



Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday, 21st February 2018

Present Cllr Golding
Cllr Gurnett
Cllr Eversden
Cllr Norman
Cllr Oates

DC Tattersley
DC Schwier
CC Butland
2 members of the public
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

18/21 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Askew
Cllr French

18/22 Minutes of the PC meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2018 were amended, approved and signed as a true record of the meeting.

18/23 Declarations of interest

Cllr Golding the VHMC

18/24 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

No comments were made

18/25 Clerk's Report.

The Clerk has received a planning application for White Court, this will be looked at in the March meeting.

Dog Poo bins have been installed. The dog warden had spoken with Richard Bass who has said that as, Shalford had a Dog Poo bin near the George, we would have to

pay for another one on the Chase which is on the opposite side the road. The Clerk agreed that this would be ok.

The Clerk had seen some comments on the Shalford Facebook page about dog poo. The Clerk had mentioned that the Parish Council provided dog poo bags these are available FOC at the village shop. She also mentioned that residents can report dog fouling to BDC.

18/26 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

Cllr Golding asked if the Clerk had heard how the renovation of Stoneley Park was Going. The Clerk to get an update from Andrew Brown.

There were comments on Facebook about some trees being taken down at White Court, Pam Lee the Tree Warden is looking into this.

Cllr Norman asked about the uneven pavement near the Bungalows. The Clerk said she'll investigate this.

18/27 Finance

18/27.1	£233.83	Clerks Salary	201665
18/27.2	£110.00	P Edwards Maintenance	201669
18/27.3	£27.16	Clerks Expenses	201666
18/27.4	£182.42	EALC Training	201668
18/27.5	£337.50	BDC Printing	201667
18/27.6	£6836.99	Alsop Verill WoB	BACs

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

18/27.4 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation

The Council approved the monthly budget and Bank Reconciliation.

18/28 Village Hall Management Committee update

The VHMC has been awarded a grant of £13,000 towards the reroofing project from ECC Community Initiatives Fund. The Garfield Weston Foundation said that they wanted to see 50% match funding (which the CiF grant now does) and they also wanted to see evidence of community support. The VHMC has started a Facebook page to get evidence of community support and will be putting petitions in the Hall and the Village Shop.

The playing field costs a lot of money to keep in its good condition, the mower need sharpening this year at a cost of £1000 and next year they will need replacing.

The VH has a lot of bookings now including 2 weddings this year.

18/29 District Councillors Report

The Community Governance review is still on going

The DC has decided to keep the Recycling calendar

The Green Waste bin collection which is stopped Dec-March has saved a lot of money and not caused any problems.

The DC has a good outcome on dealing with fly tipping and some cases have been prosecuted.

There is a little money for Councillor's Grants, they run from April – March. Money can be given for Hearing Loops, Community Projects etc.

DC has set its budget increase at 2.97%.

The Cabinet is to look at the redevelopment of the Town Centre in May. The DC has agreed to buy 63 acres of employment land near Great Notley.

DC are putting conditions on Taxi Drivers and Hackney Cabs. These are in light of the recent news reports regarding the public's safety.

The CC's preferred new A120 route will be announced in autumn 2018 and put to Highways England in 2019. The road will be made for transport for a 100 yrs. Time. The CC are hoping to get this into the 2020/22 spending round for Highways. The new route will link up with the A12 improvements.

18/30 County Councillors Report

The County Council has set its budget at 5% = 3% normal 2% on Social Care

£126 million on Road/maintenance

£3 million on Potholes/Footpaths

The CC had repaired 5,000 potholes and retarmac numerous metres of roads

£87 million on Schools

£430 million on Adult Social Care.

Essex will have a 1/3 of its residents over 65 by 2030.

The Police Commissioner has put his budget up by 5% so this is a total increase of between 8-9%

18/31 BDC Local Plan 2033

The Local Plan went to the examiner at the back end of last year and the hearing took place in January. The Joint Councils were represented by a Planning Consultant who worked with the Barrister for CAUSE to put all our views forward. The examiner has now gone away to think about the plan.

Colchester has election later in the year, it's getting close to purdah, so no decisions can be made until after the elections.

18/31.1 Joint Council and SERCLE update

18/12 Village Enhancement

18/32.1 Defibrillator update

The concrete base has been put down and the defibrillator has been collected from Finchingfield surgery. The Clerk has let Anglian Water know we have the defibrillator. Anglian Water couldn't find the electricity cable when the contractors were on site. The Clerk asked when the actual telephone box was being installed. The contractors had concerns with regards to the overhead wires. Anglian Water are speaking UK Power to get the wires wrapped so that installation can take place.

18/32.2 Bus Shelter Jasper Green

Cllr Gurnett has received a quote for the renovation of the Bus Shelter. Cllrs agreed to go ahead with the plastic wood option. Proposed Cllr Eversden Seconded Cllr Norman. The Clerk to arrange for this.

18/32.3 Bluebells to be considered for next year's planting

It was agreed that the Clerk get prices for planting English Bluebells and find out when they needed to be planted.

18/33 Planning Applications/Comments

Planning Applications were looked at in a meeting prior to the Parish Council Meeting

18/34 Footpath/bridleway

18/34.1 Bridleways Update from Cllr French

No update

18/34.2 Footpaths Update from Cllr's

Cllr Norman presented an outline of what the Parish Council are trying to do, the objectives, who is responsible for the project and time scale. This was handed out to Councillors. A footpath meeting to be arranged.

18/35 Highways

18/35.1 Update from Highway Meeting

Cllr Gurnett has 20 more surveys to type up, once that's been completed he would like to put the results on the website. Most residents were interested in the VAS, also speeding on The Street, and near the school. No one wanted rumble strips

Cllr Eversden mentioned that The Causeway needed repairing as its unsafe for wheelchair users and walkers, especially in the dark.

There is Giant Hog Weed in the land belonging to the Pent House.
The Clerk to follow up both issues.

- 18/36 Local Services Fund**
The Clerk to look into this.
- 18/37 Consultations and Publications** Received and to respond to.
Public consultation on the A127 / A130 Fairglen Interchange Improvement Scheme
www.essex.gov.uk/fairglen
- BDC Issues and Options consultation, The council have responded this this consultation
- 18/38 Email Alerts & Website Facebook**
It was agreed that Cllr Eversden make changes to the Website. Cllr Eversden wants councillors to put articles for the centre of the website monthly. The Councillors suggested that it could be any organisation in the village that put articles forward.
- Cllr Eversden to setup a Facebook Page for the Parish Council, Cllr Gurnett to help.
- Cllr French had asked for the Email Alert to be put on the Agenda. The Clerk explained what Councillor French wanted, this to be looked at next month.
- 18/39 Bags of Help Tesco's**
The Clerk explained how the scheme worked and what other parishes had used the money for.
- 18/40 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Report**
Date 25th April 2018 The Clerk to invite all relevant groups in the village. Cllr agreed to keep the same format as the previous year. Essex Air Ambulance to be invited to give talk along with Andrew Brown to give an update on Stoneley Park.
- 18/41 Matters to be raised by** members for the next agenda
Local Council Awards
- 18/42 Date of the next meeting** 21st March 2018
- 18/43 Meeting Closed at 8.45pm**

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