

The Salings Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting, to be held on Wednesday 13th May 2020 via Zoom

Present Cllr Jiggins (Chairman)

Cllr Baugh

Cllr Martin

Cllr Bennett

Cllr Greenwood

DC Euesden

2 members of the public

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

Cllr Greenwood resigned as a councillor of The Salings Parish Council

20/67 Election of Chairman

Nominations for Chairman Cllr Baugh nominated Cllr Jiggins this was seconded by Cllr Martin, Cllr Jiggins was duly elected as Chairman.

20/67.1 Election of Vice-chairman

Nominations for Vice Chair, Cllr Martin nominated Cllr Baugh this was seconded by Cllr Bennett, Cllr Baugh was duly elected as Vice-Chairman.

20/67.2 Acceptance Forms for Chairman and Vice Chair

The Clerk will send out (acceptance of office) forms to be completed

20/67.3 To Elect 2 Parish Councillors representative on the Village Hall

Cllr Jiggins and Cllr Bennett were duly elected

20/67.4 Footpath Representative

Cllr Bennett was duly elected

19/67.5 Transport Representative

Cllr Jiggins was duly elected

Cllr Martin Thanked Cllr Greenwood for everything she has done for the Parish Council over the last 9 years, and at the forefront of the fight against West of Braintree. Cllr Greenwood said she will always be there if the council need help.

20/68 Apologies **for Absence**

Cllr Butland

20/69 **Consideration of the Minutes** of the meeting held on 11th March 2020, were approved and signed by the Clerk until the Clerk can see the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

20/70 Declarations of interest

The Clerk asked if anyone had any changes of Declarations of interest forms.

Cllr Jiggins VHMC, Action Group

Cllr Bennett VHMC, Action Group

20/71 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Jen and Matt O' Connell said they would like to get involved with planting more tree in the Parish and offered the help of their gardeners.

20/72 District Councillors Report

- Recycling Centre reopening on the 18th May
- Greenbin collections starting with 4 weekly collections, cards will go out tell people when their collection will start. They will not be able to take extra waste at the present time if you miss a collection the DC will not come back for the waste.
- ECC are doing a new trial on verge cutting doing only one 1 cut in the autumn from Piccotts Lane to Blake End.
- Financial help for Village Halls, The Clerk had passed this on to Martin Hughes
- LHP decision on Quite Lanes. DC had not heard anything
A resident had asked for byway 5 and 10 to be declassified as they are in a terrible condition. The DC to pass this on to the CC and The Clerk will try her contacts. ECC says that the byways are not that bad and will investigate them again later in the year.

20/73 County Councillors Report

No report

20/74 Clerks Report

- The Clerk had received an email from Max Ringland, he informed the Clerk that he was the one who did the War Memorial. The Clerk apologised to Mr Ringland and said the council were grateful for his help with the War Memorial
- The help group is working ok, a few problems with prescriptions but that seems to have been sorted. Residents need to order prescriptions at least 5 days in advance to pick up, residents also need to think what time of day they are going to pick tablets up as if it gets to 1pm they shut the window and you have to go back again once they're open at 2pm

20/75 Action Group Liaison Officer's Report

The Action Group have a 100 whips to plant once it rains again.

20/76 **Finance**

20/76.1	£199.20	Staffing Costs	April	Bacs
20/76.2	£27.36	A & J Lighting Solutions	Maintenance	D/D
20/76.3	£48.78	Haven	Electricity	D/D
20/76.4	£27.25	Clerks	Expenses	Bacs
20/76.5	£12.50	Colin Davidson	Paint	Bacs
20/76.6	£216.43	MDLandscapes	Grass Cutting	Bacs
20/76.7	£18.72	Braintree District	Printing	Bacs
20/76.8	£199.20	Staffing Costs	May	Bacs
20/76.9	£27.36	A & J Lighting Solutions	Maintenance	D/D
20/76.10	£48.78	Haven	Electricity	D/ D
20/76.11	£216.43	MDLandscapes	Grass Cutting	Bacs
20/76.16	£578.60	Came & Company	Insurance	Bacs
20/76.17	£75.00	Y Morton	Internal Audit	Bacs
20/76.18	£163.54	EALC	Subs	Bacs

Payments were approved by all members of the council present.

20/76.12 Budget Figures and Bank reconciliation
These were sent out prior to the meeting

20/76.13 To receive internal Auditor Report
The Internal Auditor asked that some of the payments had more information.

20/76.14 Annual Governance Statement
The Council completed the Annual Statement, the Clerk to go over to Cllr Jiggins to get the form signed.

20/76.15 To Complete the Accounting Statement
Cllr Jiggins to sign the form

20/77 **Traffic Problems/Highways**

The clerk has not heard back from ECC or Essex Farms with regards to the letters she sent about the mess the tractors were leaving on the road. The Clerk suggested that if it happens again to take photos which she can then send to Essex Highways as evidence of what they are leaving. The Clerk suggested that she would ring the farm and see if someone could clean the mess up if this happened again.

20/78 **Planning Applications**

20/78.1 Planning Results Outstanding

20/78.2 Neighbourhood **Plan** update

The NP has been 'screened out' for the SEA & HRA assessment, which means we do not need to get SEAs or HRAs done for the Salings.

Richard Gleed is checking with Paul Munson if he needs to make any minor amendments to the Basic Conditions statement to reflect this.

Apart from that, they are 'good to go' for our submission to BDC ready for their Regulation 16 consultation.

The Clerk needs to send the remaining grant back to Groundworks

20/78.3 Braintree Local Plan Consultation.

20/78.3 Local Plan Hearing January 2020 update

Matt O'Connell informed the council that BDC are still waiting for a letter from the inspector - seems it is sitting on someone's desk in Whitehall.

Without the UDC Plan it is not sure how the rapid transit would work as it was relying on the money from one of the Garden Communities at UDC to pay for some of it and it is going through Easton Park.

20/78.4 Uttlesford District Councils Local Plan update

UDC have voted to restart their plan, after their inspector said their plan was inappropriate in lots of ways, peer review local government suggested that UDC should withdraw the plan.

20/78.6 Stebbing PC and Salings PC co-operation to apply for widening of the area of the ACV on Andrewsfield. Not heard anything from Stebbing, there had been an email from BDC about Stebbing proposal, The Council to investigate this. Cllrs Baugh & Jiggins are to try to arrange a meeting with Robert Bucknell to visit the site

20/79 Playing Field

Play equipment closed on 24/03/2020 due to Government guidelines for Covid-19. 23/04/2020 people reported using equipment. Cllr Martin taped off the area, Clerk produced Notice saying site is closed.

Cllr Jiggins is checking on a weekly basis and will go and check the tape again tomorrow after the wind earlier in the week.

20/80 Matters affecting the Village Hall Committee

People have had to put off their parties until later in the year. The bins are full of beer cans. We have received a report of a group of people in a car in the car park sniffing drugs.

The Clerk said she had received a message saying there were lads playing football on the field and not social distancing, The Clerk had reported this to PC Draper, she will report the Drug taking as well.

20/81 Consultations/Publications sent

None at the present

20/82 Social Evening & Future Events: Update

No event planned due to the present circumstances

20/83 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

Couple of complaints about the grass has overgrown near the water tower.
The hedge and the grass have not been cut, at the present time we cannot do anything due to the nesting birds.

20/84 Village Enhancement

The Bardfield end of the village is rather bare of tree, we need to plant more trees for future generations.

A short, medium- and long-term plant? The Clerk suggested that we put a 5-year plan together.

There needs some more Hawthorn near the gate on the Playing Field

The poplars are a short-lived tree, so we need to think what to replace them with.

The ones outside the village hall in front of the patio need to be kept an eye on as the roots are pushing up the patio. The Oak tree on the village is looking really good and needs to be kept as a standalone tree.

20/84.1 Handy Man Derek Monk has put himself forward as the Village Handy Man

The council suggested that we put something together to define the terms and conditions. The Clerk to put together what jobs need doing.

1 notice board on the right-hand side near the front door of the village hall
1 at Bardfield Saling

20/85 Parish Mag article

Cllr Jiggins and Cllr Baugh have put together a monthly report

20/86 Council Vacancy

We have received one application for the vacant position Jenny O'Connell, the Council agreed to hold an interview after the meeting.

20/87 Date of the next meeting 10th June Virtual Meeting

20/88 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

20/87 Meeting Closed at 7.35 pm

Signed.....

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