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These Minutes cover an interesting time for the Parish when efforts were underway to provide a community building. Their condition varies depending on the quality of the paper used and the age of the typewriter ribbon!

Earlier Minutes of the Annual Parish Meetings can be found in the Minute Books of the Parish Council which have been deposited in the Essex Record Office.

Since, 1985 the Minutes have been kept in a separate book as required by law.

It is hoped that, by digitising these Minutes, there will be less use made of the paper originals, thus extending their existence.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday, 17th April 1975, at 8.00 p.m. in the W.I. Hall. Mr. A.G. Hendry took the Chair. There were about 15 members of the public present in addition to the Councillors.

Notice convening the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Annual Report of the Parish Council. The Chairman gave a full and detailed report.

Financial Report. The Clerk presented the Parish Council accounts.

E.H.C.C.A.C. Report. Mr. Dixon reported that to date £2,000 had been raised.

Council Development. The Chairman reported on events to date. Mrs. Cooke asked if representations could be made to the CDC not to repossess the field until after the long summer school holidays. Mr. Hopkins asked if the P.C. would reconsider its view on using Back Lane as an access point to the development.

Chase to the village shop. No-one, including County Highways, will adopt the chase even though it is used substantially and in very poor state of repair. The P.C. reported that it would cost some £1200 to make it up to County standards which would mean an extra 2p on the rates. The meeting voted against having the work carried out.

Walking of footpaths. It had been suggested that parishioners might like guided walks of the many footpaths in the village during the summer. It was agreed that a map be posted in the notice board and details of when the walks were to be organised.

Any other business.

(1) The state of the Main Road was commented upon. The Chairman reported that it was part of Biggs Wall's contract to make good the part of the roads where they had worked, and this they did periodically. It was suggested that a letter of appreciation be sent to Biggs Wall when the sewer is ready.

(2) A parishioner enquired when the sewer would be functioning. The Chairman reported that May was predicted and that the manholes were at present being inspected.

(3) In response to an enquiry, the Chairman reported that there was no further news on ownership of the ditch behind Ashley Green.

(4) The P.C. was asked whether it would be possible to negotiate a reduction in rates whilst work on the Council development was in progress. The Chairman replied that this was a matter for individual residents.

The Chairman thanked the public for attending, and there being no other business declared the meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Alex G Hendry

29.4.76

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The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the W.I. Hall at 8.15 p.m. on Thursday, 29th April 1976.

Mr. Hendry took the Chair. Members of the Parish Council were present and the meeting was attended by about ten parishioners.

The Minutes of the previous annual meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Chairman's Report. Mr. Hendry reported on P.C. activities in the preceding 12 months.

Financial Report. Copies of the balance sheet were distributed. The accounts were adopted by the meeting.

E.H.C.C.A.C. Report. Mr. Dixon reported that in the last 3 years £3,225.91p has been raised. In the last year a wine bottling made £65.87, the Go-Kart £468.07p, Christmas draw £76.34p and the 2nd annual Chelmsford Model Railway Exhibition £560.25p, a total of £1175.53p.

Best Kept Village Competition. It was agreed by the meeting that the village enter again this year. The Clerk was asked to extend the thanks of the meeting to Mr. Thomas for the good work he is doing as groundsman.

Format of East Hanningfield News. The P.C. felt that it is a well received publication for the small amount of money spent on it, and organizations in the village have used it for advertising events etc. However it was felt that articles, particularly of history in the village, would be appreciated. To finance this it would be necessary to take advertising. After some discussion it was agreed that the present format continue.

Any other business.

- (1) The Chairman reminded the meeting that local government elections will be held on May 6th, but no elections for the parish council would take place as it was uncontested.
- (2) It was reported that the elms in the hedge on the footpath side of Old Church Road were dead and seemed rather dangerous. Report to the C.D.C.
- (3) Mrs. Brooks enquired whether there was any further news on ownership of the ditch behind Ashley Green. The Chairman reported that the County Council were not interested in it.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked members of the public for attending and closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Alex G Hendry

28.4.77

The Annual Parish Meeting was held at the School on Thursday, 28th April 1977, at 8.15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hendry in the Chair, Mr. Bird, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Evance, Mr. Lovegrove, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Ost, the Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

The notice convening the meeting was read.

The Minutes of the 1976 annual Parish Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The Chairman's Report. Mr. Hendry reported on the previous year's activities and in particular on housing development in the parish, recreation and play space, and traffic and road safety.

Financial Report: The accounts were adopted unanimously.

H.M. Silver Jubilee Celebrations: The Clerk reported that arrangements were going ahead for a dance on Friday, 3rd June, to raise funds for celebrations on Tuesday, 7th June, finishing with a bonfire. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in the Church on 5th June.

Best Kept Village Competition: The Chairman reported that the village has entered for this this year and that we stand a good chance of winning now we are in the large village class.

E.H.C.C.A.C. The Chairman, Mr. Dixon, reported that the 4th Grand Prix in September was a success again, but that an orchestral concert by the Royal Philharmonic Society late in the year incurred a considerable loss amounting to almost the whole of the years funds. There was no Christmas draw because of the amount of work involved promoting the concert. The Model Railway Exhibition at the YMCA in March made slightly less than in 1976 because of the increased overheads this year. The Treasurer, Mr. Evance, reported £3,156 on deposit in a building society and £7.66p cash in hand, £20.38 in No. 1 account, £1.06 in No. 2 account, £95 cheques to hand, £32 debts, £70 credits, making £3,300 net. The Go-Kart grand prix made a profit of £456, the railway show a profit of £512, interest £99 from the building society, and the concert made a loss of £1,082.

There being no other business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.00 p.m.

Alex G Hendry

27.4.78

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the School on Thursday, 27th April 1978, at 8.15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Hendry in the Chair, members of the Parish Council, Mr. Paul White, County Councillor, Mr. Alan Dixon, District Councillor, about 40 members of the public and the Clerk.

The Notice convening the meeting was read by the Chairman who extended a warm welcome to everyone.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

The Chairman's Report on the previous year's activities of the Parish Council was very comprehensive and included H.M. Silver Jubilee celebrations; the Best Kept Village competition; speed restriction; heavy goods vehicles restriction; planning generally and more specifically Highfields, the rectory site, the council development; village green and common land registration; and acquisition of recreation land.

Presentation of accounts 1977/78. The Clerk had distributed copies of the balance sheet and went through item by item. There were no queries. Mr. Mitchell moved the adoption of the accounts, seconded by Mr. Dixon and agreed unanimously. The Chairman explained why East Hanningfield had the highest rates in the district for 1978/79, and that this would be an isolated occasion.

E.H.C.C.A.C. Mr. Dixon reported on the activities of the sub-committee for the previous year. Funds at present stand at approx. £4,500.

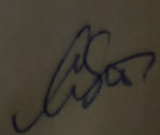
Differential rating: The Chairman introduced the item and Mr. Dixon addressed the meeting. There were some questions following and Mr. Paul White hoped there would be some fundamental change in the system of rating in the near future.

Election of Management Advisory Committee for Recreation Ground: The meeting agreed that the following bodies should be represented on the committee - playgroup, cubscouts, football club, W.I., P.T.A., allotments association. Members elected from the meeting were John Trusler, Chris. Jacob, Anita Curtis, Richard Range, and Stefan Lebedski. Two members of the Parish Council would also serve on the committee. The committee will serve for one year and be reconstituted at the next annual parish meeting.

Any other business:

(1) Mr. Trusler asked Mr. Paul White about the delays already occurring at the Army and Navy roundabout during construction work despite assurances from the E.C.C. that there would be none. Mr. White and Mr. Dixon said they would exert pressure on the County and District Councils to try and ease the problem.

(2) Mr. Wade enquired about fencing between the gardens of Ashley Green and the council development. This was shelved at the start of the development until nearer completion. The item is to be discussed shortly by the Housing Committee, and Mr. Dixon will pressurise.



(3) Mr. Roberts asked about the hedge in Back Lane and about the open area to the side of the new development. The Chairman said the hedge is to be reinstated and protected until it has re-established itself, and enquiries will be made about the open space.

(4) Mr. Goldsworthy asked what direction the drainage of the recreation ground would take. The ditch at the back of Ashley Green and adjacent to the school was ineffective and causing flooding of gardens. The Chairman replied that this was at present being investigated and the cost estimated.

(5) Mrs. Walden asked why the 40 mph speed limit signs had been placed where they were. The Chairman said it was the intention of the Parish Council to apply for an extension of the restricted area when all the forthcoming housing development had been completed.

(6) Mrs. Curtis asked how often a speed check was done on traffic. Mr. Paul White replied that radar traps would be out soon and that the main reason villages did not get speed limits was because there were not enough constables to monitor the traffic. The speed limits were usually merely as a deterrent.

(7) Mrs. Walden asked if Cottams would be asked to put up notices applying to their development site traffic as Evers had done for theirs in Ashley Green. The Chairman felt there was a difference in the sites, the one in Ashley Green being at the end of a cul-de-sac and access through a development. However, the matter would be put to the Parish Council.

(8) Mr. Goldsworthy asked about the possibility of installing a 'sleeping policeman' in Ashley Green as at Arbor Acres. The Chairman replied that the one referred to was on private land. Mr. Paul White said this method was not used by the Essex County Council, though application could be made to the County Council. It was used by other Councils with some success. The Parish Council could not do this - highways is a County matter.

(9) Mr. Trusler asked if school standards would fall by the developments. He was told the school was built for 150 but at present had a population of about 130. Mr. Paul White said demountable buildings and extra teachers would be available if necessary.

(10) Mr. Roberts asked about the recent application to build on Back Lane. The Chairman said this had been objected to by the Parish Council.

(11) Mrs. Sharp said that the School Management was still a member short, the E.C.C. not yet having filled the vacancy. Mr. White said this would be done as a matter of urgency before the next meeting in June.

There being no other business, the Chairman thanked members of the public for attending. He drew attention to the Clerk's departure from the village at the end of May and said the Parish Council were still looking for a replacement. Mr. Mitchell expressed appreciation at the way the Chairman had conducted the meeting. The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 10.07 p.m.

Alex G Hendry

26.4.79

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the School on Thursday 26th April 1979 at 8.15 p.m..

Present: Mr Hendry in the Chair, Mr Bird, Mr Dixon, Mr Lovegrove, Mr Mitchell, Rev Ost, the Clerk and about 30 members of public.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read by the Chairman, who warmly welcomed everyone. He explained ^{that} the purpose of the meeting was to enable parishioners to participate more fully in the running of the village.

The Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Chairman's Report ranged over the many activities and concerns of the Parish Council during the past year. These included the confirmation by the C.B.C. in the Rural Development Plan of the P.C.'s views on infilling development only within the village; approaches made to C.B.C., E.A.L.C., Dept. Environment and our M.P. to influence the handling of Building Regulation Applications; application for Byelaws relating to the Tye; opposition to the Boundary Commission's recommendation to link East Hanningfield with a new Billericay in the Parliamentary Constituencies; the completion of the purchase of the Recreation Ground land from Trumans and congratulations to the E.H.C.C.A.C. and the Management Advisory Cee. for their efforts on behalf of the village during the year. Disappointments of the year included no certificate in the Best Kept Village Competition and the Council's failure to win the battle to exclude H.G.V. from the village. Goodbye and warm thanks were expressed to Mrs Farmer who had served as Parish Clerk for 5 years. Mrs Brooks was welcomed as the new Parish Clerk.

Questions on Chairman's Report:

Best Kept Village Competition: Mrs Curtis commented that the village's poor showing was not surprising considering the litter created by Cottams. It was agreed that they should be contacted.

E.H.C.C.A.C.: Mr Labeozki asked if members of the village would like to be involved in fund raising could they become members of the Appeal Cee. Mr Dixon replied that new committed members would be welcome.

Presentation of Accounts 1978/79: Copies of the Balance Sheet were distributed and gone through item by item by the Clerk. Mr Selby who enquired what services the E.A.L.C. provided was told that these were of a professional nature. Mr Mitchell moved the adoption of the accounts, this was seconded by Mr Dixon. They were accepted unanimously.

E.H.C.C.A.C.: Mr Dixon reported on the role and policy of the Appeal Cee. and its activities during the previous year. These included the Go Kart Grand Prix and the Model Railway Exhibition. £3400 had been given to the Parish Council towards the purchase of the Recreation Ground fields.

Mr Reade asked for a breakdown of figures for the Model Railway Exhibition. These were given. The Chairman congratulated the Cee. on their successes during the year.

Recreation Ground Management Advisory Cee. Report: Mr Labeozki gave a comprehensive summary of the Cee.'s work including plans for the facilities to be provided and their layout, drainage, access road and car park, main services, temporary village hall, grants and fund raising. Mrs Bucke commented on the poor visibility at the exit from the Recreation Ground site on the Main Road. Mrs Curtis drew attention to the Free Tree Seed Scheme.

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Election of the Management Advisory Cee.: With the exception of the Women's Institute all the organisations presently represented wished to continue to be represented on the Cee. These include: Playgroup; Parents Teacher Assoc.; Football Club; Cubs; Table Tennis. (There also is a place for an allotment representative when the allotments are created.) The following members of the public were re-elected, Mr Labeozki and Mr Trusler. Mr Selwyn, proposed by Mr Snow, and Mr Snow, proposed by Mr Jacob, were elected and took the places of Mrs Curtis and Mr Range who had resigned.

Any Other Business:

Additional Notice Board: Mrs Curtis asked about the Parish Council's decision not to erect an additional notice board at the northern end of the Tye. The Chairman explained this had been turned down on grounds of cost; however it was agreed to reconsider this decision when the Highfields development had been completed.

Pot Holes: Mrs Wilsden asked whether anything was being done about the numerous pot holes in the village. Mr Dixon reported that the C.B.C. Engineers have inspected the unclassified roads, and through the County Council, are seeking the Dept. of Environment's assistance to finance the work.

Cottams/Moody: Mrs Cubitt asked whether the P.C. has approached these contractors to reinstate roads and verges damaged by them. The Clerk was asked to do so.

Pathways: Mrs Curtis asked whether the path along the Bicknacre Road, which has ^{been} in need of attention since it was relaid by the Electricity Board, could be repaired. Mr Dixon reported that the County Council have forbidden any expenditure on paths.

Allotments: Mrs Paterson asked how many allotments there were in the village. She was told there were only four at present, but there was the intention to provide further allotments on the Recreation Ground land.

The Chairman expressed his thanks to everyone for attending. Mr Mitchell proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Hendry and Mr Dixon.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.40 p.m..

Alex G Hendry

24.4.80

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The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the School on Thursday, 24th April, 1980 at 8.15p.m..

Present Mr Hendry in the Chair, Mr Dixon, Mr Bird, Mr Lovegrove, Mr Mitchell, Rev Ost, Mr Sharp, the Clerk and approximately 20 members of the public.

The Notice convening the Meeting was read and the Chairman extended a warm welcome to everyone present.

Minutes of the previous year's Annual Parish Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Chairman's Report: Mr Hendry reported on the many subjects which the Parish Council had considered and dealt with over the preceding year. These included the successful opposition to the proposal that the village should become part of the new Billericay constituency; the continued fight against the Southern route for the A12; the confirmation both of the planning envelope for the village and the byelaws governing the Tye; efforts to gain villagers' co-operation in preserving newly planted trees; the award of 3rd position in the Large village category of the Best Kept Village Competition; the achievement of agreement on further extensions of the speed restrictions within the village; and the strenuous fight to prohibit heavy goods vehicles from this and neighbouring villages. Mr Hendry closed his summary by encouraging villagers' participation in village life, welcoming Mrs Helen Cubitt as Editor of the Newsletter and expressing thanks to Mrs Belinda Dixon for her development of the Newsletter from its beginning.

Presentation of the P.C.'s Accounts: Copies of the Balance Sheet were distributed and gone through item by item by the Clerk. Mr Dixon proposed the adoption of the accounts, and this was seconded by Mr Sharp.

Local Rates - Future Levels: Mr Hendry asked the Meeting whether it was prepared to accept a substantial increase in the Parish rate to speed the development of the Recreation Ground.

Mr Trusler felt that there was value in being able to do the work faster. Mrs Curtis pointed out that certain sections of the community e.g. the elderly would not benefit from the field. Mrs Walden thought the elderly would benefit indirectly. No recommendation came from the Meeting.

Best Kept Village Competition: Parishioners were reminded that the village was again entered for this competition. Mrs Buckee stressed the need for special effort and vigilance in May.

E.H.C.C.A.C.: Mr Dixon presented his last report as Chairman of this Cee. giving a brief history of the Cee since its inception in 1973 and outlining the current policy of holding 2 major fund-raising events each year - the Go Kart Grand-Prix and the Chelmsford Model Railway Show - with attendances of about 2000 and 5500 respectively. The composition of the Cee. is now Mrs Bruce, Mrs Curtis, Mr Reade, Mr Trusler and Mr Snow.

Mr Hendry expressed his appreciation of all the efforts of the Cee and particularly to Mr Dixon for his commitment over the past 7 years.

Management Advisory Cee: Mr Labedzki reported on developments in the preparation of the Recreation Ground including the satisfactory completion in draining the field; negotiations to supply the land with water, electricity and sewerage services; consideration of Byelaws to cover its use; certain progress on the adventure playground, Toddlers' playground and allotments; the search for a temporary village hall continues (the Cub Hut and a building found by Mrs Walden had been rejected as unsuitable). A competition to name the Recreation Ground had been held at

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side hundred pounds) towards its purchase.

the School and the name selected for its historical connection with the village was Hanna's Field. The joint winners were Lisa Rose and Paul Whellan.

Mr Hendry expressed his thanks to the Cee. for all its work during the year. He then read a letter to the P.C. had received from the East Hanningfield Playgroup Association offering a donation of £1,500 towards the cost of purchasing a temporary village hall subject to certain conditions. The P.C. were grateful for this offer which was to be passed to the Man. Adv. Cee. for its consideration.

Mrs Gasson asked whether the Recreation Ground was to be fenced. This is being considered by the Cee.

Mrs Walden asked whether netball could be considered. Mr Labedzki said nothing was precluded.

Mrs Cubitt expressed her concern about the risk of accidents on the adventure playground. Mr Labedzki felt that an element of risk was inherent in such a play situation; however a Safety Officer had been asked to view the site.

Mrs Buckee felt that parents should take responsibility for their children. A view supported by the Cee..

Mrs Curtis asked whether a notice could be put up to exclude older children from the Toddler playground. This along with other suggestions such as supervision of the Toddlers' area are being discussed by the Cee.

Mrs Walden felt the first priority in relation to the village hall was to meet the needs of the youth of the village. Mr Hendry said that the P.C., and the Man. Adv. Cee.'s view was that the village hall facilities should serve as wide a range of purposes as possible because of the money involved. ~~Election~~

Election of Management Advisory Cee: The retiring Members of the Cee. were Mr Reade, Mr Jacob, Mrs Bruce and Mr Trusler. There were no nominations to fill these 4 vacancies including the job of Secretary which had been so ably held by Mrs Bruce.

Any Other Business:

Mobile Library Service: An alteration in the timing though not the day of the service was reported.

School Chase: Mr Carter expressed concern about the poor visibility at this entrance and exit. P.C. Jacob recommended the use of a mirror. This subject is currently being considered by the P.C..

Mr Mitchell on behalf of the P.C. expressed his thanks to Mr Hendry who always carried out his role as Chairman with great enthusiasm and also to Mr Dixon.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m..

Alex G Hendry

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday, 26th March 1981 at 8.15 p.m. in the W.I. Hall.

Present: Mr Hendry in the Chair, Mr Dixon, Mr Bird, Mr Lovegrove, Rev Ost Mr Sharp, the Clerk and approximately 100 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Mr Mitchell.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to everyone present especially to Cllr. Colin South, Chairman of C.B.C. Housing Cee.

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were read, confirmed and signed.

Chairman's Report: Mr Hendry reported on the P.C.'s activities over the preceding 12 months including its fight against double rating, its concern to improve village services and amenities and continuing efforts to ban H.G.V. from the village and restrict development to existing sites.

Back Lane - Condition of Properties: Cllr South as Chairman of the Housing Cee. acknowledged the deplorable conditions being experienced by many of the tenants on account of severe damp. The whole matter is now to be the subject of litigation. A start is to be made in May '81 to rectify the faults. The C.B.C. has agreed to rent abatements being back dated to April 1980 and to continue until houses are repaired.

Questions from the floor were many and ranged over various topics including rents, rehousing, insurance claims, heating costs and parking facilities. Mr Dixon offered to liaise between tenants and the Housing Dept..

Questions on Chairman's Report:

Refuse Collection: Mrs Hickmott asked the P.c. to ensure that the litter bin near the entrance to the Recreation Ground was emptied.

Newsletter Editor: Mr Trusler asked Mrs Cubitt, who felt she could not continue as Editor without more support from clubs and organisations, not to resign and urged other organisations' chairmen to support the Newsletter. Mrs Cubitt agreed to reconsider her decision.

Presentation of Accounts: The Clerk presented the Accounts for 1981/82. Mr Sharp proposed and Rev Ost seconded their acceptance. The Accounts were adopted unanimously.

E.H.C.C.A.C.: Mr Trusler presented the report of the Appeal Cee. The following are members of the Cee.: Mr Trusler - Chairman, Mr Martin - Vice-Chairman, Mrs Bruce - Secretary, Mrs Sharp, Mr Snow, Mr Plumridge and Mr Reade.

The Cee. repeated events of previous years: Go Kart Grand Prix, Christmas Draw, Model Railway Exhibition - a special thanks to Mr Dixon for all his work on this event, and plan a summer dance. Plea made for more helpers and Cee. members. The need for greater liaison between the Appeal Cee. and the Management Advisory Cee. was stressed and that steps should be taken to create a charitable trust to administer the Recreation Ground. The Appeal Cee feels that the first priority of the Project should be to erect a building as soon as possible.

Mr Hendry congratulated the Cee. on its efforts; in relation to a village hall, stressed the need for certain standards to satisfy Planning conditions; and called on the public to help safe-guard its money by combatting vandalism.

Village Land Management Advisory Cee.: Mr Labeledzki presented this Cee.'s Report giving a resume of the Recreation Ground Project from the Cee's inception in 1978: the purchase of the land, its drainage, levelling and seeding, creation of allotments and childrens' play area, replacement of overhead electricity cables by underground ones. The Recreation Ground to be known as Hanna's Field following suggestions made by village children. Consideration is being given to creating Byelaws to protect Hanna's Field and to the provision of a hall.

Membership: There are 5 members of the public and 2 P.C. representatives. Mr Labeledzki said he was unable to accept renomination, however other members willing to remain on Cee., therefore 3 vacancies.

Mr Hendry thanked the Cee. especially Mr Labeledzki for his work with Cee. As there were no nominations from the floor to the Cee. Mr Hendry extended an invitation to the public to contact Cee if interested.

Byelaws - The Tye: Mr Hendry announced that as from 1st April anyone violating the Byelaws will be reported to the police with a view to instituting a prosecution.

Any Other Business:

Council Estate - Barrier: Request made for barrier at exit from Estate to Back Lane to prevent its use by motor cycles and horses.

School Bus: Concern expressed about bussing facilities for children attending Sandon. A system of liaison between school, bus co. and parents has recently been established.

Safety in Village: Request for more lighting in the village. P.C. has asked for 2 additional lights.

Surface Water - Pan Lane: To be reported to Technical Controller.

Mr Hendry thanked everyone for attending and there being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.45 p.m..

ALAN G DIXON

Chairman. 22nd April 1982

A Parish Meeting was held on Wednesday 17th March, 1982 at 8 p.m. in the School.

This Meeting had been convened by 6 local electors to discuss "the Community Centre to be built on Hanna's Field"

Present: Mr Dixon in the Chair, Mr Sharp, Mr Bird, Mr Hendry, Mr Lovegrove, Mr Mitchell, Rev Ost, The Clerk and about 17 members of the public.

The Chairman having opened the Meeting asked for any speakers on the item. No one then present wished to speak to the agenda item. A motion was then moved, proposed by Mr G. Parker and seconded by Mrs H. Cubitt, that the Meeting support the actions of the Parish Council regarding the purchase of the village hall. 16 voted in favour of the motion and 1 against. The motion was therefore carried. A motion was then moved to close the Meeting proposed by Mr Lovegrove and seconded by Mr Sharp. 13 voted in favour and 7 against the motion. The motion was there^{fore} carried.

The Meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

ALAN G DIXON

Chairman.
22nd April 1982.

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on 22nd April 1982 at 8.15p.m. in the School.

Present: Mr Dixon in the Chair, Mr Sharp, Mr Hendry, Mr Bird, Mr Lovegrove, Mr Mitchell, Rev Ost and the Clerk and 17 members of the Public.

Minutes of the previous year's A.P.M. were read, confirmed and signed.

Chairman's Report: Mr Dixon paid a tribute to Mr Hendry for the enormous amount of work he had undertaken with untiring effort during the 8 years he was Chairman between 1973-1981.

Mr Dixon then gave a thorough resumé of the P.C.'s activities over the past 12 months including: the successful retention of an hourly bus service; increased lighting within the village centre; monitoring of planning applications; receiving a Merit Award in Best Kept Village Competition; exploration of a doctor setting up a surgery in the village; additional trees were made subject to T.P.O.s; through membership of Assoc. of Chelmsford District P.C.s a more equitable system of rating for rural areas (has been) agreed with C.B.C.; methods of improving visibility at School Chase pursued and implementation of H.G.V. restriction to commence 24th April 1982.

Questions of Chairman's Report:

Best Kept Village Competition: Mr Harcourt-Williams asked for more precise details about this competition. The Chairman explained that the judges were seeking the most cared for village and would look at the amenities of the village. Judging is during May and early June.

Presentation of Accounts 1982/83: The Clerk presented the Parish Council's Accounts. Mr Hendry proposed their acceptance; this was seconded by Mr Sharp and agreed unanimously.

E.H.C.C.A.C.'s Report: Mr Plumridge reported on the activities of the Appeal Cee during 1981/82 including: Summer Dance; Donkey Derby; Sponsored Bike Ride; Model Railway Exhibition; - Mr Dixon was thanked for his tremendous work for this event; and a sponsored swim. Plans for the rest of 1982 include participation in the E.H. Show; Go Kart Grand Prix and a sponsored bike ride. Funds are well in excess of £3,000, which is now available for the Village Hall Project. Closer liaison between this Cee. and H.F. M.A.C. is welcomed and appreciated. Concern was expressed that the future success of the Project depend on the erection of a village hall and Charitable Status being given to the entire project.

The Cee. was congratulated on its successful fund raising efforts.

Hanna's Field Management Advisory Cee. Report: Mr Brown presented the report. Mr Labedski, who resigned during the year, was thanked for valuable work. Work carried out by the Management Cee. has included: the provision of a standpipe to service the allotments; the creation of a children's play area and some remedial work. Plans for E.H. Football Club to use the football pitch have been discussed. The major event for the Project was the purchase of a 100' ^{long} sectional building for reerection as a village hall, which will provide a multi-purpose building suitable for the widest possible range of village interests. To manage the detail design and development of the Project, it has been agreed to secure the professional services of Architects. To take advantage of grant facilities a Charitable Trust is to be formed. The membership being at full strength and there being no new nominations from the floor the present Cee. was reappointed.

Questions: Mr Ruffell asked whether the Football Club could keep the monies raised by matches as it was being responsible for maintaining and sub - letting the pitch. Mr Dixon said the issue of charges had not been resolved.

Mr Dixon expressed the P.C.'s thanks for the M.A.C.'s hard work.

Fouling by Dogs on Hanna's Field:

28/4/83

Fouling by Dogs on Hanna's Field: The Chairman expressed concern that the field, which had been purchased at considerable cost to the village for its use, was being badly fouled by dogs, making it unpleasant especially for children and a health hazard. The Chairman requested that dog owners should heed the Byelaw, which requires that dogs are kept under control, and people observing dogs uncontrolled should identify them so the owners can be approached.

Post Office Chase Resurfacing: The Chairman told the Meeting the the P.C. has considered funding this resurfacing from the rates, and had allocated a sum for this purpose but sought the view of parishioners.

Questions: These ranged over the width and limits of Chase which fell within the responsibility of the P.C.; the durability of a new surface and whether the C.B.C. might adopt it. Each was answered or discussed.

A motion was put that "the P.O. Chase should be resurfaced out of the P.C.'s precept". Proposed by Mr James and seconded by Mr Scanes.

An amendment was then moved that "~~before~~ the P.O. Chase should be resurfaced out of the P.C.'s precept, adoption by the C.B.C. should be explored". Proposed by Mr Parker and seconded by Mr Plumridge. The ^{motion as} amended was carried 14 for and 8 against.

Any Other Business:

Footpath at Abbeyfield's Boundary: Mr Holland was told that the path planned for South of the Abbeyfield's entrance would not extend North of it. However the P.C. is to take up the possibility of kerbing this section.

Sleeping Policeman - Ashley Green: Mr Trusler was told that when the P.C. investigated this subject previously, the C.B.C. was unwilling to take any action until a national survey of such hazards had reported.

Thanks were expressed to the Parish Council and Clerk.

There being no further business the Meeting was closed at 9.50p.m..

ALAN G DIXON

Chairman

28th April 1983

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday 28th April 1983 at 8.15 p.m. in the School.

Present: Mr Dixon in the Chair, Mr Bird, Mr Hendry, Mr Lovegrove, Mr Mitchell, Rev Ost, the Clerk and 2 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Mr Sharp and Mrs Mitchell.

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were confirmed and signed.

Chairman's Report:

Mr Dixon reported on the Parish Council's activities in the preceding 12 months including resurfacing of the Post Office Chase; the planned resurfacing of the Tye footpath; agreement to change to sodium lighting with photo-electric cells; an unsuccessful request for a crossing patrol or zebra crossing for the School; written submission to the A12 Southern Route Enquiry reaffirming the P.C.'s view that the A12 improvement should take place along the existing Margaretting to Boreham route; the appointment of Mr Watson as liaison Emergency Planning Officer; appointment of Architects to the Hanna's Field and Village Hall Project and in December 1982 the ownership of Hanna's Field passed to Hanna's Field Charitable Trust.

Mr Dixon then made a formal vote of thanks to all the other members of the Parish Council each of whom was retiring at the forthcoming P.C. elections, for their devoted service to East Hanningfield over a great number of years.

Presentation of Accounts 1982/1983:

The Clerk presented the Accounts. Mr Mitchell expressed his gratitude to Madame Clark for her management of the P.C.'s finances. The adoption of the Accounts was proposed by Mr Mitchell and seconded by Mr Hendry; they were agreed unanimously.

Hanna's Field Charity:

Mr Brown reported on the various activities of the Appeals Committee and the Management Committee both of which were incorporated into the Charity in December 1982. Fund-raising events included: Go-Kart Grand Prix; Sponsored swim; Participation in the East Hanningfield Show; Railway Show. Management's concerns included the letting of the ~~use~~ football field to both East and West Hanningfield football clubs; attempting to control vandalism on the field. Progress on the village hall continued, the sectional building being bought and in store; architects appointed; grants applied for and application to Manpower Services Commission to supply constructional labour. The new organisation received Charitable status on 16 December 1982 and the new committee ^{was} formed on 14th March 1983, consisting of 12 elected members of the public and 12 members representing village organisations and one coopted member. Mr Brown thanked the PC for its support.

Parish Council Elections; Borough Council Elections:

These are to be held on Thursday 5th May. All current Members of the P.C. with the exception of Mr Dixon will not be seeking reelection.

Any Other Business:

Attendance at Meeting: Mrs Cubitt expressed concern at the number of public at this Meeting.

Dog Fouling: Mr Lovegrove felt the problem of dog fouling should again be explored. It was agreed to reopen discussions with Mr Hudson, Public Health Officer, C.B.C.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.04 p.m..

ALAN G DIXON

Chairman

28th May 1984

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday 3rd May, 1984 at 8.15p.m. in the School.

Present: Mr Dixon in the Chair, Mr Martin, Mr Parker, Mr Snow, The Clerk and 3 members of the public. Mr Holland arrived during the Meeting.

Apologies for absence: Mr Holland, Mr Carter and Mr Brown.

Chairman's Report:

Mr Dixon gave a report of the past year's activities of the Parish Council. May 5th, 1983 had seen the election of the present P.C. Members in a contested poll. With the exception of the Chairman all other Members were new to the Parish Council. In the Autumn Mrs Cubitt had resigned as she was moving from the district, and Mr Snow was elected in an uncontested election. The new team ~~is~~ proving enthusiastic and dynamic. Mrs Cubitt was presented with a copy of "The History of Essex" in appreciation of her Editorship of the Newsletter; she was replaced by Mrs Bowring. During the year the P.C. welcomed representatives of the Planning and Secretaries Depts. and the Police. Their themes were: the Chelmsford Rural Area Plan to which Members made a very detailed response; Emergency Planning; and Policing in the Rural Area *respectively*. Other matters dealt with by the P.C. during the year included i) Byelaw enforcement; ii) attempts to resolve the problems of vandalism by the provision of certain requested facilities; iii) Best Kept Village Competition for which the village received a Certificate of Merit; iv) Inter-Village Sports Competition in which the village came 3rd in the *ing.* District round of the competition; v) voicing its strong objection to straw and stubble burn^{ing}. In response to a public request, the footbridge to the rear entrance to the School had been widened, and the resurfacing of the adjacent footp^{ath} ~~is~~ being considered. The safety of pedestrians and motorists had been pursued with some success e.g. a new chevron sign on the dangerous corner South of Great Reddings, towards Rettendon. Methods of slowing traffic entering the village had been less successful. Mr Dixon gave a vote of thanks to Mr Thomas who for years had been village groundsman, but who had had to retire due to ill health.

Presentation of the Accounts for 1983/1984:

Mr Holland proposed and Mr Martin seconded the approval of the Accounts for 1983/1984 which were approved unanimously.

Hanna's Field Charity Report:

In the absence of Mr Brown, Mr Dixon presented this Report. The Village Hall Project had now reached the Tender stage, Building Regulations having been obtained, and it was hoped to commence construction in the Summer 1984. Mr Dixon gave a brief resume of the financial situation and the difficulty created by the Man Power Services Commission's withdrawal of support to the Scheme. This was to have met the Labour element in the Scheme i.e. £22,000. Consequently the following options stand: a) Finding alternative sources of finance or b) erecting the hall in stages. Maintenance of the Field ~~is~~ now undertaken by the Executive Cee. though the M.P.S. have helped clear the perimeter of the field of litter.

Holiday Playscheme:

This ~~is~~ another positive effort to entertain children in the village during one week of the Summer holidays. Mrs Walden had agreed to be the paid Play Leader.

Best Kept Garden Competition:

This to be held on 7th July to judge ~~both~~ the best flower garden and ^{the best} vegetable garden.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

Alan G Dixon

Chairman
25th April 1984

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Thursday, 25th April 1985 at 8.15p.m. in the School.

Present: Mr Dixon in the Chair, Mr Brown, Mr Holland, Mr Jacklin, Mr Parker, the Clerk and 7 members of the public.

Apologies for absence: Mr Carter and Mr Snow.

Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting: Their approval was proposed by Mr Holland and seconded by Mr Parker. They were approved unanimously.

Chairman's Report:

Mr Dixon reviewed the year's work of the Parish Council. He paid tribute to his colleagues and recorded the sad death of Rev. Ost, for many years a Chairman and a Member of the P.C.. The work of the P.C. had largely concerned Highways, Planning, Recreation and Village Maintenance. Highway matters included the monitoring of traffic flow through the village by the police; improvement in the road drainage near the Post Office and the reconstruction of the path to the School's rear entrance. The most important Planning matter had been the redevelopment of the industrial estate, in part for retail and residential use. The possible listing of the old mill on the Tye was also investigated. Under Recreation the P.C. supported a holiday play scheme led by Mr Carter and Mrs Walden; assisted the village teams participating in the Inter-Village Sports Competition, which reached the East Anglian regional finals; and continued positively to support Hanna's Field Charity with the Playing Field and Village Hall Project. Under Maintenance a break of pyracanthus bushes had been planted on the Tye to prevent its erosion; the alteration of the byelaws was being considered to tackle dog fouling on the Tye and concern continues over the major problem of litter. It was hoped that through the service of Councillors and the co-operation of parishioners, the village would remain happy and successful.

Presentation of the Accounts 1984/1985:

Mr Holland presented the Accounts. Mr Brown proposed and Mr Parker seconded their approval. The accounts were accepted unanimously.

Hanna's Field Charity Report:

The Chairman of H.F.C., Mr Brown, reported that during the year the Charity's Cee. had decided on a modern purpose built hall providing excellent facilities for a wide range of sport and social activities. 90% of the building costs were now secured. The Cee. was confident that the hall's operating and maintenance expenses would be covered with a reasonable scale of charges to users. The Cee. believed that with effective management the village hall and field would continue to develop as substantial assets to the benefit of all villagers.

Question: To Mrs Warsop's enquiry, the Chairman said that the Cee. intended to sell the industrial unit.

Best Kept Village Competition:

Everyone's attention was drawn to this competition and the co-operation of all sought.

Any Other Business:

Byelaw Sign: Mr Lovegrove drew the Meeting's attention to the loss of one of these signs at the School Chase entrance to the field. Concern was expressed at the cost of vandalism to the community.

Groundsman: It was stated that the P.C. required a new groundsman.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.

Alan G Dixon

Chairman
24th April 1986