

The Salings Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, held on Wednesday 8th July 2020 via Zoom commencing at 6.00 pm.

Present Cllr Jiggins (Chairman)

Cllr O'Connell

Cllr Martin

Cllr Bennett

Cllr Euesden

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

20/111 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Baugh

Cllr Butland

20/112 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th June 2020 were **approved** as a true record of the meeting.

20/113 Declarations of interest

Cllr Jiggins VHMC

Cllr Bennett VHMC Action Group

Cllr Martin VHMC

20/114 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Matt O'Connell spoke about the Local Plan. The Council are meeting at the end of the month and will vote on whether to scrap the plan or make suggested modifications. They would move to consultations quite quickly after that.

A letter has come to light showing new housing figures which indicates that Braintree District has already got its 5-year supply. It is unclear what figure BDC will choose to use. Cllr Euesden to check the letter and figures.

Colchester propose that NEGC be disbanded by the end of July.

20/115 District Councillors Report

- The Green Waste bins will start back to the original collections from the 12th July.
- Licencing laws are looking to change to allow people to sit outside of pubs.
- Horizon 120 is steaming ahead, all but one company are still wanting to go ahead.
- Environmental Officers are doing the Track and Trace, other staff are covering their jobs. The council are trying to find away where they can get people back into people's homes to do pest control.

- Bonfires cause a nuisance and irritate respiratory problems
- Business Grant 2nd in the area for speed and distribution, making sure that the moneys going in the right areas. Giving out 98% of the £30 million.

20/116 **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Butland had spoken to the Clerk earlier today with regards to the Finger Post that is missing in the Parish (The sign at Pods Lane close to Piccotts Lane) It's been on the LHP list for a long time. The estimated cost is £5,000 and Cllr Butland suggested that we use his Locality Fund 2020/21 to pay for this. Councillors felt that as the sign was damaged by the Council whilst hedge trimming, we should not have to pay for it. Clerk is to find out if this fund could be used to cover planters or village tidying of any sort.

20/117 **Clerks Report**

The Clerk, Chairman and DC attended a zoom meeting with Tarmac and IVL the company, who will be taking over the gravel pit at Rayne.

IVL will be looking at the traffic situation, the gravel pit site should start operational in 12-15 months, time Sept – Oct 2021

IVL and Tarmac are looking to put a liaison committee together, the next meeting will take place Oct-Nov 2020.

20/118 **Action Group Liaison Officer's Report**

The Action Group are disbanding. They have around £2,500 in the bank, which they would like to give to the council to ring fence for Environmental Issues and Play Equipment Repairs. We are to let them know when we resume our meetings in the hall so they can come along and discuss this.

20/119 **Finance**

20/119.1 £199.20	Staffing Costs	July	Bacs
20/119.2 £27.36	A & J Lighting Solutions	Maintenance	D/D
20/119.3 £48.78	Haven	Electricity	D/ d
20/119.4 £65.00	Clerks	Expenses	Bacs
20/119.5 £246.43	MDLandscapes	Grass Cutting	Bacs
20/119.6 £96.00	EALC	Training	Bacs
20/119.7 £697.92	Mid-Way Development	Fencing	Bacs
20/119.8 £52.80	RCCE	Subs	

Payments were **approved** by all members of the council.

20/119.8 Budget Figures and Bank reconciliation
These were sent out prior to the meeting.

20/120 **Traffic Problems/Highways**

The Bardfield Road will be closed for 6 days for resurfacing.

20/121 **Planning Applications**

20/121.1 Planning Results Outstanding

20/121.2 Neighbourhood Plan update

BDC will shortly start the Regulation 16 consultation on our plan and appoint an Inspector to examine it. However, the referendum on the final version of the plan (which will incorporate the results of the Regulation 16 consultation and recommendations from the Inspector) cannot now be held before 6 May 2021, owing to COVID-19 measures.

20/121.3 Braintree Local Plan Consultation.

See Public session

20/121.4 Uttlesford District Councils Local Plan update

No update

20/121.5 Stebbing PC and Salings PC co-operation to apply for widening of the area of the ACV on Andrewsfield.

The Clerk had received the decision from UDC and BDC about the extension to the ACV, this now includes Andrewsfield Airfield, Clubhouse, Café, carpark but not the Agricultural fields.

Cllr Baugh and Cllr Jiggins to meet with Robert Bucknell to see if we can get the agricultural field included.

20/122 Playing Field

Cllrs agreed that the play area should be fenced off due to the fact that the protective tape put around the area was continually torn down and families and children were using the play equipment during Covid-19 lockdown.

When Government guidelines said that play areas could be reopened if certain criteria were met, the Parish Council carried out a risk assessment. It was felt that we could not adhere to these criteria. We do not have the staff to police the play area and if we received reports that social distancing and other rules were being flouted, we would have to re-erect the fence.

The Clerk had been on a training course and was told it was each individual council's decision on whether to open their play areas.

20/123 Matters affecting the Village Hall Committee

The Village Hall is not planning to open in the foreseeable future.

20/124 Consultations/Publications sent

Nothing to report

20/125 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

The Chairman had met with Charmaine Beckett who asked if she could manage the overgrown area behind the Old Post Office as a woodland/wildlife area to help protect insects, hedgehogs etc. she would like to get people in the village involved. The Clerk suggested that we put in writing that the land belongs to the council and that we would like Charmaine to let us know what she was planning before carrying anything out.

The Action Group have 100 saplings that need to be planted later in the year. Cllr O'Connell is to walk around the village with Charmaine to see where these could be planted. Cllr Jiggins will pass on contact details and the Clerk will let them have copies of who owns which piece of land in the village.

A resident has reported drug dealing in the village. The council will contact the Police and see what can be done to stamp this out.

Following comments on Facebook concerning the lack of action by the P.C., it was agreed by majority that if further comments were posted the Clerk would respond with a pre-drafted statement asking people to contact us directly with any problems.

20/126 Village Enhancement

To discuss what needs doing in the village. Councillors to let the Clerk have their ideas so she can compile a list.

We hope to have the electricity supply very soon to allow us to connect the defibrillator in Bardfield Saling.

20/127 Action Plan

Cllrs were asked to send in ideas to the Clerk before the next meeting.

20/128 Parish Mag article

To discuss what should be put in the Parish Mag

20/129 Council Vacancy

Closing date is 18th July

20/130 Date of the next meeting 12th August Virtual Meeting

20/131 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

Policies

20/132 Meeting Closed at 8pm

Signed.....

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