



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 17th June 2015

Present Cllr Eversden
Cllr Askew
Cllr Oates
Cllr Stevens
DC Tattersley
1 member of the public

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

Cllr Eversden welcomed Cllr Stevens to the Council

15/100 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Eves, Cllr Golding, Cllr French

15/101 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 20th May 2015 were approved and signed.

15/102 Declarations of interest

There were none

Cllr Stevens signed his register of interests and acceptance of office prior to the meeting starting.

15/103 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Mr North spoke about the traffic and mess on the roads at Water Lane. It was agreed that the clerk would write to highways about the problems.

15/104 Clerk's Report

The Clerk had received an email from a new resident in the village regarding the speed in which traffic came through the village. The Clerk has passed this on PCSO Chittenden. The speed watch team can only work from Whites Hill as the village hasn't been assessed.

Cllr Eversden suggested that we get the Speed Indicator sign move to the entrance near Stoneley Park. DC Tattersley suggested that the Clerk email CC Walters to see if this could be done through the LHP.

Paul Edwards asked if we could have a new litter bin on the far side of the playing field. A large amount of litter is deposited in that area by kids playing football etc. The field is becoming very popular with youngsters from all over the area, particularly Rayne, Panfield and Braintree plus our local villagers. This could encourage them to use it, rather than the mess that they leave on the ground on an almost daily basis.

Not sure if this is PC, VH or BDC? He doesn't mind emptying it!!

DC Tattersley suggested that the Clerk Speaks to Paul Partridge to see if one could give free of charge as the Parish Council would arrange for the bin to be emptied.

15/105 Finance

15/105.1	£220.08	Clerks Salary,	201460
15/105.2	£149.65	P Edwards Maintenance	201461
15/105.3	£24.43	Clerks Expenses	201462
15/105.4	£334.80	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting	201464
15/105.5	£362.00	EALC Training	201465
15/105.6	£25.00	Cancer Research Audit	201466

Payments were agreed by all members of the council present.

15/105.7 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation
Were agreed by all members of the council present

15/105.8 Bank Mandates
The Councillors present took their personal forms to be completed

15/106 Village Hall Management Committee matters affecting the Parish Council.
No update

15/107 District Councillors Report
DC Tattersley gave an over view on the call for sites.

15/108 County Councillors Report
None

15/109 Village Enhancement

15/109.1 Notice Boards

Cllrs Oates, Cllr Stevens and the clerk went out to look at the notice board. The clerk explained that the notices could not be seen from the path. The Clerk is to write to the VHMC, to see if the PC could put the notice board on the wall, under the small windows to the showers block.

15/109.2 Defibrillators

The Clerk has sent to emails to the planning dept regarding the phone box at Jaspers Green so far she has not had a reply. The Clerk to chase.

The Clerk needs to call at the George to confirm that they are still willing to have a defibrillator and pay to cover the minimal cost of electricity.

15/110 Planning Applications/Comments

15/111 Footpath/bridle Way

The grass cutters should be with us very soon. They started in Pentlow last week and are working their way south through the district, with all the cutting to be completed in a 6 week period.

15/112 Community Right to Buy

15/112.1 Right to buy

The Clerk to send the forms to Cllr Eversden to finish off the proposal for the right to buy the George.

15/113 Bendlowes Trust

Councillors agreed to put an advert on the website to advertise for a Trustee for the Bendlowes Trust. It will be on the front page down the left hand side of the webpage.

15/115 Quiet Lanes

Cllr Askew agreed to look at the LHP Form and Criteria.

15/116 Stoneley Park

The planning application for the restoration of the former Recycling Centre was submitted in early 2014 and unfortunately could not be granted approval due to concerns from the Highway Authority. The concerns revolved around number of parking spaces and the likelihood of vehicles having to park on the B1053 together with the fact that vehicles would have to reverse onto the B1053 thus creating a hazard and interrupting the free flow of traffic.

These concerns were accepted and an alternative parking arrangement was designed still bearing in mind the Parish Councils desire to not have an extensive open parking area that may become a liability in the future from anti-social behaviour or illegal parking etc. The new design involved moving the parking bays to beyond the highway boundary but utilising the 7m strip between the highway boundary and edge of carriageway as a manoeuvring area. In consultation with the highways authority this was still deemed inadequate as vehicles would not be able to traverse the highway in a forward gear. The width of the highway boundary beyond the edge of carriageway is the

It therefore appears that only two further options are open to us and I would appreciate the Parish Councils views.

1) Move the parking bays yet further back from the highway boundary into the site creating a very large open parking area of approx. 15m X15m beyond the existing gateway.

2) Creating a narrower, possibly gated, entrance at least 6m back from the carriageway edge leading to a parking area beyond. This access could have a height barrier installed but will not give the more open appearance of the original plans or option 1 above. To increase security a gate could be installed and locked at night and access to the park restricted to those on foot. A local arrangement regarding the locking and unlocking of the gate on a daily basis would need to be set up. Highways have provided me with a photograph of a similar design from an Essex Wildlife Trust reserve at Little Waltham.

Councillors thought a site visit would be good.

15/117 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

15/118 Date of next meeting
15th July

15/119 Meeting Closed at 8.55pm

Signed

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