



Shalden Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of Shalden Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th April 2019 at 8.00 pm.

Present: Andrew Shirvell (Chairman), Rosemary Hartgill, Tony Jenkins and David Orme.

Also in attendance: Rob Wood (Clerk)

1. Apologies: None.

2. Public Session: Mr Michael Jackson asked whether the Parish Council, following on from having three candidates stand and an uncontested election would be sufficient to form a quorum allowing the Council to continue to operate? The Chairman responded that three Councillors were required to form a quorum as per the Council's standing orders, also two residents have already expressed an interest in joining the Parish Council, so the vacant positions will be filled using the required procedure, which the Clerk has enquired about to EHDC.

3. Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 30th January 2019 were reviewed, agreed as a true record and were signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the last meeting.

5. Correspondence:

- i. Fowler-Fortesue on behalf of Mr Donald Mackenzie; the Clerk had received a letter from Mr Mackenzie's land agents following on from a stock fence in School Field being moved onto the boundary between the Village Hall land and School Field. The agent asked that the Parish Council and Mr Mackenzie sign an agreement that the position of the fence now marks the boundary. The agreement was signed by the Chairman and witnessed by Mr David Orme.
- ii. EHDC: District and Parish Council election materials; including notice of an uncontested election for Shalden.
- iii. A resident asked the Clerk to enquire as to whether lit signage on the newly opened Kapadoyka Restaurant, in what was the Golden Pot Pub required planning permission. The Clerk contacted EHDC planning to report this and the result was that the signage did not meet planning requirements and a process would now need to be followed to comply.
- iv. Mr Bernard Stewart contacted the Clerk to enquire about hiring the Recreation Ground and Pavilion for a children's camping party in the summer. The Parish Council were happy for this to go ahead, but asked the Clerk to look into an appropriate charge for hiring the facilities and also to check on any health and safety requirements.

6. Matters arising from APM 2019:

- i. The Clerk asked for clarification regarding a question asked as to whether the Parish Council could ask the new management of the former Golden Pot (now Kapadoyka Restaurant) to replace the Golden pot sign or include it on the building as 'Golden Pot'

is marked on the O/S map of the area? The Parish Council decided that it would not be appropriate to do this both as it was not felt to be a Parish Council issue and also because the naming refers to a hamlet rather than the pub itself.

- ii. A question was asked at the APM regarding the addition of a kerb at the Golden Pot crossroads, the Clerk asked for clarification as to what question to pose to our County Councillor Mark Kemp-Gee about this? D. Orme described the issue asking the Clerk to ask for a kerb to be put in round the hashed area on the junction of the B3349 and Froyle Road at the Golden Pot corner to prevent drivers from swerving round the back of cars waiting to turn right from the B3349 from Odiham. This does seem to consistently be a problem and is rather dangerous both to the driver waiting and those turning out from the Froye Road.
- iii. A question was asked at the APM about whether there was anything that might be done to prevent HGV's from using the Old Odiham Road to access Alton, when there is a 6'6" width restriction on the road? The Council discussed this and agreed that although HGV drivers should be well aware that the current 6'6" restriction sign means no HGV's, that perhaps the addition of a 'No HGV's' sign may help this. The Clerk will pass this request onto Mark Kemp-Gee. D. Orme also suggested that it might be possible to have the Old Odiham Road removed from HGV satellite navigation routes altogether, Clerk to enquire at EHDC.

7. Discuss Cllr Kemp-Gee's response to Parish Council's letter regarding completion of works on Old Odiham Road: Prior to the Parish Council meeting, Mark Kemp-Gee's reply including information regarding the potential for implementation of a community funded traffic calming initiative were shared with the Council. The Parish Council were informed that no further expenditure will be made on traffic calming on the Old Odiham Road by HCC after advice from Hampshire Highways that their policy is that these works will now only be undertaken in areas where there is sustained evidence of accidents where people are injured in the police database. Their drive to carry out traffic calming is evidence-based road user safety. An alternative option of a Community Funded Initiative was suggested as an option.

The Council discussed the information that had been sent regarding Community Funded Initiatives (CFI) and decided that the assessment and plan implemented by Hampshire Highways on the Old Odiham Road in 2012/13 already had introduced nearly all options that might be available in this case. These included removal of central hazard lines, changes to the design, location and number of signs and road markings, and the introduction of village boundary signs. It was felt that given that such a detailed assessment of the safety of this road had already recently taken place, and the plan designed and implemented by Hampshire Highways engineers that the Parish Council were happy that the level of traffic calming that had been introduced was sufficient. It was noted that the Council felt that the implementation of the 2012 plan was not as well done as it could have been.

The details of the CFI's that was shared with the Council can be found on the Parish Council website, at <http://www.shaldenpc.org/community/shalden-parish-Council-14940/highways/>

8. Finance:

a. The current position is that the current account balance is £2435.22 and reserve account £2063.73. The end of year accounts were inspected and balance reconciled with the bank statement. Cheques were presented and signed for the Council's HALC membership for the coming year (£228.00), the Clerk's salary from 01/10/18 – 31/03/19 (£1555.25) and the Clerk's office allowance for the 2018/19 year (£208). The Annual Return for the 2018/19 tax year is due to be returned no later than 1st July 2019.

9. AOB:

- i. The Chairman thanked Tony Jenkins and Martin Nonhebel for all of their help and service to the community over their years as Parish Councillors. Tony Jenkins thanked the Chairman and said that it had been an honour and that he had enjoyed it.
- ii. D. Orme asked that the fallen 40 mph village boundary sign at the top of the Old Odiham Road be repaired. The Clerk replied that this has already reported this to HCC.
- iii. The Chairman asked when Alton FC's friendly matches would finish? Clerk to enquire.
- iv. The Clerk asked the Council whether they would like to continue their subscription to 'Clerk and Councils'? The Council decided that this was not necessary, as the HALC were able to give legal support and advice that might be covered in this publication. Subscription to be stopped.
- v. The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 15th May 2019.