

The Salings Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 via Zoom

Present Cllr Jiggins (Chairman)

Cllr Bennett

Cllr Martin

Cllr Baugh

Cllr O'Connell

Cllr Aggiss

DC Euesden

CC Butland

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

2 Members of the public

21/1 Apologies for Absence

There were none

21/2 **Minutes** of the meeting held on 9th December 2020 were **approved** as a true record of the meeting.

21/3 Declarations of interest

Cllr Jiggins, Cllr Martin, Cllr Bennett VHMC

Cllr O'Connell Item No 21/29. Cllr O'Connell will leave the meeting.

21/4 Public **participation session** with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Works carried out around the villages.

- Defibrillator has a new battery and sign, a bollard has been re-concreted and leaves cleared up along The Street. 2 sleepers have been put near the bottle bank to stop people driving on the grass.
- The Church is having a new floor put down and is closed at the moment
- The wording on the notices at the entrances to Saling Hall have not changed, just the colour and size.

21/5 District Councillors Report

- Rayne have put into operation a designated councillor scheme whereby Cllrs man the phone and can be contacted at any time.
- Residents can pick up Covid test kits from Causeway House which need to be returned within 48 hours of doing the test. At present there is a shortage of tests in the district and this supply comes from ECC through the NHS.
Once the supply is more stable there should be more testing stations.

21/6 **County Councillors Report**

- C.C. Butland is liaising with Roger Hirst the Police Commissioner to arrange a daytime date for a zoom meeting with us and 4 other local parish councils to discuss traffic noise issues in the area.
- Byway 5 Paulsie Lane. Waiting a reply from C.C.
- D.C. has been offered 5,000 test kits aimed at 11-18 yr. olds where there has been the greatest increase. Rates are now starting to fall.
- The C.C. has been trying to find out where the vaccination centres are going to be for the Braintree area, but so far, he has not had any formal notification. At present vaccinations are being done at Earls Colne Doctors Surgery. If residents are having problems with transport to a vaccination centre, they are asked to contact the Clerk who will get in touch with the DC to arrange this.
- The Police have warned about a scam which asks people for their bank/national insurance details to enable them to get a vaccination. The Vaccinations are free from the NHS - residents do not have to pay for them.

21/7 **Clerks Report**

- The Clerk has received an offer to take part in the imperial College London Covid 19 in-home antibody testing research study.

21/8 **Finance**

21/8.1 £208.80	Staffing Costs	January	Bacs
21/8.2 £27.36	A & J Lighting Solutions	Maintenance	D/D
21/8.3 £48.78	Haven	Electricity	D/D
21/8.4 £24.75	Clerks	Expenses	Bacs
21/8.5 £75.00	BDC	Rent	Bacs
21/8.6 £81.00	Play Inspection	Inspection	Bacs
21/8.8 £204.00	Community HeartBeat	Battery	Bacs

Payments were approved, by all members of the Council present.

21/8.7 Budget Figures and Bank reconciliation
Sent out prior to the meeting

21/9 **Traffic Problems/Highways/Footpaths and Byways**

21/9.1 Traffic Noise Joint project with Stebbing

Spoken about in the C.C. report

21/9.2 Traffic Calming Great Saling

LHP cannot do any surveys until after lockdown.

21/9.3 Footpaths and Byways

Cllr Aggiss has spoken to Shirley Anglin and is arranging to meet with Ned Gemmill to discuss footpaths and the Parish paths partnership scheme.

(P3) This would enable Cllr Aggiss (after training), to go around the footpaths to carry out repairs and replace some of the missing way markers. Cllr Aggiss and the Clerk to get the forms signed and sent off. All Councillors **approved** this action.

The Clerk is to chase up Highways again regarding missing, damaged posts

21/9.4 Footpath Map

Ongoing project

21/10 Planning Applications

20/00446/TPO | Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order 14/88 - Remove 2 Black Pine trees | Pine Cottage Woolpits Road Great Saling Essex CM7 5EA

20/00452/TPOCON | Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Conifer - fell due to size in comparison to garden, excessive shading of our and neighbours garden | Holly Cottage the Street Great Saling Essex CM7 5DT

20/02232/COUPA | Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural building to a dwelling house (Class C3), and for associated operational development - Change of use to 1No. residential dwelling. | Taborsfield House Woolpits Road Bardfield Saling Essex CM7 5EA

21/10.1 Planning Results Outstanding

20/01674/FUL Erection of a 3 bedroomed dwelling house with access, landscaping and associated development. - Walnut Tree Cottage, Piccotts Lane, Great Saling

20/01563/HH Conversion of and first-floor extension to existing garage, and two-storey link extension to provide a two-storey, two-bedroom annexe. - Medlars, Blake End, Great Saling

20/01631/FUL | Installation of a Solar Photovoltaic Ground Array within existing paddock | Factory Rear of Four Elms Bardfield Road Bardfield Saling Essex CM7 5EJ

Permitted

21/10.2 Neighbourhood Plan update

Richard Gleed has drafted a letter in response to the Inspectors letter.

Clerk to send this to the inspector

21/10.3 Braintree Local Plan Consultation.

No update

21/10.4 UDC Local Plan

Issues and Options Character and Heritage for consultation.

The consultation closes on 21/04/21 17:00

21/10.5 Open Spaces Action Plan

The council felt there were no changes to be made to the Action Plan but that the repairing of the Village Hall Car Park was a priority going forward.

21/22 Playing Field

21/22.1 Play Equipment

- The Clerk had received a reply from CPLC this week but had not managed to read all the Documents yet. Clerk to send this on to all the Councillors.
- Cllr Jiggins to check if the bins have been emptied

21/22.2 Play Equipment Inspection

- Play Inspection had been carried out and several points raised. Cllr Jiggins has compiled a list of works that need to be completed and she will send this to Derek Monk to allow him to submit a quote for this.

21/23 Matters affecting the Village Hall Committee

- The Village Hall is Closed at the moment Due to Covid 19
- VHMC meeting on the 20th Jan
- Council Spoke about the State of the Car Park
- Drug Canisters found in the Car Park PC Draper came and collected them
- Need more security in the Car Park

As the meeting had exceeded 2 hours Cllr Jiggins asked if Cllrs were happy to carry on and finish the agenda. Cllrs **Agreed** to continue.

21/24 Consultations/Publications sent

21/24.1 Bus Shelter Project

Cllr Jiggins to liase with the Clerk to complete the licence application form from Highways.

Essex Parking partnership Surgeries propose to hold surgeries online to discuss any parking problems. Cllr Jiggins to look into this.

21/25 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village

- A Resident has expressed concern about siting a bench outside the church in Bardfield Saling. Cllr. Aggiss will meet and discuss this with them before anything goes ahead.
- The Council wanted to thank Robert Bucknell and Colin Monk for their help in clearing leaves and debris from The Street.
- The Clerk was asked to contact BDC landscape department to see if someone could come out to meet with us to discuss an overall approach to landscaping in the villages.
- Due to the number of deers that are killed/injured on the surrounding roads the Clerk is to look into getting some signs put up warning motorists of this.

21/26 Village Enhancement

No Report

21/27 Parish Mag article

Cllr Jiggins to draft an article to put in the Parish Mag

21/28 BALC Representative

To be discussed at the February Meeting

21/29 Saling Hall Path to the Church

Councillor O'Connell had already declared a pecuniary interest and left the meeting. The remaining Councillors discussed this matter which concerned an anonymous letter sent to Essex Highways. This letter stated that the path through Saling Hall should be designated as a footpath.

According to the definitive map at ECC there is no footpath across this land.

St James Church and the owners of Saling Hall have an agreement in place which allows for access to the Church for activities relating to the Church and the graveyard. Both parties have stated that this is working very well.

This matter has been raised and discussed before and after further discussion the PC agreed that the position regarding footpaths is very clear. Designation and maintenance of footpaths are not issues, for the PC, and are handled solely by Essex Highways. The contact at Essex Highways Public Right of Way Officer Shirley Anglin PROW and Localism Officer 07720097112

Shirley.Anglin@essexhighways.org

21/30 Date of the next meeting 10th February Virtual Meeting

21/31 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda

There were none

21/32 Meeting Closed 8.26pm

Signed.....

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