



Shalden Parish Council

Minutes of Shalden Parish Council meeting held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 29th January 2020 at 8.00 pm.

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

Also in attendance: Rob Wood (Clerk)

1. Apologies: None.

2. Open Session: No residents in attendance.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday 27th November 2019 were reviewed, agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising:

- i. Donations were made by the Parish Council to Shalden PCC of £220 for Churchyard maintenance, Alton CAB of £200 and The Villager Magazine of £200.
- ii. Footpath issues reported by FP warden Helen Dudley to the Clerk were inspected. The blocking of access between FP#8 and BOAT12 at the boundary of the golf course was due to a fallen tree placed to prevent 4x4 access to the course. The Clerk visited the golf course and spoke to the groundsman who agreed to cut a section from the tree wide enough to allow access on foot. Two fallen trees on FP#8 were cleared by the Clerk as well as a low hanging Holly tree on FP#1 alongside Pancake Copse.
- iii. A Precept request for £7000 for the 2020/21 year was submitted to EHDC.
- iv. VAT return for dates 01/01/2017 – 31/12/2019 was submitted to HMRC and a rebate of £382.21 received.
- v. A new grit bin has been installed on the corner of Shalden Lane next to the Church.
- vi. Broken fingerpost sign on junction Shalden Lane / A339 was reported to Hampshire Highways.
- vii. Clearing of grips and drainage ditch on Shalden Lane alongside Shalden Lodge was followed up, Hampshire Highways said that the owners reported that when the ditch is clear, their basement floods. Hampshire Highways to send an engineer to investigate the drainage system flow onwards of the ditch to resolve.
- viii. The Clerk invited District Councillor Tony Costigan to this meeting but received no response.

5. Correspondence:

- i. Helen Dudley, our Parish footpath warden has contacted the Clerk to let us know that she recently visited BOAT12 with our new HCC Community Engagement Warden, Gemma Clinch. She reported that off-road vehicles had been causing significant damage to this BOAT, using it to access a wooded area opposite the golf course. Both Helen and Gemma are keen to minimise damage to the newly resurfaced BOAT and queried whether the Parish Council was aware if permission had been given to the off-roaders to use this area by the landowner. Helen also asked whether the Parish Council might approach the landowner to ask whether they might fence off their

boundary around the woodland to prevent access to these users. The Parish Council responded that the landowner had not as far as they were aware given permission for this usage of their land. Signage had been erected stating that this was private land and that no entry was allowed. The Parish Council felt that it was outside of their remit to approach the landowner to make this type of request and that this might be better suited to our new Community Engagement Warden. It was also questioned whether anything could really be done as this byway is open to all traffic.

- ii. Nick Charnock contacted the Clerk regarding the bins at the Recreation Ground to say that they urgently needed emptying as bagged dog mess had overflowed and was being left around the bins by dog walkers. He asked whether there might be a better solution than residents kindly emptying the bins themselves? See item 9.
- iii. Cathy Boyes contacted the Clerk asking whether signage could be added at the Bus stop on the Golden Pot Crossroads in the planned improvement works? The Clerk attended the meeting where these works were discussed and responded that Hampshire Highways will widen the area to the border of the land that they own, which will certainly improve safety. Signage was discussed, the Clerk believed that the Highways engineers were concerned that additional signage at the stop itself may further reduce visibility for cars turning out from the Lasham side. The Clerk suggested that when the plans for the crossroads improvements are received, if no signage is included, the Clerk will suggest this.
- iv. EHDC planning enforcement asked the Clerk what the current situation was regarding sign lighting at the Kapadokya restaurant. The Clerk responded that none of the signs were currently lit. Cllr Orme queried whether the Clerk had reported the bright car park lighting, which was dazzling drivers entering the Froyle Road from the Old Odiham Road? The Clerk had not, Cllr Orme to write a note to EHDC planning for the Clerk to submit.

6. Planning: Three planning applications were currently active (28652/022, 29952/020 and 57504/003) the Parish Council had no comments to return for applications 29952/020 and 57504/003.

Application number 28652/022 (Variation of condition 2 of 28652/021 at Sunacres Cottage, Shalden Green Road) was discussed in depth and the Parish Council unanimously agreed to submit the following objection to this application:

'Shalden Parish Council have reviewed both this and the original application. In essence the building was constructed not entirely as permitted originally but not so differently as to require enforcement action. It was however permitted as an outbuilding and as such the addition of the annexe was not approved. The application to which this requested variation relates was to legalise the construction of the outbuilding and made no reference to the annexe. Permission was granted for the outbuilding retrospectively however it did specifically stipulate that not only was it not to be used as accommodation but that portion of it that had been constructed as such be removed within six months. In our view this request to vary the text of that decision is disingenuous in that it does not suggest compliance but merely suggests a 'promise' that it will not be used as such.

On the basis of the above Shalden Parish Council OBJECT to this latest request as an attempt to subvert the planning process and is in direct conflict with the original application which was itself retrospective and not compliant with the previous permission.'

7. Finance: The current financial position is that there is £4466.48 in the current account and £2066.83 available in the business reserve account, with income and expenditure overall on budget. The projected total end of year balance is £5382.11. A bank reconciliation of £6510.38 vs £6510.38 actual was presented and agreed.

Cheques were presented for SSE (£168.52) and £100 requested for petty cash. Permission to pay Came and Co £998.37 for the Council, Village Hall and Recreation Ground Pavilion Insurance policy was given. £499.18 to be requested from the Village Hall Committee.

Cllr Wilson asked whether the Parish Council routinely inspect the Village Hall Committee's accounts, particularly as the Parish Council have a responsibility as trustees of the Village Hall? This had not been done for some time formally, so Cllrs Hartgill and Stewart offered to request that each year a copy of the end of year accounts and an interim update be provided to the Parish Council at the upcoming Village Hall Committee meeting.

8. Golden Pot Crossroads Update: The Clerk represented the views of the Parish Council on their behalf at a meeting at the Golden Pot crossroads on the 2nd of December. The Clerk reported that there was no further update following on from the Hampshire County Council press release, which is available on the Parish Council website (<http://www.shaldenpc.org/community/shalden-parish-council-14940/news-and-whats-on/>).

Cllr Wilson asked whether anything was planned to be done to improve the surface and haunching of the Old Odiham Road, which he felt was urgently in need of attention. Cllr Orme added that the last time resurfacing had been done was approximately 14 years ago. The Clerk responded that the Old Odiham Road has been proposed for 'Operation Resilience' for the 2020/21 year. If approved, this would result in comprehensive resurfacing of the road. Clerk to contact County Councilor Mark Kemp-Gee to ask whether this has been successful.

Cllr Orme asked whether the building out of the kerb around the hashed area outside of the Kapadokya restaurant on the corner of the B33499 and Froye Road will be included in the crossroads improvements? The Clerk reported that at the meeting on the 2nd of December, this had been discussed. It was felt that this build out might make the turn onto the Froyle Road too tight and therefore dangerous for HGV's. Clerk to request that the Parish Council sees the plans for the proposed improvements for comment when available.

9. Litter bins at the Recreation Ground: The current situation is that there is one ~25L and one ~100L bin at the Recreation Ground (one is broken and one an old dustbin). The Parish Council do not currently have an agreement with a contractor to empty them, so either residents, the Chairman or Clerk empty the bins and dispose of the waste themselves. The Clerk felt that particularly after having to recently clean up a very unpleasant mess, it would be better for the Parish Council to find a contractor to do this if affordable.

The Clerk contacted three contractors for a quote, Biffa could not collect, Idverde, who collect from other local Parishes offered to collect at a cost of £7.14 per bin and Norse SE did not respond. The Clerk also put a post on the SLCC discussion board to see if any other Clerks had an alternative suggestion. The Clerk also investigated buying a new bin to use at the site, with a removable liner for ease of emptying by the contractor. These were found to cost (for a single 100L bin) around £220 including fixtures.

The Parish Council agreed that they would like to purchase a new bin for combined dog and general waste. Clerk to investigate and to apply for a grant from our District Councillor. They also agreed to take on a contractor for a fortnightly emptying of the bin, and were happy to go ahead with the Idverde quotation. Clerk to contact Idverde to investigate which type of bin would be best to buy and whether Idverde have a preferred supplier. Also to check whether the bin liner would be removed and emptied by the operative, or if the waste would need to be bagged and left on the road for collection.

10. AOB:

i. The dates of Parish Council Meetings in 2020 were agreed as:
Wednesday 25th of March, Annual Parish Meeting. 8 pm

Wednesday 15th April at 8 pm (reserved for APM follow up if necessary)

Wednesday 27th May at 8 pm

Wednesday 29th July at 8 pm

Wednesday 30th September at 8 pm

Wednesday 25th November at 8pm

Wednesday 27th January 2021 at 8 pm

ii. Clerk to invite Cllr Tony Costigan (EHDC) and Cllr Mark Kemp-Gee (HCC) to the APM.