

MEETING OF THE BLACKMORE, HOOK END & WYATTS GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

Held on Thursday, 19th July 2012 in the Committee Room of Tipps Cross Remembrance Hall.
Commenced at 7.30pm.

Members present: Cllr Watley (Chairman), Cllr Keeble, Cllr Dean, Cllr Town, Cllr Frost,
Cllr McCarthy, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Spiers and County Cllr Ann Naylor. Also Mrs R Nelson (Treasurer).

Apologies for absence were received from: Cllr Henwood, Cllr Brown and Mrs S Barnes (Parish Clerk).

Also present: Terry Smith, Herald Magazine.

Cllr Watley reported that Mrs Barnes's health has improved greatly. She will be seeing her GP tomorrow and hopes to be signed off so that she can return to work on Monday 23rd July.

AMENDMENTS

Annual Assembly Meeting/Parish Council meeting on 17th May 2012

Following the query raised by Cllr Town regarding the exact wording of the proposal on which a vote was taken in respect of Red Rose Lane, Mrs Nelson had listened to the tape recording taken at the meeting on 17th May 2012.

The transcript of the tape confirms that the exact wording of the proposal on Page 7, paragraph 1 was:-

“This Council is in favour of a Needs Survey for affordable housing in the Red Rose Lane area”.

It is further confirmed that votes were cast as follows:-

In favour of the proposal	3 votes
Against the proposal	8 votes including 2 proxies

The original wording is therefore correct and stands without amendment. However, to further clarify the decision, it was hereby resolved that the wording on Page 7, paragraph 1, lines 4 and 5 would be amended to read:-

“neither a needs survey or further action in relation to the Red Rose Lane development would be taken by the Parish Council and the developers would be duly advised.”

The minutes were signed by the Chairman with the above amendment duly noted.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st June 2012

These were signed by Cllr Watley as a correct record with nil amendments.

It was agreed that these two sets of minutes can be loaded onto the website.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Nil.

OPEN FORUM

4 parishioners attended the meeting. The question was asked as to whether the letter as drafted by Jennifer Candler had been sent to the developers and housing association. Cllr Watley confirmed that following a couple of minor amendments, formal and more personal letters had been sent to Hastoe and the developers confirming that the proposal had been rejected. A further question was asked whether more specific reference had been made regarding green belt land; Cllr Watley clarified that nothing further had been added. To further clarify, Cllr Watley read out the two letters which had been sent to Hastoe and the developers.

One of the Parishioners reported that the village is monitoring the situation and Cllr Watley approved of this situation. He confirmed that there were vacancies on the Parish Council and invited all interested people to become a Councillor. The parishioners expressed their view that the recent "situation" had shown the wide scope of matters in which Parish Councillors have to be involved and that it had proved very informative. They thanked the Parish Council and Councillors for their efforts.

Whilst the Parishioners were invited to stay to the end of the meeting, they declined and left.

The meeting resumed with the following: -

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

In view of the recent Councillor changes, Committee memberships would have to be reviewed at a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs Nelson reported on the following correspondence received at the Parish Office:-

2028 Letter from BBC regarding Parish Council Funding for 2013/14 together with a schedule showing the make-up of the Borough Council's discretionary grant. The Parish Council is required to review its requirements for the financial year 2013/14 and submit details to BBC by 31st October 2012. Prior to submitting the Parish Council's figures for 2013/14, Councillor Bennett had prepared a draft letter to BBC disputing certain of its assumptions and statements on costs and double taxation. His draft letter was circulated to the meeting together with the Council's schedule showing how the annual grant is calculated. Cllr Bennett confirmed that, once a reply has been received from BBC clarifying its exact requirements, he will prepare the required information with the Treasurer and submit by the due date. Cllr Watley questioned whether the Parish Council could take on all the grass cutting for the Parish but Cllr Bennett explained that BBC did already cover certain areas such as sides of highways etc and the Parish would not have the equipment to handle all verges/areas. It was agreed that the schedule provided by BBC was confusing. Cllr Bennett will expand his letter to stress that it was essential for the Liaison Committee to be formed without delay as the Partnership Agreement was not being adhered to.

2029 A quotation has been received from D Watson, building contractor, for refurbishment work required to the Community Bus garage. Mr Watson has quoted three different prices, £620, £1,790 and £2,130 for minimum repairs increasing to more extensive amounts of work. It was noted that the damage has been caused by youths kicking a football against the door. Cllr Keeble reported that the youths had requested a "Football Wall" but this was not considered to be a viable option in the Village Hall car park. An alternative quote will be obtained in line with the Council's Standing Orders. (Action Cllr Keeble) As a preventative measure, anti-

vandal paint will be applied on the gutter area. Cllrs Keeble and Watley will liaise to obtain a sign banning the kicking of footballs against the door and Cllr McCarthy will arrange to put selected CCTV footage on the website.

- 2030** A message had been received on the Parish email system indicating that the Kelvedon Hatch Parish Paths Partnership (P3) had carried out some tree cutting and grass verge clearing on two Blackmore footpaths, numbers FP19 and FP20. Mrs Nelson had asked for more details and had been informed that this group cares for footpaths mainly in the Kelvedon Hatch, Doddinghurst and Stondon Massey areas. Whilst they do not normally cover Blackmore, they cleared these paths as they are part of their Health Trax walks. They are volunteers but are reimbursed by BBC for some equipment and expenses. The Treasurer had thanked them for clearing the Blackmore footpaths. Councillors considered this to be a good scheme and the Treasurer will follow up with P3, requesting a meeting to discuss future opportunities for co-operation.
- 2031** In line with the decision at the June meeting, the Treasurer had written to Heatherland cancelling the supply of skips to Blackmore. This scheme should cease from July and notices showing the 2012 schedule will be removed from noticeboards in due course. A brief announcement will be included in The Herald (action: Mr Smith/Cllr Town).
- 2032** Bus Passenger News – will be held on file.
- 2033** Notification of Public Works Loan Board payment due on 2nd July 2012. This is in respect of the MUGA loan. An invoice is to be sent to the Village Hall for payment of this half-yearly amount.
- 2034** As agreed at the May meeting and referenced above, formal and personal letters had been sent to Mr Andrew Dutton and Mr John Lefever confirming that the Red Rose Lane project would not proceed.
- 2035** The Treasurer reported that she had spoken to Mr Tony Willson at BBC about the on-going problems with dog and litter bin emptying. He stated that he had only been in that post since October 2011 and had been unaware that the relevant Council employee had run out of forms. He had therefore, when requested, retrospectively filled in the batch of forms recently provided to the PC – hence their tidy and uniform appearance. He promised to ensure that forms are completed and submitted to the Parish Clerk by the Council operative, “on the day” and he would monitor the situation.

Mrs Nelson asked whether the outstanding invoice could yet be released for payment. She stated that this invoice was retrospective and covered 2011-12; this was in contrast to previous years and the Councillors requested that she find invoices from previous years to establish when the system changed from payment in advance to retrospective. She would also try to establish those occasions during the winter when Recreation and Environment minutes stated that dog/litter bins had not been emptied. It was acknowledged that a lack of monitoring makes it more difficult to contest the invoice and it was therefore agreed that the first three months for the current financial year will be paid.

In the meantime, the Treasurer has informed BBC of the Council’s continuing dissatisfaction with the service and payment of the current invoice has been deferred by BBC’s finance department. The Clerk will be asked to chase inspection reports from BBC as (other than one month), these do not appear to have been received for some time.

2036 Cllr Keeble explained that he has regularly reported the appalling condition of local roads to BBC/Highways, with no resulting action. Consequently, he informed the meeting that potholes and dangerous areas in local Parish roads will be marked with spray-paint and dated, to draw attention to their disgraceful condition. Cllr Naylor said that it was important for the proper reporting mechanism to be used; Cllr Keeble confirmed that this has been done but to no effect. It was noted that the Borough currently has no budget for road repairs. Despite this, Cllr Spiers stated that she had claimed for a damaged tyre and had been reimbursed by ECC. Numbers allocated to each pothole/damaged area will be given to Cllr Naylor who will follow up at Highways. (Action: Cllr Keeble)

Cllr Naylor reported that she is currently working with the health authorities (CCGs) to monitor forthcoming changes in health budget allocations. It was noted that the new surgery is scheduled to be opened on 20th August. Cllr Dean reported that Parish Councillors are to be invited to a “private viewing”; this was very well received. A zebra-crossing will be installed next to the surgery. The potential increased safety hazards on the junction of Blackmore/Hook End Roads and Outings Lane once the new surgery (Deal Tree Health Centre) was open were acknowledged. From a traffic visibility viewpoint, it was noted that the strip of grass alongside Blackmore Road is the responsibility of B, H-E & WG Parish Council.

Cllr Keeble reported that the new Code of Conduct had been ratified and accepted by BBC at its meeting yesterday evening. Cllr Naylor considered that individuals might be reading more into the new proposed code than in fact is the case. Cllr Watley explained that Parish Councils are expected to comply with the Code which has been adopted by the governing authority, BBC. Cllr Naylor stressed that provided Councillors or their spouses/partners are not “meaning to deceive”, then the Councillor cannot be held responsible.

Cllr Watley confirmed that he would be attending a joint meeting of Parish Councils on the following day to discuss the proposed BBC Code of Conduct. All Councillors are invited to attend this. The discussions will be reported back to Councillors.

Cllr Keeble reported that, at last, a decision has been taken regarding the Town Hall development. It has been agreed that the building will be retained and areas currently used by BBC itself and voluntary organisations will be refurbished and the remaining area will be let out for offices.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2037 FINANCE

The following cheques were approved for payment and signed:

£	Addressee	Description
-	S Barnes	June salary
-	HM Rev & Customs	Clerk’s Tax / NI
-	Essex Pension fund	clerk’s pension
-	R Nelson	June payment
890.45	MD Landscapes	grass cutting
210.00	Heatherland	parish skip hire
572.00	Matthew’s Plants	Parish planters
	K Stanbridge	Maintenance invoice

Receipts:

Nil

Payments:

Nil

2038 FINANCIAL POWERS

Mrs Nelson had distributed the June figures to all Councillors. Overall, each area is currently running below or very close to budget. Handyman/casual grass cutting costs will be closely monitored.

Mr Smith queried whether a dedicated fax telephone line is required. The Clerk is asked to advise whether this is used and necessary.

2039 COMMUNITY POLICE MEETING

Nothing new to report. Pending new dates for future meetings.

2040 COMMUNITY BUS

There have been several bookings recently, including a new monthly arrangement from a group in Blackmore village. However the hiring and cost position will continue to be monitored with a view to reviewing in December 2012 when the budget setting process would take place. Cllr Watley considered that the vehicle condition was very satisfactory.

2041 BLACKMORE CENTRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

All is running satisfactorily at present and a couple of excellent new helpers have been found. The Friday group continues to struggle but usage by the other groups is good.

2042 BLACKMORE SPORTS ARENA – (formerly MUGA)

A complaint had been received from the Tennis Club that one of their members had been hit by a ball from the MUGA so Cllr Keeble has obtained a quote from Doe's for the installation of a soft covering to prevent this in future. The cost will be met by the Village Hall.

2043 MOBILE LIBRARY

No changes to the Parish dates and times reported. New timetables are effective from 1st July 2012.

2044 BRENTWOOD BOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL ASSOCIATION

It is expected that the next meeting will be in either September or December. Cllr Bennett felt that the BBPC Association is likely to finish once the Liaison Committee is formed. However, Cllr Watley felt that certain relevant issues have been discussed recently and indeed the Code of Conduct meeting to be held tomorrow is being held under the umbrella of the Association.

2045 ROADWAY RENTS (2012)

One rent payment is still awaited. The Clerk will be asked to chase.

BLACKMORE MILLENNIUM PARK

2046 PROGRESS REPORT

Cllr Keeble reported that the cockleshell path should be laid in early August.

The date for this year's Fireworks Display was decided as Saturday 3rd November 2012 with a budget of £2,900 for fireworks. Several sub-committee meetings have already been held with John Hughes and Craig Stevens who will assist with the music with a view to making the event even more spectacular. A meeting will be held with the fireworks supplier to finalise requirements and training will be given on the use of mortars for propelling the large bursts. It was agreed that a Millennium Park meeting will be held during August – Action Mrs Nelson.

Cllr Keeble had not previously booked a Fireworks Quiz but through negotiation with the Village Hall, it had been agreed that the Parish Council would “take over” the hall booking (and quiz master Peter Mason) for a Fireworks Quiz on Saturday 8th September. It was agreed that the ticket price would be increased by 50 pence, with a Ploughman's supper.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

2047 PLANS

The Planning Committee had met on 21st June and 9th July 2012 and the following plans discussed – 12/00483/FUL, 12/00484/LBC, 12/00588/FUL and 12/00561/FUL. Copies of the minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Cllr Watley queried the status of the Little Jericho planning appeal; Cllr Keeble confirmed that the application had been refused.

Cllr Henwood had reported (by email) information regarding the Bull in Church Street. Having previously obtained a warrant, on 17th July 2012 the Borough Enforcement Officer (Chris Stathers) and BBC Planning Chairman (Roger McCheyne) entered the Bull. They reported that whilst upstairs has been set out as a flat, with kitchen, dining room, sitting room, three bedrooms and bathroom, downstairs has been gutted, the bar removed and the whole area empty. There are signs that there has been a flood and the whole of the downstairs area is in dreadful condition. It is evident that the owner has run out of money but the officers reported that there is nothing that they can charge the owner with, nor is anything illegal happening at present.

The unofficial business use of land off Pettits Lane had been reported on several occasions; BBC will follow this up once the relevant official “is able to drive again”.

The plans relating to extension work at Dingley Dell in Hook End Road had gone through BBC without first coming to the Parish Council. Mr Smith felt that he had provided a copy of these to Cllr Bennett some months ago; Cllr Bennett will check to see if he could find them.

The concrete area still remains outside Pixie's Halt, Hook End Road. This remains open on the BBC list of planning enforcements.

2048 OUTSTANDING ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

Outstanding enforcement orders – Cllrs Town and Dean have reviewed the very long list of enforcement orders to establish which were still relevant and current. Cllrs Keeble and Watley will now decide which orders should be reinstated and will visit BBC to progress this.

Bluebell Farm - Spriggs Lane, Blackmore (mobile home) - The Clerk had chased Christopher Stathers, BBC planning department. He advised in his letter dated 22nd August 2011 that this item had been chased internally and a new case reference number issued against this case file which had been temporarily lost at BBC. The outstanding Enforcement Notice dated back to 19th August 2002 and required the removal of the mobile home and he could not at this present time trace any subsequent planning permission for the retention of the mobile home. He would therefore be investigating this matter further and would update us as soon as possible, and after he had made a further visit to the property. – **Awaiting update.**

Plot 3, Oak Tree farm, Chelmsford Road, Blackmore, CM4 0PZ – Cllr Watley was in receipt of the refused planning application.

Land adjacent to Oak Fold, Hook End Rd, Hook End - Being looked into by BBC in relation to any enforcement action being taken by them as on green belt land – **pending update/decision.**

Kiln Farm, Mountnessing Rd, Blackmore – **No updates for some time.**

Action required: Committee to monitor Oak Fold and further updates and planning applications received from BBC as it appears other applications are being processed without the PC first seeing them. The PC was also concerned because it appeared that previous enforcements with outstanding action had simply been struck off BBC's lists. Planning committee presently looking into these matters.

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the Environment Committee had taken place on 11th June 2012. All in accordance with previous minutes with the following updates.

2049 Village speed

Cllr Town requested that the Clerk should again complain about the VAS sign in Blackmore Road which is still not recording speeds below 37 mph. The Clerk was requested to contact Essex Highways (Rissa Long) to investigate the possibility of having a 20 mph limit through the village and, at the least, to have the VAS sign checked.

Cllr Keeble reported that a policeman had recently visited Blackmore School and found that the vast majority of drivers had been found to be over the limit. They were stopped and given the alternative of a fine or being spoken to by the school children. Nearly all drivers opted for the option of talking to the children.

2050 Allotments

Still looking for a site

2051 Ponds & posts by pond

Following Cllr Town's recommendation that posts should be erected on the bus triangle and other areas as required, Mr Stanbridge had quoted for 14 posts at between £40 to £50 per post,

concreted in to the ground, at a total cost of between £600 and £700. Cllr Bennett proposed, Cllr Spiers seconded and the proposal for 14 posts was agreed in principle, pending confirmation of the actual height of the posts.

Cllr Keeble has reported the flooding problem once again.

Cllr Town reported that Mr Martin Brown has offered to trim the island; this offer is gratefully accepted.

2052 Gunnells Corner – pavement (wheelchair access)

The maintenance contractor had cut back as much vegetation as possible but the area needs more drastic action. Cllr Naylor was asked if she could raise this problem with ECC as this first went on the Council list in 2002, was removed and then reinstated. It has now been on the list in total for at least 10 years. Cllr Dean reported on a recent near-miss in the area, due to the narrowness of the path.

2053 Hedges – Meadow Rise

Cllr Town will find the names of the relevant residents regarding the need for hedges to be cut.

2054 Dead willow on the village pond

John Sharp (Town & Country) had provided a quotation of £460 plus VAT to cut down the dead willow to ground level. It was noted that there could be safety risk as the dead tree could fall. He further recommended that an oak tree should be planted to replace the willow. Cllr Keeble had obtained an alternative but higher quote from Cut Above of £500. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Town, seconded by Cllr Keeble and it was agreed that Town & Country would be asked to remove the dead tree. Replacement would be considered at a future time.

2055 Grass cutting and Service Lane

Cllr Town considered that the reduced frequency of grass cutting had made the village look untidy. She felt that when the long grass is cut only irregularly, the job takes longer and thus it could be a false economy. The logic of cutting the path opposite Tipps Cross Hall was also questioned; this will cease without delay. Cllr Town will review the grass cutting list and report back to Sue.

Following the enquiry by Mr Smith at the last meeting, it was agreed that Service Lane should be cut back without delay. Mrs Nelson will authorise Mr Stanbridge to do this job quickly.

2056 Cllr Keeble reported a dead tree which was hanging over into Nine Ashes Road. It is believed that the property on which the tree has grown belongs to House & Jackson. The Clerk is asked to follow up, liaising with Cllr Keeble as necessary.

2057 Notice boards – Cllr Keeble reported that he and Cllr Henwood have an allocation for a parish improvements and they propose using this allocation to replace the Parish noticeboards which are all in poor condition. The Clerk is asked to liaise with Angela Blackmore and Mr Stanbridge who has a catalogue.

2058 Suggested bicycle rack – on Horsefayre Green. – **Action:** Clerk to gather pricing information.

2059 Cars parking on grass verge outside Nos 1 and 2 Hillside Cottages. Clerk to write to the residents again.

AOB:

A new parking space has been made at Elmfield, near Twites Farm. This will be queried.

A parishioner has complained that hedges have been overgrowing on the Chelmsford Road. This also applies to Blackmore Road near the junction of Hook End Lane. Cllr Naylor suggested that the Clerk should follow this up via the Rangers.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 13th August 2012 – 7.30pm – Crosse House, Blackmore. (N.B. This will be cancelled if no new business is received).

HERALD MAGAZINE

2060 **NEXT EDITION**

The Spring/summer issue had been well received. Deadline for the next Edition is 28th July.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

2061 A Meeting of the Recreation Committee had been held on 10th July 2012 at 7.00pm. All was in accordance with the committee meeting minutes distributed prior to the Parish Council meeting. Before moving onto individual areas, the need to review play areas was raised as follows.

Play areas – all locations

Cllr Watley highlighted the need to improve the quality of Walter Hobbs play area and recommended that it be given a complete overhaul with new, good quality equipment and new fencing etc. Cllr McCarthy stressed that the facilities at Mill Lane and Ted Marriage should also be reviewed with a view to improvement. It was agreed that a full project survey and costings must be prepared and to start the process, a meeting would be arranged between Mr Ted Hall (who will assist with grant applications), Cllrs Watley, McCarthy and Keeble. (Action: Clerk to arrange please). Cllr Naylor suggested that the team should contact Ian Harriss of Mountnessing as they have recently improved their play facilities.

Walter Hobbs Recreation Field

The play area will be reviewed as part of the above-mentioned project. In the meantime, the baby swings will be replaced and the area weed-killed as soon as the weather permits.

A.7.11 The area under the aerial runway has now been resurfaced. Delete.

H.11.11 **Fencing/gates to play area** – Replacement fencing will be included in the overall review of play areas as above. Cllr Keeble reported that those fences that are in a dangerous condition must be replaced urgently. He had contacted Playquip for quotes and asked Ted Hall to prepare grant applications.

The sport pitches have not had weedkiller/fertilizer applications because of the wet weather.

A hedge alongside the play area needs cutting and a quote was being obtained from Cut Above.

OTHER BUSINESS – Continuing dissatisfaction with and monitoring of the emptying of dog and litter bins – see Item 2035 above.

Ted Marriage Recreation Field

An inspection was made on 3rd July and a copy of the report presented for filing. All items were satisfactory except for the two items below:

- A.11.11** **Worn swing chains** –Mr Stanbridge has been asked to liaise with the Clerk following her return to work on 23rd July, to progress the purchase of new baby swings.
- B.11.11** **Corroded leg of climbing frame** – The necessary welding work has still not been completed; would the Clerk please liaise with/chase Mr Stanbridge to do this work as a matter of urgency.

Items to monitor:

- Emptying of dog waste bins (x2) – See Item 2035 above.
- Repair of cracked paint on slide

Mill Lane Play Area

An inspection of the area made on July 9th found that the requested work has still not been undertaken to replace some swing equipment and make repairs to the climbing frame.

Among other aspects of the filed report were moles; reasonable cleanliness of the site and litter and dog bins; and the need to pursue the borough council to make a safety assessment of the roadside trees, as referenced below.

- A.2.10** **Moles** – minor nuisance with tunnelling moles.
- C.6.10** **Swing seat / holes** – New baby swings are to be sourced and installed as soon as possible. The Clerk to liaise with Mr Stanbridge.
- B.4.12** **Monitor trees and ditches** – Cllr McCarthy expressed concern about some of the overhanging trees within the curtilage of the Mill Lane field and suggested that these be professionally examined re cutting. In the first instance, would the Clerk please contact BBC to request a special inspection of the trees, including the oak tree mentioned below.

The Clerk was requested to report the overhanging oak tree which is outside the play area but could present a safety hazard.

Action: PC

Cllr Keeble reported a recent incident with one of M D Landscapes' employees. One of the grass-cutters had seen someone entering the play area with a dog; he informed the individual that this was not appropriate and received serious abuse from the resident. Whilst the Parish Council is concerned to learn of such behaviour, it is unable to take this further; any action will have to progressed by MDL's employee.

Next meeting scheduled: Tuesday 11th September 2012, 7.00pm - Tipps Cross Remembrance Hall

CLERK'S REPORT

- 2062** Mrs Nelson reported that she had visited Mrs Barnes and was pleased to say that she is now recovering well, following the major operation in May. Flowers had been delivered from the Parish Council.

2063 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Environment	6.8.12	7.30 p.m.	Crosse House, Blackmore
Planning	23.7.12	7.00 p.m.	Crosse House, Blackmore
	6.8.12	8.15 p.m.	Crosse House, Blackmore
Recreation	11.9.12	7.00 pm	Tipps X R Hall

(An ad hoc meeting to discuss play equipment and play areas will be arranged as necessary)

Policy & Resources 16.8.12 7.30 pm Tipps X R Hall

Usual attendance at P&R meetings is the Chairman of each Sub-Committee, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Watley and the Treasurer.

2064 Purchase of PA system – In hand with Cllr Keeble – an update is awaited from Tony Pavitt. A quote has been received for £2,500;

2065 PC Web site (<http://http://www.essexinfo.net/blackmore-hook-end-and-wyatts-green-parish-council/>) – Cllr McCarthy has included a Noticeboard/Village Diary section and there have been 33 visitors in the past month. Whilst this is not a huge number, it is a new site and Parishioners have to be encouraged and/or trained to visit. Cllr McCarthy was again thanked for the work he had done on reviving the Parish website.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS – (for discussion only)

Cllr Frost has been asked by the publican of the Prince Albert as to who he should contact re the paint colour on the exterior of the pub. She will advise the landlord that he should contact BBC Planning for advice.

Cllr Keeble requested permission for a Farmer's Market Banner or placard to be posted outside Crosshouse News from the Tuesday to Sunday preceding each Farmer's Market. Cllr Town felt that this should not be allowed as the market is a commercial enterprise, unlike the church or Parish/village event. It was noted that this area is the responsibility of Highways and they could remove any such sign/banner. Whilst the meeting acknowledged the importance of assisting and supporting the Farmer's Market, it was felt that erecting three temporary placards/signs at each entrance to/exit from the village would be more effective. Cllr Keeble also suggested that a banner should be hung advertising the Fireworks Display. No final decision was made as the pavement is the responsibility of Highways.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.35 p.m