

The Salings Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday the 14th July 2021 at the Village Hall, Great Saling.

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr K. Jiggins.

PRESENT: Cllrs R. Aggiss, C. Bennett, P. Martin, S. Baugh, J. O'Connell.

Apologies for Absence received County Councillor G. Butland.

21/117 Declarations of interest

To declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, other Pecuniary Interest or Non-Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda having regard to the Code of Conduct for Members and having taken appropriate advice where necessary before the meeting.

Councillors Bennett, Martin and Jiggins declared an interest in item no. 13. The Village Hall.

21/118 Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2021.

Minutes agreed and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed Cllr Aggiss Seconded Cllr Bennett Vote Unanimous

21/119 Public participation session and matters raised with Councillors from members of the public.

With respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

Please note: When Council starts to discuss any item on the agenda, where a member has an interest, the member with that interest must have regard to the Code of Conduct and make the necessary disclosure and where appropriate leave the meeting.

2 members of public present including District Council Paul Euesden.

The maximum time allowed for this item is 15 minutes, at the close of this item; members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the council; members with prejudicial interests will also not be permitted to speak and address the council on those interests.

Discussion again regarding the concerns raised last month about Shooting. Cllr Baugh thinks that this is the gas guns from Essex Farms that was heard earlier this year.

We need dates times and evident of shells in gardens to put forward to Essex County Council. If the noise continues residents need to contact Braintree District Councils Environmental department and report the issues as a log of events. The Clerk to contact the person that runs the local shoot and send the detail raised from the residents.

Cllr O'Connell arrived at 6.08 pm.

Mr Bucknell reported that the footpaths still to be cut machinery problems will liaise with Cllr Aggiss.

Item 7 was brought forward and discussed the concerns of the large number of lorry movements through the village. Concerns of mud on road from safety aspect concerns raised by resident is it contaminated could farmer reassure us its safe? The Clerk to write to the Farmer at Pickets Farm, Pickets Lane Gt Saling.

21/120 County Councillor and District Councillors Report.

District Cllr Euseden report was circulated. He had received an email from a Resident regarding speeding and traffic calming measures. The Parish Council suggested that when replying Cllr Euseden suggested the person might like to join the voluntary speed awareness group in the Parish.

21/121 Finance.

D/D = Direct Debit. B/Trans = Bank Transfer. CQ = Cheque

B/Trans	Staff cost – Helen Waterfield	£292.83
B/Trans	HMRC – (income tax HW)	£19.60
B/Trans	Staff cost – Helen Waterfield	£47.75
D/D	A & J Lighting – Maintenance £27.36 + annual inspection £134.48)	£161.64
D/D	Haven - Electricity	£48.78
B/Trans	M D Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd	£232.03
	TOTAL	£802.63

Cllr Martin queried the payment to HMRC it was explained that this is Income tax that the Parish Council have to pay for the Clerk.

Proposed Cllr Jiggins Seconded Cllr Baugh Vote Unanimous

- **Circulation of the actual to budget spending sheet.** Circulated and noted.

- **Confirmation of decision to go with Letchwood Laptop Quotation.**

It was agreed that the Clerk should go with the quote received from Mr Letch.

Proposed Cllr Baugh Seconded Cllr O'Connell Vote Unanimous

21/122 Land at the back of the Village Hall lots of soil being moved.

Discussed earlier in meeting.

21/123 Policies. a) Financial Regulations. Agreed no amendments required.

b) Action Plan.- To be updated with the following items-

Planters to be listed as 'Maintaining Street Furniture'.

Planting of blubs.

2 Fingers signs that need replacing and check on other finger post signs in the village.

21/124 Consideration to ask the Village Hall committee if the Parish Council can hire the Village Hall free of charge.

Discussion held on meetings and working parties held by the Parish Council could they be free of charge at the hall, as it's the benefit of the whole village. The village hall representatives to ask if this is possible, everyone was in agreement to put this request forward and to get a understand how the committee works.

21/125 Clerks Report.

Circulated.

21/126 Highways/Footpaths and Byways issues or concerns.

-Traffic Noise Joint project with Stebbing. Minutes of this meeting to be circulated by Cllr Aggiss.

- Traffic Calming Great Saling – Update Cllr O’Connell gave a brief update Gates approval given originally by Essex County Council that they can be installed now some confusion. Cllr O’Connell to follow up this communication with Risa. Planting around the gates we need to get permission for this.

Cllrs Aggiss and O’Connell will bring a proposal back to the August meeting. All agreed they can spend the grant already received on planters. Concerns raised that this application wasn’t actually heard at the Local Highways Panel meeting. This is to be investigated was it actually submitted and why are they saying no the Council to keep County Councillor Butland informed on this issue.

Proposed Cllr Baugh Seconded Cllr Jiggins Vote Unanimous

- Footpaths and Byways – update from Cllr Aggiss on the meeting with the Public Rights of Way Officer. Cllr Aggiss is now waiting to hear from Shirley Anglian at ECC on the next steps.

- Quiet Lanes application to include Bardfield Saling – Waiting funding.

21/127 Current Planning Applications.

21/01792/OUT - Holly Tree, Plums Lane, Bardfield Saling. Erection of a dwelling.

The Parish Council objects on the basis that the proposed dwelling is not within any form of development envelope and would have a detrimental affect on the rural character and appearance of the area. Bardfield Saling is designated as countryside by BDC in their development plan and, this has to imply that it is an area where further residential accommodation should not be constructed. Furthermore, there are limited transportation links, the road is single track and hard to pass on which means that walking is not easy so, without doubt, this would add more traffic to what is a very narrow country lane. There is mention of a previous dwelling on the site but it has not been a habitable dwelling for at least the last thirty years.

21/01659/LBC - Blake House, Blake End, Great Saling. Investigation and remedial works within garage outbuilding following contamination of soils by kerosene oil. Works to include trial pit investigation through garage floor, breaking out of garage floor and excavation of contaminated soils below. The exact area of garage floor requiring removal will be determined upon the results of the trial pit investigation. No objection.

21/01834/FUL Former Hanger Site, Saling Airfield, Great Saling. Erection of warehouse for storage use (Class B8). We understand that there is some confusion on the status of the access rights on the road and therefore feel that a decision should not be made until clarification is received.

Following up from a brief discussion that Cllr Martin had with the owner at Rose Cottage reports of planning breaches at his property. A letter to be written to Enforcement at Braintree District Council.

21/01824/HH & 21/01825/LBC Witches, New Green, Bardfield Saling. Erection of a detached double garage with home office at first floor, integral shed and log store, and single-storey garden studio. No objection.

- **Working Party for Local Plan Representation.** Nothing yet to be discussed a group has been created reported Cllr O'Connell.

21/128 Playing Field and Village Hall update - Update on inspection scheme. A sub committee could be created to sort this out. Dog bin has been approved to arrange site meeting with Braintree District Council to agree the location. Next months agenda.

21/129 Village Enhancement - War Memorial - To discuss options for repair and grants available. Next months agenda.

21/130 Andrews Field 80th Anniversary. – To set up a Working Party to organise Celebrations. Article in magazine last month regarding this no response received from residents. Gentleman who contacted us in May we are to draft a reply for him to contact the Tenant directly.

21/131 Request from a Resident to all install new 'Hedgehog' signs. Next month agenda. Quotation received by Cllr Jiggins each sign £4.00 each. Cllr Jiggins to speak to the lady about the location. All in agreement.

Proposed Cllr Baugh Seconded Cllr Martin Vote Unanimous

21/132 Date of the next meeting 11th August 2021.
Look at the number of COVID cases and confirm date.

21/133 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda.
Please note that no decisions can lawfully be made under this item. LGA 1972 section 12 10(2) (b) states that business must be specified; therefore, the Council cannot lawfully raise matters for decision.

Meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN DATE