

The Salings Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Wednesday the 9th June 2021 at the Village Hall, Great Saling.

IN THE CHAIR: Cllr K. Jiggins.

PRESENT: Cllrs R. Aggiss, C. Bennett, P. Martin.

APOLOGIES: Cllr S. Baugh, J. O'Connell.

21/99 Declarations of interest

Councillors Jiggins, Martin and Bennett declared an interest in item 14 The village hall update. Cllr Martin also declared an interest in item 13. planning application number 21/01613/TPO. This item to be moved to the end of the meeting so that Cllr Martin can leave when this is discussed.

21/100 Consideration of the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2021.

Proposed Cllr Bennett Seconded Cllr Martin Vote Unanimous

21/101 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.

Apologies received from County Councillor G Butland.

10 members of the public present including District Councillor P Euesden.

1 member spoke regarding issues that are affecting their home lives regarding game shooting which is now happening several times over the course of the week and weekends. Concerns raised that extra events could take place as a local shoot has moved to the area from Stebbing. 5 other residents spoke of the issues around the shooting and how the noise and disruptions affect them daily. These are commercial and other organised shoots which take place on Essex Farms and Ratcliff land. Concerns raised were the closeness of the shoots to properties in the area with gun- shot being found in peoples gardens. Cllr Euesden said he will investigate to see if the organisation has a licence and what the details are. The Clerk to Contact Essex County Council to establish the rules regarding shooting across byways and footpaths.

The nominated member of the public will email the Clerk with all the details so that she can report to Essex County Council and Essex Police to use as evidence of what's happening. She will also forward onto District Cllr Euesden to investigate.

The 2nd issue raised was regarding the state of the byways and footpaths with concerns of the state of repair and the use by all types of off road vehicles. Item number 12 was brought forward and discussed. This is reported under item 12.

he clerk to contact Eastlight about the overgrown grass and weeds behind the playing field near the old water tower.

Agenda item July – Placing of large amounts of soil on the field at the back of the Village Hall.

21/102 County Councillor and District Councillors Report.

Report circulated from District Councillor Euesden. 1 question from Cllr Aggiss who asked

what were the numbers on the Braintree District Council housing waiting list - This is 6000.

21/103 Finance.

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

B/Trans	Staff cost – Helen Waterfield	£312.43
B/Trans	Staff cost expenses – Helen Waterfield	£47.75
D/D	A & J Lighting - Maintenance	£27.36
D/D	Haven - Electricity	£47.26
B/Trans	CPCL Childrens playground repair	£330.00
B/Trans	M D Landscapes (Anglia) Ltd	£108.82
B/Trans	BHIB Councils Insurance	£601.43
	TOTAL	£1,475.05

Proposed Cllr Jiggins

Seconded Cllr Aggiss

Vote Unanimous

Cllr Martin asked the Clerk if they could see the Actual to Budget Expenditure sheet monthly. Action the Clerk.

21/104 Request to purchase a new Laptop.

The Salings no longer has a printer. Black Notley are happy to share theirs if the consumables and replacement when needed can be shared. This was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Jiggins

Seconded Cllr Aggiss

Vote Unanimous

Laptop

It was agreed to investigate replacing the Laptop but to try to find a better price. Current quote is £650. The Clerk to ask Braintree District Council if they have a preferred supplier. Cllr Euesden to ask Braintree District Council if they can help support / supply us.

21/105 Risk assesment to review.

All as last year. Cllr Aggiss raised concern regarding the play equipment which is currently low level risk set as a medium impact. Agreed to raise the risk to high. August 2021 next review.

21/106 Policies.

To review all polices and procedures [Policies and Procedures – Salings Parish Council \(salings-pc.gov.uk\)](http://salings-pc.gov.uk)

Action plan - All Councillors to review the current plan and to bring a list to the next meeting with details of what they would like to see on it. Discussion is needed as to what we can include under this heading.

Policy agenda – All councillors to look at these on line for approval/amendment when it is on the agenda. The Clerk is to draw up a Calendar of what needs to be reviewed and when so that the Policies are only reviewed when the date is due.

21/107 Asset Register to up date.

This is a list of what is owned by the Parish Council a couple of items to be added. We own 3 notice boards, 3 defibrillators and some herris fencing. The shed and contents are owned by the village hall.

The Clerk is to look into who owns the piece of land that houses the apiary in Coney Green. She will contact the Land Registry to find out if it is registered and speak to Gt Baradfield to find out what information they have on ownership. It was agreed to take the rent money this year whilst we investigate.

21/108 Grant Applications - To discuss possible grants and projects for funding.

This was discussed and it was thought that it should probably be covered alongside our action plan, the neighbourhood action plan, Green areas and planting ideas, speeding and gates into village. This would then be covered by the working party that Cllr O'Connell is setting up. Discuss next month.

The Grant applications agenda item to be replaced with 'Enhancement protection working party' which could include all the above.

21/109 Clerks Report.

Clerk to create this to record activities that are currently being investigated and researched.

21/110 Highways/Footpaths and Byways issues or concerns.

- Traffic Noise Joint project with Stebbing. All quite at the moment
- Traffic Calming Great Saling
- Footpaths and Byways
- Quiet Lanes application to include Bardfield Saling

This was brought forward for discussion as it was a concern raised by a member of the public.

Cllr Aggiss reported he was now first aid trained and will work maintaining footpaths alongside Essex County Council highways - the scheme is called The P3 scheme. He is a representative and volunteer who will maintain footpaths, repair bridges and replace marker signs in the future. He is looking to have a season closure on some of the byways but planning permission is needed by Essex County Council to try to do this. Paulsies Lane is to have a closure put on it this summer to allow it to be refurbished.

He has reported flooding issues to Highways. It's been advised that the poor condition of the byways are unlikely to be repaired as no money is available. There is a Consultation process to go through to apply for seasonal closures. The residents said maybe they could contribute to the cost of the Quiet Lane process to help get this moving.

21/111 Current Planning Applications.

21/01326/FUL Erection of a two-storey, 3 bedroomed detached dwellinghouse with associated parking and amenity space; together with alterations to vehicle access. - Medlars, Blake End, Great Saling. Response returned saying The Parish Council have no objections to the application to build the property but we will defer to Highways regarding any views and comments on access to and from the property in light of their previous

objection.

21/01587/TPO TPO, Pine Cottage, Woolpits Road, Great Saling.

An email from Cllr. Baugh. There is no significant change to the previous application so our objection stands.

21/01613/TPO – TPO The Glebe, The Street, Great Saling.

Discussed as last item on agenda.

Working Party for Local Plan Representation. Discussed earlier this evening

21/112 Playing Field and Village Hall update.

21/110.1 Play Equipment. Have now paid for repairs and the Company say they have reinstated the guarantee. Clerk to check with them what the guarantee actually covers.

21/110.1 Set up regular inspection/maintenance scheme

It was suggested that we need to pay someone to carry out a weekly inspection from a check list and record it in a book. The person will have to be trained and to take responsibility for the inspection. The Clerk to contact Braintree District Council to see if this is something that they would do?

The Clerk to organise a sign 'if you notice any damage to the equipment please report to the Clerk as soon as possible'. If BDC are unable to help then we need to find out about training and advertise for a person to do this job.

Cllr Jiggins to let Cllr Euesden know what bins aren't being emptied so he can chase up.

Inserts needed for bins around the village hall.

21/113 **Village Enhancement.** Agenda item next month.

- **War Memorial.** Agenda item next month.

21/114 **Andrews Field 80th Anniversary.** - Agenda item next month.

- To set up a Working Party to organise Celebrations.

21/115 **Date of the next meeting** 14th July 2021.

21/116 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.

Cllr Martin would like to add to agenda next month to formally ask village hall if we can hire the facility free of charge.

Cllr Martin left the meeting at 8.35pm.

TPO discussed 21/01613/TPO

Cllrs to look at the application on line and send their decision to the Clerk asap. Comments are due back on the 15th June.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

CHAIRMAN DATE