

## MEETING OF SHALDEN PARISH COUNCIL held Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 6pm in Shalden Village Hall

### Minutes

Present: Cllr Whitcher, Cllr Wood, and Cllr Orme (Chair)

Also in attendance: K Horton (Clerk) and 1 resident

- 1) **Welcome** Meeting opened by Cllr Orme
- 2) **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Jones and Cllr Taylor.
- 3) **Declarations of Interest.** None made.
- 4) **Approval of Minutes.** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Approved as an accurate record 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.
  - Resident flagged that the burnt out car on BOATS 13 was still in situ. Cllr Orme confirmed he would follow up with HCC and engage Cllr Kemp-Gee.
  - Cllrs were also advised the Golf Club have started to cut back trees bordering Old Odiham Road.
- 6) **Parish Council Finances/Administration**
  - a) **Clerk's report**
    - i) Golden Pot bus stop. In contact with the Assistant Highway Manager having requested a review of the safety arrangements in place at the location. Cllr Kemp Gee is informed. Stagecoach have been advised that an assessment of the location is being pursued with the intent of having the bus stop reinstated.
    - ii) Golden Pot planning application. A request was lodged with EHDC Planning and Cllr Costigan for the application to be considered at full Committee. This took place on 26<sup>th</sup> June and Cllr Orme attended to speak on behalf of SPC. Comments were in line with those logged with EHDC and circulated to all Cllrs ahead of EHDC meeting. Application has however been approved. It is unclear what impact this will have on other applications being made in the parish.
    - iii) SLR licence and site assessment. Working with Highways to schedule meeting to assess locations. £270 fee required ahead of assessment. It was proposed by Cllr Orme that the fee is paid and all other Cllrs in agreement.
    - iv) Lengthsman. References are proving difficult to get hold of. Once all references have been received, these will be shared with the Cllrs and agreement reached on next steps.
    - v) Hire of Recreation Ground by Alton Football Club. Terms accepted and contract signed
    - vi) CIL grant request from Alton Golf Club. EHDC have confirmed that no CIL grants are currently available and charities can apply themselves for funds. Cllrs all in agreement that this information should be shared with the Golf Club and no further action will be taken by SPC.
    - vii) AGAR and Public Notice. Notices published and Certificate of Exception submitted.
    - viii) EHDC Register of Interest. Cllrs asked to review the details currently recorded with EHDC and advise Clerk if any updates are required.
  - b) Financial summary for May and June 2024 and in addition:
    - i) Notification of Payments made under the Financial Regulations since the last meeting. No questions raised.
    - ii) Notification/authorisation of other payments. Approved.
- 7) **EHPTC.** Further to the most recent meeting of the East Hampshire Parish and Town Councils, to receive a verbal report from Cllr Whittcher. Cllr Nick Adams-King provided a similar update to that of Cllr Kemp Gee at the APM. East Hants has the second lowest Council Tax in England with a big proportion being spent on Social Care. Condition of Roads was an area of concern and attendees were advised that to put them all right would require £600 million and

there is currently only £66 million budgeted. Maintenance will be reactive. If road signage is not collected then log it as fly tipping. There was also a report from **Debbie Lough (BOATS)** Operational Procedure being brought in to assess and manage.

- 8) East Hampshire Playing Pitch and Sports Facility Strategy 2024 - 2040.** To receive a verbal report from Cllr Wood further to a briefing by EHDC and to consider whether action is required by Shalden PC in relation to this Strategy. Presentation was nothing to do with consultation on strategy - the Strategy is approved and linked to Local Plan. Instead there were examples of local organisations who have successfully made CIL applications: details on financing requirements and how to work with interested parties and the importance of demonstrating the need for proposed works. It was useful to attend given SPC's intent to carry out some work on local infrastructure
- 9) HALC County Forum.** To receive a verbal report from Cllr Jones further to his attending the launch meeting and to consider whether action is required by Shalden PC in relation to this. Cllr Orme proposed that the agenda item roll to next meeting. All in agreement.
- 10) Recreation Ground.** To consider a request from Beehive Montessori to hire the Recreation Ground and Pavilion for end of term events. Details were circulated ahead of meeting. Cllrs in agreement with request on terms previously agreed. Councillors confirm the Clerk would have authority to confirm any future bookings with the PreSchool without the need to come to a Council meeting.

**11) Meeting Closed 6:42 pm**

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Signed: D Orme, Chair of SPC

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