



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council, to be held on Wednesday, 15th November 2017.

Present Cllr Golding
Cllr Eversden
Cllr Gurnett
Cllr French
Cllr Oates
Cllr Norman

DC Tattersley
CC Butland
1 member of the public

Cathryn Carlisle Clerk

17/187 Apologies for Absence

DC Schwier
Cllr Askew

17/188 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2017 were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

17/189 Declarations of interest

Cllr Golding, Cllr Eversden Village Hall MC

17/190 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

No reports

17/191 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk reported that she had taken her Certificate in local Council Administration training and passed the examination.

The Clerk had reported the Fly tip on Hyde Lane to BDC and she had also reported the 2-finger posts that had been damaged, to ECC Highways

17/192 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

Cllr French reported that the pot holes on Water Lane are to be repaired as some stage.

SSE Forum are looking for representatives from Parish Councils to be added to the next Agenda

17/193 Finance

17/193.1	£225.41	Clerks Salary, Nov	201647
17/193.2	£110.00	P Edwards Maintenance	201649
17/193.3	£27.16	Clerks Expenses	201648
17/193.4	£129.60	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting	201651
17/193.9	£22.50	A Gurnett Card and Flowers	201650
17/193.10	£50.00	Poppy Appeal Poppy Appeal	201653

Payments were approved by all members of the council present. Cllr Gurnett and Cllr Norman checked the invoices prior to the meeting.

17/193.5 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

Were approved by all members of the council present. Cllr Gurnett checked the Bank Statement prior to the meeting.

17/193.6 To look at the Working Sheet for the Budget 2018-19

The Clerk had heard what the Localism Grant would be £695 for the coming year, this is the last year we shall receive this grant. The Clerk is hoping to finalise the Budget at the next meeting, if any councillors have any amendments please let the Clerk know. Cllr Eversden suggested we might need money for signage at Stoneley Park, the Clerk to clarify what signage ECC are putting up.

17/193.7 To consider a donation to Cllr Eversden's computer repair.

Cllr agreed to pay the invoice in full. Cheque no 201654

17/193.8 The Clerk's Cilca qualification and Pay rise

With the Cilca qualification comes a one increment pay rise due with immediate effect. Which is an increase in salary up to March of £42.10.

17/194 Village Hall Management Committee update

1. Roof Funding Grant has been resubmitted again to another Funding Group. If successful, the replacement windows application will be submitted elsewhere.
2. The Booking Clerk has managed to agree a small increase for field hire to Safe Skills Cricket Club from £75.00 per match to £100, 17 matches have been confirmed, the cricket screens need repairing before matches can go ahead.
3. Essex Playing Fields have given the football pitch the runner up award for this year and given a Gold award for the cricket pitch.

17/195 District Councillors Report

The DC normally ask residents how they think spending can be reduced, this won't be happening this year. One thing that could be stopped is the recycling calendar. This could be put in the Parish Magazine, the Clerk suggested Text messages.

Draft Local Plan - any comments to the plan now go straight to the Planning Inspectorate.

Garden Communities Issue and Options consultation has now started. (see Local Plan minutes.)

Community Transport consultation has finished, and the District Council found that people were happy to use the transport even if it cost more money as it is good value for money.

They found that most people used it in the Braintree area and in Witham.

The Braintree Sports Awards were held earlier in the week.

Public Health has now moved over to the District Council. They have identified that Braintree seems to have a lot of problems with hip fractures but dementia and child obesity are also high on the list. Some schools are introducing the daily mile and supermarkets are introducing free fruit and veg.

17/196 County Councillors Report

The CC reported he had been speaking to Superfast Essex about Jaspers Green. BDC have put more money into Superfast Essex so has ECC.

CC says he's not heard anything from Shalford about roads. Cllr Golding explained its because Shalford are putting together a Highway Plan to present to ECC.

17/197 BDC Local Plan 2033

The 'Issues and Options Consultation' started on Monday 13th November 2017 and runs until Monday 8th January 2018. If anyone would like to find out more about the proposals for the West of Braintree Garden Community some exhibition events have been organised as follows:

- Saturday 25th November 10.00-14.00 at The Saling Millennium Village Hall, Piccotts Lane, Great Saling CM7 5DW
- Monday 27th November 16.00-20.00 at Old Friend's Meeting House, Stebbing CM6 3SH
- Wednesday 6th December 16.00-20.00 at Braintree Town Hall, Market Square, CM7 3YG
- Tuesday 12th December 10.00-14.00 at Rayne Village Hall, 3 Gore Road, Rayne CM77 6TX

Comments on the proposals can be made using forms available at the events, or online.

The link to the online consultation document is published on <http://www.ne-gc.co.uk>

17/197.1 SERCLE update

17/197.2 Joint Council to update

Joint Council meeting with Sercle will take place at Great Saling village hall on 21st November 2017 at 7.30pm. All Councillors welcome to attend

17/198 Village Enhancement

17/198.1 Defibrillator update

The Clerk has chased Anglian Water again for an updated. The Clerk had been asked who owned the land where the phone box stood.

17/198.2 Bus Shelter Jasper Green

Cllr Gurnett has prepare 2 Specs for the bus shelter one using wood and the other using plastic cladding. We now need to get some quotes.

17/198.3 Christmas Tree

The Tree has been ordered. The Clerk has agreed up to £180 delivered.

17/198.4 Daffodils

The Clerk has spoken to MD Landscapes who suggested that we could plant oxslips/cowslips instead.

17/198.5 Dog Poo Bins

The Clerk had email Richard Bass about the dog poo bins. Marco the Dog Warden had phoned and said he would look into one being sited at Jaspers Green but he thought that as there was already one on the Causeway we probably wouldn't get one on the other side of the road.

17/199 Planning Applications/Comments

17/200 Footpath/bridleway

17/200.1 Bridleways Update from Cllr French

No update

17/200.2 Footpaths Update from Cllr's

No Update

17/200.3 The Essex County Council (Byway 13 (Park End Lane), Shalford)

(Revocation of Prohibition of Driving) Order 201* Update

The Clerk had received a letter saying that any public right of ways, indeed any highway, must cater for the fact that traffic may be two-way and indeed on a byway it may be the case that two vehicles travelling in opposite direction may meet. This does not imply that the route must be of sufficient width to allow them to pass at any point, but there should be areas in which passing is possible, which is the case on Shalford Byway 13. Similarly, the route's status as a byway rather than a road means that non-motorised users have priority.

The CC feels that the Byway has improved conditions following some works a few years ago which means that it is now sufficiently robust to survive winter weather conditions. The CC will monitor the route following the proposed revocation and react as necessary.

17/201 Highways

17/201.1 Update from Highway Meeting

Surveys were delivered last month and Cllr Gurnett has received just short of 100 complete replies. A lot of residents say that the speed limit should be 20 mph outside the school. 62% say that speed limit through the village is too high. 93% say we should have a VAS and rumble strips.

17/201.2 Localised Flooding Update

The Clerk has heard back from Anna Bloomsfield at Deersbrook Farm and they are happy to store the signs and put them up. Anna did have a question which the Clerk has sent to Highways for the answer.

The Clerk will speak to Robert Bucknell to see if he will put the signs up at the Saling End, and the Clerk will complete all the paper work.

17/202 Local Services Fund – Footpath cutting

The Clerk has completed a register of interest form, we now have to get some quotes and work out which footpaths we want cutting. We also need to know which footpaths the Landowners cut themselves and when. It was agreed that the Clerk draft a letter to the local landowners asking if they cut the PRoW across their land. Cllr agreed that this was a good idea. The Clerk has asked for quotes to cut footpaths from 3 companies.

17/203 Open Spaces Review to consider any changes to the plan

The Council thought it would be a good idea to add a Gym Trail to Stoneley Park and an adult Gym.

17/204 Consultations and Publications Received and to respond to – Policing Survey

Prior to the setting of the policing precept for 2018-2019, a survey will seek to identify the general appetite for investing more in Essex Police, asking what would be a reasonable level of additional investment and the areas where the public would like to see extra investment.

Members of the Police, Fire and Crime Panel have been advised of the survey and have fed in their views to the questions being posed.

The survey will run from 1am on Monday, November 6 for two weeks until midnight on Sunday, November 19 and is available online via this link

<http://surveys.essexinsight.org.uk/policeprecept>

17/205 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

17/206 Date of the next meeting 20th December

17/207 Meeting Closed at 8.48 pm

Signed.....

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