



Shalden Parish Council

Minutes of Shalden Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 31st July 2019 at 8.00 pm.

Present: Andrew Shirvell, Rosemary Hartgill, Bernard Stewart and Peter Wilson.

Also in attendance: Rob Wood (Clerk)

1. Apologies: David Orme.

2. Open Session: No members of the public were in attendance.

3. Co-option of new Parish Councillors: The Chairman welcomed new Parish Councillors Bernard Stewart and Peter Wilson. Declaration of acceptance of office forms were signed in the presence of the Clerk.

4. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 were reviewed, agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

5. Matters arising:

- i. A tree which was falling down bordering the Old Odiham Road and being clipped by passing vehicles was reported to Hampshire Highways via Mark Kemp-Gee, this was quickly removed.
- ii. Potential breach of planning regulations through the felling of trees in a conservation area on land owned by Shalden Manor without planning permission was investigated by EHDC. They found that there was sufficient evidence that the trees felled were diseased and although permission was not sought, the person responsible had enquired about carrying out the work. EHDC decided not to take further action.
- iii. Potential breach of planning at Sunacres Cottage: The Clerk reported the importing of large quantities of soil via dump trucks to fill in a menage at this site without a licence to do so to EHDC planning. They have visited the site and have informed the residents that work must cease and planning permission submitted within two weeks. The chairman commented that this work has not stopped despite the site visit, Clerk to contact EHDC to report this.
- iv. Since the last meeting, the Parish Council have decided to allow permission for the owners of 'Court' which borders the Village Hall on Southwood Road to cross the Village Hall Car Park in order to access their property via a newly installed gate. A legal agreement with a number of conditions will be drawn up and the owners have agreed to pay costs.

6a. Correspondence:

- i. HGV use of Old Odiham Road: the Clerk contacted EHDC to ask whether there was a way to remove this route from the HGV satellite navigation route database to help reduce traffic on this restricted road. EHDC responded that they will contact TomTom to attempt to do this.

- ii. Hampshire Highways have added the suggested kerbing of the hashed area at the Golden Pot crossroads on the B3349 directly outside the Kapadokya Restaurant to proposed plans to increase safety at this site.
- iii. Receipt of Shalden Parish Council's Annual Return has been confirmed by the regulator.
- iv. Hampshire Countryside access team have added all five proposed footpaths in our Parish to their priority cutting list for this year. Previously only two footpaths have been cut by HCC.
- v. Rob Hannah, who organises volunteers to help maintain footpaths in our area has requested a letter of support from the Parish Council to help his application to the Rural Communities fund for a grant to buy a long reach hedge trimmer to help with this work. Parish Council asked the Clerk to write a letter giving their support.
- vi. Hampshire Highways: The Old Odiham Road has been submitted to 'Operation Resilience' for potential surface dressing work (comprehensive resurfacing) in the 2020/21 year.
- vii. EHDC Local Plan 2017-2036: EHDC will be consulting on large development sites from September and October.

6b. Planning applications: There had been none received for review from EHDC by the Council since the last meeting.

7a. Finance – Current Position and forecast: The Clerk presented the Councillors with the Income and Expenditure for the year to date and a projection of spending for the remainder of the current financial year for their inspection. The current account balance was £3267.15 and the reserve account balance was £2063.73. These balances were reconciled with the accounts.

7b. Finance – Recreation ground: balance from 2018/19 hire and charge for hire 2019/20. The Clerk shared the income and expenditure for the Recreation Ground following on from a football season of usage where the Pavilion was heated on a low setting through the winter to prevent frost damage to the plumbing.

The income for the year was £990 (£960 from Alton FC) and the change in expenditure over a year where the Recreation Ground was not hired was £716.60, leaving a profit of £273. The main costs were electricity (change of £421) and pitch marking (£180).

The desired profit margin was discussed and it was agreed that approximately £300, which would pay for 3 cuts of the grass at the Recreation Ground would be desirable. Clerk to liaise with Alton FC to agree a fee for exclusive hire of the football pitch along these lines for the 2019/20 season, which will most likely mean a freeze in charges to the FC. Clerk also to investigate replacing the kitchen heater with a newer more efficient model and what can be done to keep costs down.

The possibility of increasing the hire of the Recreation Ground was discussed, but it was decided that use over the summer would most likely require hire of a groundsman, which would most likely cost more than is taken through use, so this would not be looked into at the moment.

8. AOB:

- i. A Shirvell has written to County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee to inform him of the poor job that had been done cutting the verges at the junction of Southwood Road and the New Odiham Road, following on from the Clerk's complaint to Hampshire Highways.
- ii. The Chairman suggested inviting our new District Councillor, Tony Costigan to one of our next two Parish Council meetings. Clerk to contact Cllr Costigan to invite.
- iii. The date of the next Parish Council Meeting will be Wednesday 25th September.