French's land drain.

15/31 Election Time Table

Cllr Eversden agreed to revamp the leaflets we used 4 years ago for the elections. Cllrs agreed to get the leaflets printed.

15/32 Speed Limit on the Braintree Road

The Clerk has sent in the forms

15/33 Parish Magazine

The following report received from Barry Vincent, Church Warden

St Andrew's Church has been an important part of Shalford Village life for centuries, and many of the residents of Shalford and their families have over the course of the years worshipped, been married or baptised in the Church or, indeed, buried in the churchyard. In recent times it is encouraging that our seasonal services especially at Easter and Christmas attract significant numbers. As a Church we want to maintain our profile in Shalford, and keep local people aware of what the Church is doing, and can do in the community. Presently, the Church Magazine in which we seek to achieve this is limited in both its content and circulation, and is read largely by those who attend services at St Andrew's on a regular basis.

Although the Shalford website has much information about local activities and organisations, many of the older population, some who attend our monthly coffee mornings as well as those of our regular congregation, are not computer literate and, unable to access the Parish website. Discussion has often referred to the passing of the quarterly Shalford News in 2007, which was well regarded as a means to keep villagers informed of local news and to publicise events in the village.

In response to this feedback, St Andrew's Parochial Church Council has decided to launch a new monthly magazine with effect from March 2015. The Magazine will be distributed to every household in the Shalford area free of charge. Our aspiration is for the magazine to primarily promote St Andrew's Church, but also provides an opportunity for input from local clubs and associations etc. with articles that will appeal to all ages, and that may help to raise their profile and engender greater participation in aspects of Shalford village life. A number of organisations have

already agreed to provide regular submissions and articles to ensure that the magazine can remain interesting and viable. The PCC has also offered local businesses and service providers the opportunity to advertise in the magazine and, to date, the take up of advertising space has gone well.

The printing costs of the magazine will be largely funded through the advertising revenue, with any surplus income going into the general funds of the Church and go towards the cost of necessary maintenance and repairs to the Church building. The PCC has to find significant funding in the coming year for repairs identified in its five yearly inspection report.

St Andrew's Parochial Church Council invites Shalford Parish Council to acknowledge and actively support the new magazine as a means to inform and advise the community of relevant parish issues. Although revenue to produce the magazine at this time is not an issue, the Parish Council may wish to consider whether a contribution to the cost of Magazine may be appropriate.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would support the Parish Magazine

15/34 Best Kept Village Competition

It was decided that we wouldn't enter the competition year.

15/35 Annual Parish Meeting 11th May 2015

The Clerk to invite Mark Faulkner from Abbots Hall

The Clerk to invite the other organisations, to see if they would like to have a stall at the meeting.

15/36 BRAINTREE DISTRICT OPEN SPACE, SPORTS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES STRATEGY: TOWNS AND PARISHES - NEEDS AND ASPIRATIONS survey

It was agreed that Cllr Golding Complete the survey

15/36 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Community Right to buy

15/37 Date of next meeting

18th March 2015

15/38 Meeting Closed at 9.50pm

Signed.....

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