

The Salings Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 10th March 2021 via Zoom.

Present Cllr Jiggins (Chairman)

Cllr Martin

Cllr Aggiss

Cllr Bennett

Cllr O'Connell

Cllr Baugh

DC Euesden

CC Butland

Cathryn Carlisle (Clerk)

21/54 Apologies for Absence

There were none.

21/55 Minutes of the meeting held on 10th February 2021, were **approved** as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Cllr Bennett, Seconded Cllr Martin

21/56 Declarations of interest

Cllr Jiggins, Cllr Martin, Cllr Bennett VHMC.

21/57 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters that are of mutual interest.

There were no present.

21/58 District Councillors Report

21/59 County Councillors Report

Cllr Butland reported that the Locality grant will continue in the next financial year. The annual report has been sent to all Clerks.

He asked if we were going to be able to use the Locality Grant of £2250 by 31st March? The Clerk to see if it is possible to buy the gates.

Postal Votes for the elections are available until the 20th of April. Anyone suffering with Covid can get a proxy on the day of the election if necessary.

21/60 Clerks Report

The Clerk has achieved Foundation Level for the Council.

Eastlight Housing Association has carried out some tree work on a rotten tree outside Grove Villas. Some tree work is also to be carried out at Vicarage Close due to subsidence of the bungalow. The Clerk is unsure whether it is a single tree or multiple trees.

21/61 Finance

21/61.1 £208.80	Staffing Costs	March	Bacs
21/61.2 £27.36	A & J Lighting Solutions	Maintenance	D/D
21/61.3 £48.78	Haven	Electricity	D/D
21/61.4 £24.75	Clerks	Expenses	Bacs
21/64.5 £	Community Heartbeat	Defibrillator	Bacs
21/64.6 £	EALC	Training	Bacs

Payments were **approved** by all Councillors presents.

21/61.5 Budget Figures and Bank reconciliation

These were sent out prior to the meeting.

The Clerk will put some of the money into reserves for training etc.

21/61.6 Section 106 Money

The Council discussed what to spend this on.

£1744.87 to be spent by Dec 2022.

£1800.00 to be spent by June 2027. There

It was agreed to give a conditional offer of £1744.87 to the VPMC to be used towards the tarmacing of the car park. This is to be used by June 2022. The Clerk to speak to Sarah Burder to see how we can obtain this money. Further 106 monies will only come from developments of more than 10 dwellings.

The PC is to discuss the Action Plan in Dec 2021 and update and amend as necessary.

21/62 Traffic Problems/Highways/Footpaths and Byways

21/62.1 Traffic Noise Joint project with Stebbing

Meeting held on the 12th of February with the Police Commissioner Roger Hirst & Cllr Graham Butland. There are problems with Motor Bikes, Cars, car clubs and others but the problem is not confined to Essex. The Police Commissioner is now aware of this.

There are plans to use new technology such as noise cameras etc, speak to car clubs and motor bike shops asking them not to promote the route and consulting with people at the point of congregation. They are consulting with all neighbouring Parish Councils with regards to this problem.

21/62.2 Traffic Calming Great Saling

LHP have received the forms but the Clerk has not heard from Rissa Long. The Clerk to find out which Gates can be used. Cllr O'Connell is to order some plants from Langthorns with the DC money.

21/62.3 Footpaths and Byways

In respect of a seasonal closures PRow don't have the power to close a byway, it is not in the authority of Essex Highways. Paulsie Lane is due to be repaired later in the year but the P.C. is concerned that without being able to protect it from damage, it will revert back to the unacceptable state that it's in at present.

There are fears that the trough at Rouges Green will never be filled in.
The Clerk to send details of a Restricted Byway at Shalford to Cllr Aggiss.

21/63 **Planning Applications**

21/00393/TPOCON | Notice of intent to carry out works to the trees in a Conservation Area - The application relates to the trees and ivy/ climbers located on the left-hand side of the gate leading to the hall car park. The trees (species unknown) are completely smothered by climbing plants (not common ivy but something similar).

Great Saling Millennium Hall Piccotts Lane Great Saling Essex CM7 5DW No Objection

21/00394/TPOCON | Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Weeping Willow (T1).

The Cottage the Street Great Saling Essex CM7 5DR No Objection

21/00302/FUL | Proposed refurbishment and replacement of external materials with the introduction of roller shutter doors | Unit 5 Muchmores Farm Blake End Great Saling Essex CM7 5DS No Objection

The Council feel that the Signage at Muchmores Farm is looking very messy, it would be better if there was one sign saying Muchmore Farm and then another sign inside the drive saying who is where.

21/63.1 **Planning Results Outstanding**

20/02245/FUL | Construction of an agricultural barn | Piccotts Farm Piccotts Lane Great Saling Essex CM7 5DW

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 **Refused.**

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

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

21/63.2 Neighbourhood Plan update

The Steering Group are waiting to hear from the inspector.

21/63.3 Braintree Local Plan Consultation.

Section 1 has been adopted.

Cllr O'Connell suggested that a Local Plan working party be set up to discuss the Local Plan. This could consist of Councillors and Residents. All Councillors agreed and Cllr O'Connell is to spearhead this group with the assistance of Cllr Aggiss, Cllr Bennett & Cllr Martin. Residents suggested were Matt O'Connell, Richard Gleed, Clinton Cornish, Caroline and Louise Ratcliff & Roger Haywood. Cllr O'Connell is to contact.

21/63.4 UDC Local Plan

No Report

21/64 Playing Field.

21/64.1 Play Equipment

Colin Davidson has offered to repair the see saw when the weather gets better. The Clerk has sent a letter to CPCL to try to get the repair done under guarantee. Council feel that we should wait to hear from CPCL before getting Colin Davidson to do anything.

21/65 Matters affecting the Village Hall Committee

The next meeting is next week. There is now a rota in place to lock the gates at night. Gates are opened in the morning by Colin Bennett.

21/66 Consultations/Publications sent

There were none.

21/67 Reports from Councillors with matters affecting the village.

- BDC Emptying Bins in the Play Area regularly on a Monday.
- The Clerk has sent a map over to Richard Bass with the position of the bins at the Village Hall which also need emptying.
- The Clerk has details from tree warden on how to access any applications for tree work.

- NEPP. Cllr Jiggins has had a discussion regarding parking on the Street. Once the speed measures are in place then the Council will look at the Parking.
- Eastlight have looked at the fence which they painted last year and agree that it looks awful. They will come out again once the weather improves.
- Asset Register - Clerk to send out.
- Charmaine Beckett has asked if the Parish Council would consider not mowing the grass around the football pitch to help wildlife. It was decided that this would not be possible as we rent the field under the condition that we keep it cut.

21/68 Village Enhancement

- Derek has quoted £40 to put a new lid on the bin at the Play Area, Council agreed to this.

21/69 Parish Mag article

This is to include something on the problem with speeding through Bardfield Saling. Information on nesting birds – This is also to be put on the Website.

21/70 Balc Representative

Minutes of the last meeting due.

21/71 Correspondence Policy

The Correspondence Policy was adopted.

21/72 Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Report

The Council are waiting to see what guidance is given.

The Clerk is putting together an annual report. Cllr Jiggins to submit a Chairman's report.

The Clerk will put in the C.C. and D.C report.

21/73 Resignation of the Clerk

The Clerk has advertised the job vacancy.

Cllr Jiggins is to speak to the Clerk at Black Notley,

21/74 Date of the next meeting 14th April Virtual Meeting

21/75 Matters to be raised by members for the next agenda.

21/76 Meeting Closed at 8.16pm.

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