

**MEETING OF SHALDEN PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7:30pm in Shalden Village Hall**

**Minutes**

Present: Cllr Witcher, Cllr Jones, Cllr Wood and Cllr Taylor

Also in attendance: K Horton (Clerk) and 3 residents

- 1) **Welcome.** Meeting opened
- 2) **Apologies for Absence.** Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Orme who was absent due to holiday.
- 3) **Nomination of Chair for the meeting.** Cllr Taylor proposed Cllr Jones to stand as the meeting's Chair and Cllr Witcher seconded the proposal. All in agreement and Cllr Jones continued the meeting.
- 4) **Declarations of Interest.** No declarations made.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes.** *To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2024.* Proposed by Cllr Witcher, Seconded by Cllr Wood and all in agreement. Accepted as accurate record.
- 6) **Public forum.** Adjournment of the meeting for 10 minutes to allow the public to raise questions or speak on an agenda item.
  - a) *Resident asked for update on speed calming scheme for Old Odiham Road.* Clerk to provide update
  - b) *Temporary traffic lights at the junction of Golden Pot.* Clerk to get update from Highways/Utility.
  - c) *Golden Pot was on market and now sold.* Cllrs were of the opinion that it must have been sold with planning permission that was given by EHDC at the end of June. No other details known.
- 7) **Parish Council Finances/Administration**
  - a) **Clerk's report**
    - i) **Golden Pot bus stop.** To note the response from Hampshire CC Road Safety Engineer. All safety schemes are monitored by the Casualty Reduction team for a full five years after any measures are installed to ensure they are having the desired effect. Currently there have been four reported collisions involving injury since the works (all between December 2022 and September 2023) and data was correct to the end of December 2023. Team is looking to resurface the entire junction with the the best possible surfacing stone. The work is currently programmed for the second or third quarter of this financial year. Highways will also review the existing advanced warning signage and trim the vegetation covering it, on all approaches and ensure that the vehicle activated signs are still in good working order once the vegetation clearance has occurred. With regards the reinstatement of the bus stop, Highways has seen the response of Stagecoach and **the Casualty Reduction Team (HCC) would support this response and advise against the installation of a bus stop at the junction.** Cllrs noted that it is a disappointment to lose a village bus stop, for residents to have to walk along New Odiham Road where there is no footpath and/or rely on private transport. Cllrs were in agreement that Clerk ask whether Highways can identify an alternative stop and to ask Stagecoach if they are able to provide stats on usage of the stop that was removed.
    - ii) **Update from Village Hall on legal case.** Case took place on 13 August 2024 at Basingstoke County Court. Judge summed up by saying that claimant 'must have been mistaken' and it was ruled there was no case to answer.

- iii) **Clearance of abandoned car.** Matter has been logged and chased by Cllr Orme. Clerk to ask Cllr Kemp-Gee if he can follow up on the matter as it has been some time with no action.
- iv) **Pension Regulator declaration.** To note for the minutes that the required declarations have been completed and hold for next three years.

**b) Financial summary for July and August 2024 and in addition:**

- i) **Notification of Payments made under the Financial Regulations since the last meeting**
- ii) **Notification/authorisation of other payments**  
No questions raised. Duly signed
- iii) **ICO.** Updating bank account details to reflect new bank information.

**8) HALC County Forum.** *Carried over from July meeting. 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 Jones was unable to attend the July meeting and volunteered to attend the next meeting.

**9) Lengthsman**

- a) *To receive an update from Cllr Luke Taylor on the work carried out by the Lengthsman since the last meeting.* The Lengthsman has been appointed since last meeting and is working with Path Warden to agree path cutting priority list. Lengthsman has started work on the agreed list and has provided a job sheet: before and after pictures and recording how many hours. Cllr Taylor has seen completed work and believes it is being carried out in a professional manner. The Lengthsman will work on all paths and BOATS in the parish. Discussion about how maintenance of work and whether budget is sufficient.
- b) *To agree how the work the of the Lengthsman will be assigned, monitored and invoiced.* Cllr Taylor or Path Warden to instruct Lengthsman in cutting list and to cc Clerk. Update will be provided at Council meeting and Lengthsman will invoice when gets to approx 10 man hours. All Cllrs in agreement.

**10) Electricity at Recreation Ground.** *To consider the quotes for electiricty supply and approve the next contract.* Quotes considered. Cllr Taylor proposed 24mnth be accepted and all other Cllrs in agreement.

**11) Highways.** *To note residents' concerns that hedgerows are impacting access and sightlines and advise on what action should be taken.* Historically local farmers and landowners have managed the parish hedgerows and there is no reason to assume this will not continue. Hedge cutting season started on 1<sup>st</sup> September and so action will likely take place in due course.

**12) Recycling.** *Further to Cllr Kemp Gee's update at the Annual Parish Meeting about plans to improve recycling in East Hampshire, to consider what action Shalden PC will take to support these plans and improve the services available for residents.* Residents are concerned by lack of recycling that is done and local supermarkets have changed what they will recycle. Is there a timescale for the improvements that Cllr Kemp-Gee mentioned and if so what are the details. All Cllrs in agreement to obtain this information.

**13) Meeting Closed. Meeting closed 8:16pm**      Next meeting Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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Signed: D Orme, Chair of SPC

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