



# Shalford Parish Council

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Minutes of the virtual of the Parish Council, held on Wednesday, 19th Aug 2020

**Present** Cllr French (Chairman)  
Cllr Golding  
Cllr Batt  
Cllr Short  
Cllr Gurnett  
Cllr Eversden

2 members of the public  
Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

20/120 **Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Oates  
DC Tattersley  
CC Butland

20/121 **Minutes of the PC meeting held** on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2020, were approved as a true record of the meeting

20/122 **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Golding, Cllr Short, Cllr Eversden VHMC

20/123 **Public participation session** with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

2 Residents spoke about the wanting a path from the bridge on the Wethersfield Road up to Clifffield, the Clerk explained that the PC had tried before and been turned down.

The Clerk said that she had been talking to CC to see if it is feasible to put in a path. The Resident suggested that we ask for signage and change the speed limit or put in white lining, Cllr Gurnett explained the PC had tried these idea previously but we will try again.

Cllr Batt suggest residents should put comments on <https://www.widenmypath.com/>

The Chairman said the corners in Jaspers Green were dangerous and needed a path

20/124 **Clerk's Report**

The Burning at Hubbard's Farm, the muck heap and set its self-alight, The Clerk had received some emails about the smell.

The Clerk had received the Audited Accounts back, The Clerk said Shalford PC had a Clear audit. The Clerk to try for Foundation Level for the councils.

20/125 **District Councillors** No Report

20/126 **County Councillors** No Report

20/127 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village  
Cllr Golding had received a phone call and The Clerk had received an email from residents or people commenting on the congregational church being up for sale and would we support a planning application. The 2 cottages either side of the church are listed buildings.

20/128 **Finance**

20/128.1	£309.26	Clerks Staffing Costs July	BACs
20/128.2	£65.00	B Keen Maintenance May	BACs
20/128.3	£17.90	Clerks Expenses	BACs
20/128.4	£235.20	MD Landscapes Grass Cutting	Bacs
20/128.7	£240.00	PKF Littlejohn Audit	Bacs
20/128.8	£54.00	EALC Training	BACs

Payments were approved for payment by all members of the Council present.

20/128.5 Monthly Budget and Bank Reconciliation  
These were sent out prior to the meeting.

20/128.6 Locality Fund  
The Council discussed the Locality Fund the council to put forward a Petanque Terrin, or Hearing Loop for the Village Hall.

20/129 **Village Hall Management** Committee update

The VHMC had received a letter from the Bendlowes trust for a Petanque Terrin to be installed at the VH. The VHMC were happy with this but needed to investigate a few things before saying yes.

1. The Insurance if it is to be used for matches it would need its own insurance
2. Where to put the Terrin
3. And the Cost, the PC had put a Terrin on the section 106 Open Spaces, The Clerk is in the process of finding out how much money is available to be used.
4. How the Terrin is managed if there were to be matches it would need to be booked through the VH bookings secretary so as not to clash with any other events taking place.

Limited activities internally for small groups, such as Dog Club and Dance Class new terms and conditions have been signed. The only toilet in use is the disabled one. The 2 sets of toilets are closed and the Kitchen so it would save on deep cleaning of all areas.

3 cricket matches for Little Waltham taking place and players will come ready to play so as not to use the changing rooms. There is a Track and Trace systems has been put in place. The VHMC are monitoring the Government guidelines. The Entrance Hall and Meeting room is being painted £2,900 plus the new blackout binds have been put up which cost approximately £1,000. Which has been paid for out of the Parish Council Grant.

Cllrs asked why the VHMC had turned down the offer of free Wi-Fi for the VH from County Broadband. Cllr Short said that they had asked CB if they would put the cables underground and then they would take up the offer, CB said they couldn't do that so it was put to a vote by the VH Committee and the majority didn't want to deal with CB. Cllr Golding said he voted for putting Broadband into the Village Hall. Cllrs Gurnett, Cllr Batt and Cllr Golding felt that whilst the PC are accepting their poor reputation the PC felt the village hall should have accepted the CB offer for the overall benefit of the village.

The VH would like to offer as many modern technical things available at the VH.

If the VHMC decided to take on CB free internet a contract would be signed stating free Wi-Fi.

#### 20/130 **Planning Applications/Comments**

20/01043/FUL Demolition of existing buildings, and erection of agricultural storage building, and a detached dwelling, with associated private garden, garaging, car parking, and landscaping. - Shalford Hall Farm, The Street, Shalford There is a Grade 1 property and Grade 2 listed wall the council would like to see the new dwelling to be sympatric with these.

20/01250/HH Single -storey rear Edwardian style conservatory in Black Foiled UPVC. - Orchard Barn, Shalford Green, Shalford  
Supported this application

#### 20/131.1 **Braintree Local Plan**

Braintree have received information on reducing housing no for the Braintree District.

#### 20/131.2 **UDC Local Plan**

#### 20/132 **Footpath/bridleway**

**20/132.1** Bridleways Update from Cllr French  
No Report

**20/132.2** Footpaths Update from Cllr's

Cllr French had received a photo of a horse rider using the footpaths. The Clerk to write a letter to all livery yards asking yard owners to remind the clients not to ride on footpaths.

The Flitch way had been mending a footbridge a Cobham Mill someone on face book had ask why we cannot do this.

1. This would have to be approved by PRow and put on the Schedule
2. A Risk Assessment would be needed
3. Training would need to be undertaken; the work would then be covered under the insurance of ECC.

Residents are complaining that you can walk on our footpaths but when you get to Wethersfield Parish the footpaths are unwalkable, Cllr Short will speak to a councillor at Wethersfield about getting their footpaths cut.

Richard Norman had contacted Cllr Golding ref contacting the PC a few weeks ago seeing if we needed the footpaths check after the contactor had cut them, no one had replied to his email, The Clerk said she had replied to his email and at the time MD Landscapes were just starting cutting and the Clerk felt that as MD Landscapes already did work for the Council there was no need to check his work. The Council had received comments on the footpath cutting in the Autumn, saying how well they had been cut.

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### **Highways**

#### **20/133.1** Update from Highway Meeting

Cllr Gurnett has received an email saying Speed watch can start, Cllr Gurnett needs to get declarations signed by volunteers, Mary Whitley who use to organise this has now left.

The Police were doing a speed check near St Andrews Drive

Signage Broken at Jaspers Green Clerk to report  
Branches over 30 mph sign needs cutting back Clerk to report

#### **20/133.2** Path on the Wethersfield Road

See Public Participation

#### **20/133.3** Hulls Lane Verge Cutting

Contractors had only cut one side of the road.

#### **20/133.4** Flooding near the George Pub

This need investigating

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### **County Broadband**

No Report

20/135 **Defibrillator at the George Public House**  
The Creamer Fund Committee are meeting at the end of August, once the council get the go ahead The Clerk asked the council if she and Cllr Short can get on and order the device and arrange fitting. The Clerk asked Cllr Short if he would check the device monthly, this was agreed.

20/136 **Stoneley Park**  
**20/136.1** Stoneley Park Signage  
The Clerk to contact Andrew Brown about this

**20/136.2** Stoneley Park Memorial  
Cllr Short to check if this has been removed, if not the Clerk to speak to Andrew Brown again.

20/137 **Consultations and Publications**  
Changes to the Currant Planning System 06 August 2020 and will close at 23.45 on Thursday 1st October 2020.

The Government intends to bring forward a white paper in September which would enable Councils in two-areas to put forward proposals for new unitary councils, and further to this, a Combined Authority and directly elected Mayor.

20/138 **Matters to be raised** by members for the next agenda  
Bendlowes Petanque  
Speed Indicator

20/139 **Date of the next meeting** 16<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020

20/140 **Meeting Closed at** 6.21pm

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