

## MEETING OF SHALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

HELD Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023 AT 7:30pm in Shalden Village Hall

### Minutes

**Present:** Cllr D Orme (Chair), Cllr K Whitcher, Cllr B Jones, Cllr R Wood and Cllr L Taylor

**Also in attendance:** K Horton (Clerk) and 9 residents

- 1) **Welcome.** Cllr Orme opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Whitcher to her first meeting as Cllr
- 2) **Apologies for Absence.** Received from Cllr Costigan
- 3) **Declarations of Interest.** No declarations
  
- 4) **Approval of Minutes.** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023. Signed as record of the meetings
  
- 5) **Public forum.**
  - a) Resident raised question about EHDC Land Availability Assessment that now includes areas within Shalden parish and on edge of parish. Resident wanted to know when public consultation takes place? Cllr Orme is aware that some sections were already historically refused at appeal as unacceptable. Cllrs will revert on question having sought advice from Cllr Costigan.
  - b) Resident from Old Odiham Road with reference to “Land South of Mile End”. Thanked Shalden PC for the comments on previous application.
  - c) Resident had concerns about new application for “Land South of Mile End” and believes the reasons for objecting to the latest iteration are the same as last time.
  - d) Resident that lives next to Mile End site. Thanked PC for comment to last application. Doesn’t believe latest application has changed in any significance and reservations remain.
  - e) Resident noted she has worked to raise awareness of the SPC website and news feed. Clerk advised that 40 people currently signed up for news notifications.
  
- 6) **Parish Council Finances/Administration**
  - a) **Clerk’s report**
    - i) Update on the transfer of SPC bank accounts from NatWest to Unity Trust. Matter is progressing and Cllrs will receive written notification from Unity with log-in details in next few days.
    - ii) CIL report for EHDC. Signed by Chair. Clerk to submit.
    - iii) Footpaths – insurance for working groups of volunteers. Clerk in correspondence with insurance company
  - b) **Financial summary** for September to November 2023 and in addition:
    - i) To note the NALC Employment Briefing with reference to the national salary pay scales for clerks. Matter carried to next meeting.
    - ii) Notification/authorisation of payments
  - c) **Correspondence**
    - i) Email from Village Hall Committee re grant application. Application has been submitted by Village Hall Committee to fund eco survey
    - ii) Request from ex-resident for the planting of a tree to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the historic Clerk. No response from PPC or Gardening Club. Clerk to clarify what action ex-resident would like to take

- iii) Contact from a number of residents raising concerns about the state of Footpath 2. Clerk to write to residents that back on to footpath 2 and ask for their attention to the overhanging growth.
- iv) Planning. Concerns raised by two residents relating to EHDC Planning Dept. Clerk provided contact information and details on how to raise concerns

**7) To note a report from the Clerk on the subject of HCC's Lengthsman Scheme and footpath maintenance in the parish and to agree any subsequent action for SPC.** Report received. Cllr Taylor suggested Priority footpaths are considered in addition to cost of other possible works on footpaths. Cllr Taylor proposed discussion with Footpath Warden on the amount of work that might be involved to deliver access and will brief Cllrs in next meeting. Cllr Taylor proposed that Lengthsman work is included as line on the budget for 2024/25, all Cllrs were in agreement.

**8) To consider a resident's request that a road sign be installed at the junction of The Avenue and Shalden Green Road and confirm what action will be taken.**

Cllr Jones proposed that Google Maps correction is required ahead of a decision on installing a road sign. Cllr Orme seconded this. Cllr Wood requested that TomTom also be updated.

Cllr Jones proposed that Google Maps and TomTom be updated. Cllr Orme seconded this and all other Cllrs in agreement.

**9) EHDC Community Camera scheme. To note a report from the Clerk on the scheme particulars, to agree whether Shalden PC will sign up for the initiative and to consider what other actions could be taken to address the concerns that residents have raised about speeding on Old Odiham Road.**

- Report circulated ahead of meeting. Based on this information, Cllr Jones proposed that SPC would not apply for the EHDC Community Camera. Seconded by Cllr Taylor and all in agreement
- In relation to alternative action, Clerk is working on identifying a Community Speed Group that might offer support. Cllr Wood researched the costs for a basic speed indicator device and reported it to be approx £3,000 (does not include fitting or installation pole). Cllr Wood proposed that loan from Wield PC be explored by Clerk, Cllr Jones seconded and Cllrs in agreement.

**10) Shalden Village Hall. To note a report from the Clerk on the paperwork relating to the PC's Trustee role of the Village Hall grounds and confirm whether any action is required.**

Cllr Jones proposed that Clerk seek legal guidance from HALC. Cllr Orme seconded and Cllrs in agreement. Cllr Wood proposed a budget of £250 to progress and Cllr Orme seconded and all in agreement

**11) Planning.** To consider a response to the following planning application(s):

**a)** Ref: 50101/001. Land South of Mile End, Old Odiham Road, Shalden

*Proposal: Detached dwelling with associated landscaping*

- Only minor adjustments have been made to this latest application. Points raised in objection have not been addressed and letter from Principal Planning officer – Mary Bird – on that application was that it there was a “Fundamental policy objection to your proposal for an additional dwelling on this site and as a result I would not encourage the submission of a revised application”
- Cllrs were in agreement that latest application remains contrary to CP14 (affordable housing), CP19 (Development in the countryside) and CP29 (Design) part D replaces density. These are significant principles which control development and unpin EHDC plan.
- It was proposed by Cllr Orme to lodge an Objection, Seconded by Cllr Taylor and all Cllrs in agreement. Wording to be finalised. Residents reminded that every individual can comment to EHDC

**b)** Ref: 60103. Stratton House, Upper Anstey Lane, Shalden, Alton, GU34 4BP

*Proposal: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement 4 bedroom dwelling with associated triple garage and ancillary detached pool and pool house*

- Size of footprint is larger but if existing building were extended the permitted development would be considerable too. Cllrs noted Triple garage with floor on top had the potential to be separate residence.
- It was proposed that there be no objection but SPC would not that they defer to Planning Officer on whether requirements are in line with guidelines

**12) Date of next meeting** – TBC January 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 20:30

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Signed: D Orme, Chair of SPC

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