

Shalden Parish Council

Parish Council Meeting, Wednesday 24th November 2021 at 8pm

Present: Cllr A Shirvell (Chair), Cllr R Hartgill, Cllr D Orme, Cllr B Stewart and Cllr P Wilson

Two members of public

Also present: Katherine Horton (Clerk)

MINUTES

- 1) Chair's Welcome: Residents were welcomed to the meeting
- 2) Apologies for Absence: Cllr Costigan
- 3) Declarations of Interest. None made
- 4) Public Question Time:
Questions raised:
 - Hugo Fox website alerts don't appear to be working. Is the service fit for purpose?
 - How do residents make Cllrs aware of concerns and questions relating to parish matters?
 - What is the role of the Parish Council in relation to planning applications and do they notify residents of local applications?
 - How do residents raise concerns about planning?
 - What is the parish council's role in sharing residents' views about planning applications?

In response to the questions about the Parish Council's role in planning, the attendees were advised that the Parish Council is only a consultee. The Cllrs look at applications and any planning issues will be commented on. Any comments are considered against planning legislations and the Local Plan – they need to stack up in law. Following feedback from previous meetings, Cllrs could note subtext but are not obliged to pass on feedback and any resident has the right to lodge their own comments against any application with EHDC.

- 5) Approval of Minutes: To approve minutes from the Parish Council meeting held on 13th October 2021
No Comments raised and minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.
- 6) Update on actions arising from Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held as above
 - a) Golden Pot crossroads. January 2022 is the provisional start date for the work that has been provided by HCC (Transport). Clerk will stay in touch with contact at HCC. Cllr Kemp-Gee is aware of the details.
 - b) Resurfacing work on Old Odiham Road. Under Operation Resilience, work was completed at the junction of Old Odiham Road and Froyle Road. No further resurfacing work was scheduled for the highway. Cllrs were of the believe that the whole road was to be improved. Clerk to go back to HCC for more detail
 - c) Replacement of Grit bin. Clerk has raised matter to HCC and requested replacement.
 - d) Mowing of footpaths. Cllrs were in agreement with the recommendation of Footpath Warden. Clerk to submit recommendation
 - e) HALC – AGM. Summary of meeting provided by Clerk. Cllrs to be kept informed of the progress of the two motions that were approved: reclassification of BOATS and ability to implement and enforce a default speed limit of 20mph through residential areas in Hampshire
 - f) CPRE membership. Clerk reported back on details of membership. Cllrs confirmed not to progress.

- g) Cliddesden's proposal for AONB. Cllr Shirvell attend a meeting at Wield PC that was presented by representatives from Cliddesen and Herriad PCs. AONB classification would add extra layers of protection to the included countryside, push for brown field sites to be used in the first instance and add extra consideration to planning applications. AONB would not necessarily restrict development on existing plots but would reduce encroachment of "garden cities/towns". It will take between 2 to 3 years to apply and up to 10 yrs for the process to be completed. Clerk confirmed that all of Shalden parish would be included in the proposal. Cllr Kemp-Gee had attended meeting at Wield and was supportive. Shalden Cllrs confirmed they would like to support the application.
 - h) Alton Football Club. Invoice for next period of hire has been sent out and Clerk has reminded AFC on the need to park considerately.
 - i) CIL. As instructed at last meeting, Clerk has applied for CIL funding and this has now been received to the PC bank account.
 - j) Trees at Spinney. EHDC Planning Department have advised the tree clearance is not an infraction of planning applications.
- 7) Report from County Councillor: to note a report from Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee. No report received.
- 8) Report from District Councillor Tony Costigan. Apologies received.
- 9) Parish Council Finances/Administration:
- a) Clerk's Report: Details provided under actions arising
 - b) Financial Summary and Bank Reconciliation: Summary, including correction to payment for web domain fee, reviewed and approved
 - c) Payment Schedule: The following payments were approved
 - i) Clerk's salary for Q3
 - ii) IDVerde. Refuse collection service
 - iii) Ian Todd. Mowing of Recreation ground
 - d) Budget for 2022/23. Clerk requested Cllrs to provide notification of additional projects or works to assist in budget preparations.
 - e) Correspondence
 - i) Residents' queries about Parish Council communication methods.
 - Clerk outlined methods of communication: parish noticeboards, parish website, The Villager (when publication schedules fits). Also confirmed that contact details of Clerk and Cllrs are on website and in The Villager.
 - Clerk informed Cllrs that planning applications are being updated manually by Hugo Fox as there is a feed issue to the Planning Tracker from EHDC. EHDC should be first point of contact for planning information and their weekly report on Fridays is accessible to everyone.
 - Cllrs want to ensure that information on parish website is accurate and if this can not be fixed then Planning Tracker should be taken down until issue resolved. Cllrs noted the situation is frustrating but want residents to be confident about the information on the website.
 - In relation to the queries raised about communication, Cllrs raised the following questions for residents to provide feedback on:
 - What is it that residents feel they have been let down on?
 - Is communication on parish news the real concern or is it information about planning applications in the area or something else?
 - What further communication would be helpful?

10) Parish Council Documents/Policies

- a) Asset Register: To consider a draft asset register and make any necessary amendments ahead of finalising the document. Cllrs agreed that memorial bench should be included and Clerk received invoice from resident to inform cost. Cllrs approved draft asset register with this amendment.

11) Matters relating to Shalden Village Hall

- a) To consider the details of HCC's grant scheme for insulating community buildings and agree whether a co-ordinated response with the Village Hall Committee is required in relation to this. Cllrs were in agreement that Village Hall Committee should apply.
- b) Jubilee Celebrations in Shalden parish. Cllrs were in agreement that the Parish Council would not finance a gift to the parish children given the quality of mass produced items. Cllrs confirmed that they would be happy to receive a grant request from the Village Hall Committee in relation to a community event.

12) CIL. To consider what projects within the parish may benefit from the expected CIL allocation. Cllrs discussed the guidelines that exist around the use of CIL monies and were in agreement that improving access and parking at the Rec would meet the guidelines. Cllr Stewart and Clerk to provide scope for such work.

13) Planning.

- a) Alton Materials Recovery Facility. To consider the latest information update received from HCC and confirm what comment should be made. Cllrs agreed it would be appropriate to reiterate original objection that focused on increased road traffic and pollution risk as these concerns were not addressed by the latest information release.
- b) To receive an update on the issues being experiencing with the planning link on the Parish Council's website (hosted by Hugo Fox). Covered under Correspondence. Parish website will direct residents to EHDC for planning application information.
- c) To receive a report from the Clerk on the status of planning applications received since 1 April 2021. Cllrs have reviewed 18 applications since 1 April 2021.

14) Rights of Way: To receive a proposal from the Clerk and Footpath Warden on including details of the routes on the parish council website and to consider whether a volunteer group of local residents might be created to help with maintenance of these routes. Cllrs supported the proposal and agreed it would be likely a group of volunteers could be found amongst the parish residents. Clerk to follow up with Footpath Warden.

15) Items for next agenda

- a) Footpath sign near the telephone box needs repairing
- b) Approval of budget and precept

16) Date of next meeting: Wednesday 26th January 2022, 8pm
Apologies for next meeting – Cllr Orme

Meeting Closed: 21:16

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Andrew Shirvell (Chair of Shalden Parish Council)

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