

MEETING OF SHALDEN PARISH COUNCIL

HELD WEDNESDAY 14th JULY AT 8PM AT SHALDEN VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Andrew Shirvell (Chair)

Bernard Stewart

David Orme

Peter Wilson

Also in attendance: Katherine Horton (Clerk)

Minutes

1) Open Meeting

- a) Welcome. Cllr Shirvell opened the meeting.
- b) Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Hartgill.
- c) Declarations of Interest. Cllr Wilson declared a personal interest in 7B and advised he would be excusing himself for the agenda item.
- d) Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th May 2021. Minutes confirmed as accurate record of the meeting and duly signed.

2) Public Forum

- a) Request for a waste bin to be installed at Upper Anstey Lane for rubbish and dog waste.
- b) Drainage is an issue on Upper Anstey Lane. There have been many expensive adjustments to the drainage at the bottom of the Lane and in the new estate area but when there are heavy downpours the road turns into a river pushing a lot of detritus to the bottom of the hill which needs clearing.

Action: Both items are the responsibility of the EHDC or HCC. Clerk to raise to appropriate departments

3) Chair's update

- a) **Golden Pot crossroads.** Update received from the Economy, Transport and Environment Department via Cllr Kemp-Gee. The design work to make part of the hatched area permanently kerbed is underway. The temporary kerbing has been changed to a permanent arrangement as the initial scheme worked well, both in terms of public comment and further collisions. A permanent design needed a little further investigation hence the delays. With a small team resource, ETED haven't been able to give the work priority over locations where collisions have been occurring more recently but, are now pushing forward. The scheme will also include the high friction surfacing also promised.
- b) **Correspondence.**
 - o AGAR return received
 - o Email notifying PC of proposed parish boundary changes. Shalden is not impacted.

4) Matters arising

- a) **BOAT 12** – update from Cllr Orme. Fallen tree was logged with request to communicate with SPC before work undertaken to ensure estate's work restricting the access of 4WD was not impacted. This did not happen and consequently unnecessary work was undertaken that required extra effort to correct. Site has also been left in a unsightly manner

Action: Clerk to follow up with Country Access team: query lack of communication and disappointment.

- b) **Village Hall Committee** – update from Cllr Stewart. Varnishing floor and painting internally will take place late July/August as planned but tradesman not currently sourced for other items of work.
Action: Clerk to check booking for September.
- c) **Insurance valuation of the Village Hall.** Cllrs have reviewed report and no questions raised.
Action: Clerk to share Report with insurance company to update records
- d) **Footpaths.** Shalden Paths 2, 9 and 14 will be cut in August. Footpath Warden is in contact with Ramblers Association and addressing queries as and when they arise.
- e) **Lengthsman duties. To agree what support from Mr Mileham the Parish Council requires.** Cllr Shirvell confirmed what strimming has been completed to date. Cllrs in agreement that payment of £20 for this work would be appropriate. Going forward any work is to be agreed with SPC before it is undertaken by Mr Mileham
Action: Clerk to log sightline at Brick Kiln Lane and Southwood Road and also junction of Old Shalden Road and Froyle Road.

5) Finance

- a) **Financial summary to 30 June 2021 and authorisation of payments**
 - i) idVerde for refuse collection
 - ii) SSE Electricity
 - iii) Fee for insurance valuation.
 - iv) Clerk's training. 50% contribution will be received from Hawkley
 - v) Mowing fees

Financial summary and bank statement approved. Payments authorised.
- b) **To agree whether to set up direct debit arrangements for payment of utility bills.** Cllrs agreed that this would be appropriate to help reduce the number of cheques that need to be signed and facilitate payments being made on time. Invoices will still be received for financial records.
Action: Clerk to process
- c) **To agree whether to progress with transferring to an online bank account.** Cllrs agreed that while online banking improves accessibility and visibility, the charges quoted by NatWest for the facility seem excessive. Unity Trust has been used by Clerk and charge is £18 per quarter.
Action: Clerk to explore whether TSB charges for online banking with double signatory option.
- d) **Insurance valuation of village hall.** Cost of insurance is shared with Village Hall Committee so Cllrs in agreement that cost of valuation should be shared too.
Action: Clerk to request 50% input from Village Hall Committee.

6) Pavilion and Recreation ground

- a) **Review and agree Terms and Conditions for AFC hiring Rec/ Pavilion in 2021/22.** Cllrs in agreement to return to original contractual terms following an end to Covid restrictions.
Action: Clerk to update contract with details and liaise with AFC
- b) **Pavilion maintenance** – update from Cllr Stewart. Current and previous Clerk attended Pavilion with Cllr Stewart and have broken down requirements into:
 - i) day to day management through the year ie when to turn frost heating on
 - ii) general maintenance eg. Smoke alarm replacement, removal of broken electrical items
 - iii) longer-term improvement such as levelling of front parking area and deposit of hardcore**Action:** Clerk to action general maintenance items and source quotes for suggested longer-term improvements

7) Planning

- a) **Local Plan briefing** - update from Cllr Stewart.

Presentation from planning department at EHDC outlining how local PCs might become more involved in planning process and localisation. Presentation was a one way format and covered strategic design, sustainability code and influence final design of developments. Recording will be available.

Cllrs were in agreement that Local Plan and Draft Modification Proposal need to be monitored so that if opportunity for comment is available this can be taken up.

- b) **59361 - Application for Permission in Principle** for residential development of a minimum of 1no. dwelling and a maximum of 2no. dwellings. Land adjacent to Jordans, Old Odiham Road, Shalden, Alton.

Cllr Wilson excused himself 21:24. On reviewing the details, Cllrs were in agreement that the application is contrary to; CP14 AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES, CP19 DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE and CP29 DESIGN (part d) For these reasons SPC will lodge an objection

Action: Clerk to lodge objection and comments with EHDC

8) AOB

- a) Shalden Preschool are using the Rec on Thursday for their end of term picnic.
- b) Zoom. Cllrs were in agreement that guidelines are to return to face to face meetings and Shalden PC will not run meetings in both formats. Cllrs hope that the opportunity to engage in person will be embraced by local residents.
- c) Clerk to confirm attendance legislation on attendance following question being raised about possible absence caused by Track and Trace.

9) Date of next meeting – Wednesday 29th September 2021, 8pm

Meeting closed: 21:40

Signed

Dated

Andrew Shirvell, Chair of Shalden Parish Council