



Shalden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Shalden Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 30th January 2019 at 8.00 pm.

Present: Andrew Shirvell (Chairman), Rosemary Hartgill, Tony Jenkins, Martin Nonhebel and David Orme.

Also in attendance: Rob Wood (Clerk)

1. Apologies: None.

2. Public Session: Six members of the public attended the meeting. Mrs Jane Lees spoke in support of planning application 54900/003 at 'Twinoaks', Old Odiham Road. Mrs Sue Bottomley had asked for 'Reduction of traffic speed on the Old Odiham Road' to be added to the agenda ahead of the meeting and spoke to the Parish Council about her concerns on traffic speed. In particular in the section of road heading south from the Froyle Road, where the speed limit changes quickly from 40 to national speed limit back to 40, she felt that some drivers did not slow down when re-entering the 40 limit. It was queried whether the national speed limit section could be reduced to 40 also. The chairman responded to this stating that as far as he was aware this section did not meet the criteria for a 40 limit as it is bordered by open countryside on both sides. This had been investigated by the parish council in the past. Road name signage for the Old Odiham Road was also queried, Mrs Bottomley also said that she felt that additional signage was required at each end of the road. Mrs Bottomley has investigated this herself and will follow up.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28th November 2018 were reviewed, agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising:

a. The Clerk contacted Helen Dudley regarding suggestions for the HCC footpath priority cutting list for 2019, advice was given to the Clerk and a top five FP's for cutting work were passed onto HCC.

b. EHDC: Precept request of £7000 was made as agreed by the Parish Council.

c. Parish Council donations were made to Shalden PCC, 'The Villager' and to Alton CAB as agreed. Each responded to the Clerk to thank the parish council for their donations.

d. The parish council website was made live in January and an article placed in the Villager and on noticeboards advertising this.

e. Grip silting on Shalden Lane was reported using the HCC website.

5a. Correspondence:

- i. HCC: Advert for Town and Parish workshop on Highways and Transport. It was agreed that the Clerk attend.
- ii. HALC: Introduction to VAT course. The Clerk was concerned that this was an area that he particularly lacked knowledge in and asked to attend the course. This was agreed.

- iii. Came and Co Village Hall and Council Insurance Policy. Renewal is due in March at £961-90. Clerk to contact Village Hall Committee Treasurer (Mark Ommaney) to ask for half payment as agreed.
- iv. NALC: The Clerk had received an email containing a letter from the Chairman asking local councils to increase their efforts to encourage more people to stand for election. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should advertise the election and share information on the website and in an article in the Villager.
- v. Sue Bottomley: Old Odiham Road – residents concerns regarding speed of traffic and asked for this to be added to the agenda for the meeting.

5b. Planning:

- i. 54900/003: 'Twinoaks', Old Odiham Road. Notification of Variation of Condition application. No comment returned.
- ii. 53549/002: 'Stancombe', Stancombe Lane. Two storey side extension following removal of a single storey element. This had not been read by all councillors ahead of the meeting, all to read and advise Clerk of comments.

6. Reduction of traffic speed on the Old Odiham Road: The parish council discussed previous efforts to reduce speeding on this road. The parish council over some years had pressured the County Council to investigate and to see what might be done to reduce motorists speed within the 40 limit areas. This resulted after a meeting between the parish council and Mark Kemp-Gee in Hampshire highways carrying out a detailed assessment of the safety of the Old Odiham Road and a speed check was carried out using rubber strips to collect real data (complaints of speeding had been anecdotal to this point). This data was used by Highways to prepare an appropriate plan introducing new signage and lining which was believed to be sufficient to address the measured issue. The plan produced by HCC was named 'Old Odiham Road, Shalden Signing and Lining Scheme', dated June 2012. The plan is very large, so a photograph has been taken and uploaded for residents to view. To view the original, please contact the Clerk.

The plan was presented to the parish council in 2013 and new signage added at the entry point to the parish ('Upper Anstey, please drive Carefully' later adjusted to Shalden by the parish council) and speed limit repeaters added. Road markings along the route were planned to be significantly changed including the addition of red road sections with speed limit roundels, and in sections add of edge of carriageway markings to narrow the road or remove all markings altogether.

This work was granted funding by HCC but was only partially completed at the time due to staffing issues. The following year the parish council asked for the work to be completed, but were informed that funding was no longer available. Work carried out recently painting road edge sections to narrow the carriageway were essentially part of these works. The parish council noted that they did feel that although these were although poorly painted they did have an impact on traffic speed around them and caught the attention of the driver.

The council's conclusion was unanimously that the Clerk should write to our County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee, to ask that the planned works should be completed to current standards.

They felt that this must be done in the first instance to allow the HCC Highways plan to be completed and to see if this has the desired impact. If speeding is still a significant issue after this, then the parish council will approach HCC asking for the original safety assessment to be repeated to accurately determine the effect of the completed work. Further options could then be explored by the parish council if necessary. The parish council asked residents to allow communication on this topic to go through them to allow a more coordinated response.

It should be noted that the Old Odiham Road does not to the Parish Council's knowledge meet the criteria for a 30 speed limit as it is a ribbon development mostly on one side of the road without street lighting.

7. Finance:

a. Current position is that the current account balance is £2603.71 and reserve account £2061.76. Income from Alton FC may exceed initial projection.

b. Future Parish council donations

The Clerk made initial enquiries into the correct route for the parish council to help local causes. The future process may need to change to becoming more of a grant application system by bodies with a specific project in mind. Clerk to align parish council procedure with legislation and to formalise this.

8. Website build: The website went live early in January.

a. Organisations to invite to join webpage: the parish council agreed that the Churches of St Peter and St Paul in Shalden and St Lawrence in Alton whose Parishes overlap the parish council boundary should be invited to put some very basic information on the website or a link to their webpage if they have one. Shalden WI, the Village Hall committee (information about hiring the hall and cost) and Shalden Gardening club will be invited to have a page hosted. Some information about local footpaths was also suggested as some useful information that might be added. All pages will be administered by the Clerk.

b. Additional parish information: no further information other than that required will be added.

9. AOB:

- i. D. Orme offered money remaining from his EHDC councillor grant to the parish council. The clerk suggested paint for the pavilion would be very helpful. Clerk to check cost and materials needed.
- ii. D. Orme reported that BOAT 12 had been repaired and that BOAT 13 required repair but this would not be done this year.
- iii. D. Orme shared with the council that after further thought he would like to object to the potential change of use of the Golden Pot pub into residential accommodation. (The parish council had been asked for an initial opinion on the possibility of this by GTS Property on behalf of the owners and responded that at this time they would not have any objection, but this would be dependant on future plans for the site). He felt that the business was viable – and had been successful in the recent past. He felt that this was a historic building which should retain its use as a public house if at all

possible. The parish council decided that this should be recorded in the minutes and agreed that the initial approach from GTS Property was not official – only for a casual opinion. When any future planning application should be received this would be assessed by the incoming parish council who may have an alternative view to the one in place at the time.

- iv. R. Hartgill questioned whether the grit bins in the parish were sufficiently full. Clerk to check and request top up as required.
- v. The Chairman asked the Clerk to invite Mark Kemp-Gee to the Annual Parish Meeting in March. Usually our District Councillor would be invited as well, but as Glynis Watts will not be standing in the next election it was felt inappropriate to invite her to the meeting. The Chairman suggested a representative from Alton rural police force be invited to speak, which was agreed. Clerk to invite.
- vi. Future Parish Council Meeting Dates were agreed as follows:
 - Wednesday 27th of March 2019, Annual Parish Meeting.
 - Wednesday 17th April 2019
 - Wednesday 15th May 2019, Annual Parish Council Meeting
 - Wednesday 31st July 2019
 - Wednesday 25th September 2019
 - Wednesday 27th November 2019
 - Wednesday 29th January 2020