

MEETING OF SHALDEN PARISH COUNCIL
HELD Thursday 11th January 2024 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 4 residents

- 1) **Welcome.** Cllr Orme opened the meeting.
- 2) **Apologies for Absence.** Received from Cllr Costigan (due to attendance at full Council meeting at EHDC) and from Cllr Kemp-Gee.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest.** None made.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes.** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29th November 2023. Circulated ahead of meeting. Accepted as accurate record of the meeting and duly signed.
- 5) **Public forum.** Adjournment of the meeting for 10 minutes to allow the public to raise questions or speak on an agenda item.
 - Concerns about trees on Golf course overhanging resident's land. Councillors suggested that if powerlines or phone lines are threatened it would be appropriate to share concerns with the relevant Utility company. If trees overhang roads then Hampshire Highways can be asked to attend and if they deem trees are a risk to public, will instruct a landowner to take action.
- 6) **Parish Council Finances/Administration**
 - a) **Clerk's report**
 - i) Query on EHDC Land Availability report. No response received from Cllr Costigan to emails sent on 11 January 2024, 29th November and 17th November 2023. Clerk will share any update when received
 - ii) Village Hall paperwork. Following up with Chair of Village Hall Committee and HALC to progress query.
 - iii) Speed warning sign. In contact with Wield PC and due to discuss their acquisition and possible loan tomorrow.
 - iv) Correction to road name. Request submitted to Google Maps and status is "being reviewed"
 - v) Been advised by AFC that heater in Pavillion has broken and will need to be replaced. Obtaining quotes for trickle heaters
 - vi) Meeting on EHDC Local Plan on 17th Jan. Cllrs reminded of invitation
 - b) **Financial summary** for November 2023 to January 2024 and in addition:
 - i) To note the NALC Employment Briefing with reference to the national salary pay scales for clerks. Chair had circulated details in relation to Clerk's salary. No questions raised.
 - ii) Notification/authorisation of payments. No questions raised.
 - c) **Correspondence**
 - i) NatWest. Papers to be signed to close Business Reserve Account and thus complete transfer of banking to Unity Trust.
 - ii) EHDC. TPO for Upper Anstey Lane. Clerk noted receipt of notification.

7) Shalden Recreation Ground and Pavillion. To clarify what responsibilities the PC has towards the recreation ground and to agree how these will be met over the next three years.

- How is SPC responsible for Rec and Pavillion. Archive documents that Cllr Taylor has seen advise land was originally part of Manor Farm. Established as a cricket ground and gifted in perpetuity to village for use as cricket ground or sporting activity. Pavillion is established and there was consensus among the Cllrs that the Parish Council is responsible for maintaining the asset. Clerk to review other paperwork to see whether there are any further details.
- Noted that AFC appreciate facilities but there was agreement it would be appropriate for Cllrs to consider whether capital needs to be spend on Pavillion. Clerk suggested that daylight meeting for all Cllrs be organised. Review situation and then draw up proposals for any next steps.
- Clerk to follow up on heating.

8) 2024.25 Finances. To note a report from the Clerk on the projected financial position of the Parish Council at 31 March 2024 and a review of anticipated financial commitments for 2024.25. Papers circulated ahead of meeting to provide clarity on PC's finances. Line by line of budget discussed and updated.

- a) To agree the Budget for 2024.45. The line by line concluded with a budget of £13,000. Cllr Jones proposed the budget be accepted, Cllr Wood seconded the proposal and all Cllrs voted in favour.
- b) To agree the Precept for 2024.25. A precept of £13,000 was proposed by Cllr Orme and seconded by Cllr Whitcher. All Cllrs voted in favour.

9) Date of next meeting – 27th March 2024 at 7:30pm

Meeting closed 8:12pm

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Signed: D Orme, Chair of SPC

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