

SALINGS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held at Great Saling Village Hall on Tuesday, 24th January 2023 commencing at 7:00pm.

Present: Cllr P Martin (Chairman)
Cllr C Bennett
Cllr T McCarty
Cllr A Hooks
Cllr J Macleod
Cllr Eusden (District)
Cllr Butland (County)

In Attendance: Members of the Public: 5

70-22/23 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr O'Connell.

71-22/23 Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

None

72-22/23 Acceptance of Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd of December 2022, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposer Cllr Hooks, Seconder Cllr McCarty.

73-22/23 Public Participation Session

- A request was received for £750 to support events for the Kings Coronation.
- Drain gullies are being blocked by leaf fall.

74-22/23 Cllr Martin proposed to move item 12. Seconded Cllr Macleod.

75-22/23 Highways

Mr Aggiss gave an update that he had been in touch with Cllr Lee Scott regarding ongoing issues. Some progress has been made on the Stebbing road flooding. There is an endemic of potholes on the bardfield road and through the centre of Great Saling. Road repairs are blocking gullies.

76-22/23 Report from the Clerk

The following update on matters arising was approved:

FOI

Information requested in the FOI to Essex County Council was received. The speeding working group have considered the return.

LED STREETLIGHTS

The LED streetlamps have all been installed. Due to the much lower energy cost the current supplier has terminated our contract. The Clerk is collating options for new energy

suppliers. One light is still not working due to issues with the connection, this has been referred to the National Grid.

CLERK

The Clerks role has been re-advertised with the EALC, Facebook and the Website. The previous application round had one applicant who was not available to interview until February.

S106

The application for S106 has been acknowledged, minutes and quotes were sent as requested. Once the funding has been confirmed the benches and bins will be ordered.

Open Spaces Action Plan

The agreed amendments were submitted to Braintree Council for approval to be added the open spaces action plan.

Playground

The playground had its annual inspection. There were numerous low risk findings and 4 medium risk findings. The ranger has been addressing the issues raised.

Banking

The new bank has been approved and is now usable. The log in details for online banking have been severely delayed by Christmas and postal strikes.

Update on Planning Applications Listed in the Minutes Previously:

22/01350/TPOCON - Three Pins The Street Great Saling

Notice of intent to carry out works to a tree in a Conservation Area - Fell 1 Pine tree
GRANTED

22/02250/VAR - Golden Grove Caravan Site Saling Grove The Street Great Saling

Variation of Condition 3 of permission 11/01182/FUL granted 17.11.2011 for :
Change of use of land to a caravan site to provide 9 no. pitches for touring caravans together with a single storey building for use by site occupants. Variation of condition would allow the wording to read 'The accommodation hereby permitted shall be used only for holiday accommodation purposes and shall not be occupied by any leasee, tenant or guest between 1st February and 1st March in any one year'
GRANTED

22/02620/HH - Gentlemans Farm The Street Bardfield Saling

Proposed single storey side extension
GRANTED

22/02594/FUL - Land South Of Woolpits Road Bardfield Saling

Erection of detached stable block.
GRANTED

22/02668/HH - 7 Woolpits Road Great Saling Essex

Erection of single-storey rear extension and two-storey side/rear extension.

Erection of front porch.

WITHDRAWN

22/02695/HH - Clyro New Green Bardfield Saling

Single storey rear extension

GRANTED

22/03012/FUL - Land Rear Of Four Elms Bardfield Road Bardfield Saling

The installation of a solar photovoltaic ground array

GRANTED

22/03068/FUL - Taborsfield House Woolpits Road Bardfield Saling

Subdivision of existing dwelling into 2No. two-storey dwellings (1No. 3-bedroom and 1No. 2-bedroom) with associated development.

PENDING DECISION

77-22/23

District Councillors Report

Cllr Butland highlighted that some of the Salings potholes had been put forward for the Councillor pothole initiative. County council can increase council tax by up to 5%, the total revenue for the budget is expected to be 2.3 billion pounds, of which 65% is adult social care.

Cllr Eusden sent a report. He stressed the need to apply for the community councillor grant. Nothing had been heard about the tree removal at Beech House or the Sign at Grove Villas.

78-22/23

Planning

The following applications were considered, and a response approved:

22/03099/FUL - Walnut Tree Cottage Piccotts Lane Great Saling

Erection of a 3 bedroomed dwellinghouse with access, landscaping and associated development.

No Objection. Highlight that there is no access onto the Parish Council land.

22/03363/HH - Rose Cottage New Green Bardfield Saling

Construction of second access to the highway including erection of entrance gate
Objection. Lack of visibility and suitability.

79-22/23

Speeding:

- i. The speeding working group met in December. They discussed the FOI request. Previous plans encouraging designated parking were rejected. A package of measures was applied for in 2020 including moving the 30mph sign 100 metres, these proposals were not directly addressed.
- ii. The group will send a formal letter, submit an LHP form and emphasise the priorities and key concerns regarding the issues.

80-22/23

Memorial:

RESOLVED It was agreed to purchase granite at a cost of £150 for the memorial rejuvenation. A grant will be applied for to cover the cost. Proposer Cllr McCarty, Seconder Cllr Macleod.

Cllr McCarty presented a plan for the site as a whole.

81-22/23

Electricity Supplier:

DEFER The clerk is still trying to attain 3 quotes for electricity supplies.

82-22/23

Finance:

- i. **RESOLVED** The finance report was received and the following payments approved. Proposer Cllr Bennett, Seconder Cllr Hooks.

Salings Parish Council Finance			
19th January 2023			
	Cash Book Balance From 22/11/2022		£ 37,373.76
Payments Made			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
28/12/2022	Salaries	Salaries & PAYE	£ 575.79
18/11/2022	Drax	Streetlighting	£ 49.26
01/12/2022	A&J Lighting	LED Installation	£ 1,782.00
15/12/2022	A&J Lighting	Street Light Maintenance	£ 27.36
20/12/2022	Drax	Streetlighting	£ 47.70
03/01/2023	A&J Lighting	LED Installation	£ 2,200.80
16/01/2023	A&J Lighting	Street Light Maintenance	£ 27.36
Payments Received			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
22/11/2022	Panfield Parish Council	Ranger Services	£ 150.00
11/01/2023	ECC	P3 refund	£ 57.17
05/12/2022	Barclays	Interest	£ 15.18
13/12/2022	Panfield Parish Council	Ranger Services	£ 150.00
Cash Book Balance on 19/01/2023			
			£ 33,035.84
Bank Balances on 19/01/2023			
	Barclays Community Account	£ 33,033.34	
	Barclays Premium Account	£ -	
	Unity Trust Bank	£ 500.00	
			£ 33,533.34
Less Unpresented Cheques/Direct Debits			
	CHQ 201106	-£ 57.20	
	CHQ 201094	-£ 440.30	
			-£ 497.50
	Adjustment		-£ 497.50
	Reconciled Total		£ 33,035.84
Payments to be made			
Date	Payee	Description	Amount
28/01/2023	Salaries	Salaries & PAYE	£ 592.11
24/01/2023	B Page	Grass Cutting	£ 265.00
24/01/2023	WASC	Donation	£ 500.00
24/01/2023	J Macleod	Hampers	£ 80.00
24/01/2023	Play Inspection Company	Playground Inspection	£ 87.54
24/01/2023	BDC	Lease Costs	£ 75.00
Cash Book Balance After Payments			£ 31,436.19

ii. **RESOLVED** The 2023/24 budget was agreed. Proposer Cllr Bennett,
 Seconder Cllr McCarty.

The Salings Parish Council							
Budget 2023/24							
INCOME							
			Actual 31st March 2020	Actual 31st March 2021	Actual 31st March 2022	Budget 31st March 2023	Budget 31st March 2024
Precept			9775	16265	16264	15975	DO NOT USE
Distribution of Surplus Funds from BDC					228		
BDC Street Cleansing			800.13	1272			
ECC verges and paths					1285.5	800	
Clerks Bursary					1776.44		
Investment Income			26.07	7.36			
VAT Repayment			745	1247	2.11		
Village Hall Income from Grass Cutting			427		1529		
Playing Field Hire			230			427	
Parish Support Grant							
Grants			8735	300			
Ranger Hire							1800
Misc Income			78	149	100		
EXPENDITURE	TOTAL		20816	19240	21185	17202	1800
Street Lighting			1878.95	1239.9	1031	2742	750
Playground			140	143	158	145	145
Grass Cutting			1143	1645	2484	2000	2500
Trees						1000	500
Audit Fees			50	275	315	100	100
Hall Hire			280	0		200	250
Insurances			563	579	601.43	750	1000
Salaries			2390.4	2505.6	3436	6126	10200
Village Handyman			88	213	174		-
Staff Expenses			390	278	260	240	360
Stationery, Postage & Printing			893	41	81		100
Subscriptions			284	316	202.75	437	450
Street Cleansing						500	500
Website				281.99	212	250	250
Defibrillator			135	1004		300	300
Equipment					330	1670	
Election Costs			515	65			1000
Training			0	640	150	1000	1000
Legal Fees							
Grants			1204.43	1247.15	150	600	750
Parish Magazine						120	250
West of Braintree			500				
Neighbourhood Plan			7919				
VAS Sign							825
Village Gates				1776.44			
Chairmans Allowance						100	250
Village Improvements						5200	2500
Misc			50	1248	300	-	-
TOTAL			18424	13496	9885	23480	23980
Surplus /Deficit			2392	5744	11300	-6278	Expected Account Balance April 2023 23261
Balance in Accounts			12495	18239	29540	23261	Earmarked Reserves 17500
							Available Funds 5761
							Net Expenditure 22180
							Funds minus Net Expenditure -16419
							Precept Requirement 16418.78
							Tax Base 226.91
							Band D Element 72.35811555
Earmarked Reserves			Cost for Year per Property		For information last years Band D Element was £71.72		
General Reserves	8000		Band A	48.48			
Play Equipment	4000		Band B	56.44			
Election	500		Band C	64.40			
Proffesional Services	5000		Band D	72.36			
Total	17500		Band E	88.28			
			Band F	104.20			
			Band G	120.84			
			Band H	144.72			

- iii. **RESOLVED** The earmarked reserves were agreed for 2023/24. Proposer Cllr Bennett, Seconder Cllr McCarty
- iv. **RESOLVED** The precept request for 2023/24 was agreed at £16419. Proposer Cllr Bennett, Seconder Cllr McCarty.

83-22/23 Items from Councillors for the Next Agenda

- Gravel Pit Update at Rayne

Councillors are asked to inform the clerk of any items by 20th of March 2023

84-22/23 Next Meeting of the Parish Council: The next meeting of The Salings Parish Council will take place on Tuesday, 28th of March 2023 at Saling Village Hall commencing at 7.00pm.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and declared the meeting closed at 8:46pm.

Signed:
Chairman

Date: