

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall at 8 pm on Thursday, 24th. June, 2004.

PRESENT

Cllr. Draper in the Chair, Cllrs. Amos, Harris, Palmer, Mrs. Tilby and Williamson. The Clerk and four members of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr. Applegate had sent apologies for his delayed arrival.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 27th. May 2004.

Cllr. Applegate arrived at this point.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH. MAY 2004

Summer Sports Programme (p.341)

The dates for the Summer holiday are as follows: Athletics on 9th. August and Tennis on 13th. August, both from 9.30am until noon.

FINANCE – Annual Audit (p.341)

The Independent Internal Audit will take place on 8th. July.

Hyde Hall Masterplan (Fd p.345)

Cllr. Amos had discussed this with the Chairman of Rettendon PC at the Town Planning conference at Dunmow. The letter has been sent to Rettendon PC.

VILLAGE HALL LIAISON (p.346)

Clerk has received a request for this to be delayed until August. HFC is to be asked to consider the last Wednesday in July and the first Wednesday in August.

CONDITION OF THE TYE (p.346)

A path has been constructed from the bus stop to the Tye footway, across the grass in front of Scarles Croft. This is thought to be part of the scheme to upgrade bus stops rather than connected with traffic calming.

Mr. Harvey has been asked to cut down the long grass, but is awaiting the removal of the equipment associated with the path construction.

The Clerk is to ask Mr. Wybrow for a quote regarding repair of the seat situated on the grass in front of Scarles Croft.

Groundwork is to be an Agenda item for the next Meeting. In the meantime the Clerk is to find out if MD Landscapes could undertake the strimming of the Tye and how much it would cost.

CORRESPONDENCE**a) Road Works**

It was noted that surface dressing of the carriageways will take place in Back Lane and Old Church Road during the weeks beginning 20th. & 27th. June.

FINANCE

The following cheques were signed

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
R. Harvey	101367			49.00	Groundwork	OSA 1906 S10, HA 1960 96(5)
Hanna's Field Charity	101368			6.75	Rent for Whitsun sports coaching	LG(MP)A 1976 S19
Post Office ltd.	101369			158.23	PAYE & NI April-June	LGA 1972 S112
Cancelled cheque	101370					
K. Plumridge	101371			545.84	June salary, Office allowance, Postage.	LGA 1972 S112
Hanna's Field Charity	101372			15.00	Rent for May meeting	LGA 1972 Sch 12 S10

PLANNING**a) Planning applications**

04/00715/CLEUD Lyons Cherry, Creep hedge Lane (claim that change from farm manager's house to dwelling house does not constitute a material change of use).

PC agreed that it was unable to contribute to this consultation because the Cobb case rested on whether or not the business conducted at the farm is agriculture in planning terms, which is a matter to be decided by specialists.

04/00716/CLEUD 2 Rough Hill Cottage, The Tye (claim that has been in breach of agricultural occupancy requirement for at least ten years);

As above.

04/00717/CLEUD 5 Rough Hill Farm Cottages (claim that no agricultural occupancy condition applies);

As above.

04/00718/CLEUD 3 & 4 Rough Hill Farm Cottages (claim that the cottages have not complied with agricultural occupancy condition for at least ten years);

As above.

04/998/FUL 18 East Hanningfield Industrial Estate (rear extension).

PC had no objection to the proposed extension but would wish to see a condition applied requiring the protection of the existing trees and hedge during construction and thereafter.

04/01093/FUL amended application Great Oaks, Chelmsford Road (Roof alteration to accommodate one additional bedroom. Conversion of existing garage to habitable space).

PC objects to the conversion of the garage to a habitable space. In effect, this would create another separate dwelling in the countryside beyond the defined settlement boundary.

04/01296/FUL Little Claydons Farm, Old Southend Road (Use of existing & approved production unit for processing birds owned and reared on Kelly controlled farms on an all year round basis, including new farm access road, planting etc.)

PC objects most strongly to the application. This is an industrial usage which is inappropriate in this location in the open countryside. It necessitates heavy haulage vehicles travelling on rural roads, through rural communities and at antisocial hours. The loss of amenity to neighbours is unacceptable. The proposed new access is designed to improve residential amenity to neighbours but only provides a detour away from two of the cottages.

04/01055/FUL Ridings, The Common (Amendment to application 02/01233/FUL Two bay oak frame garage)

There was no objection to the proposal.

b) Planning Appeal APP/W1525/C/04/1150685 Little Claydons Farm, Old Southend Road (Appeal against enforcement – without planning permission change of use from agriculture to mixed use of agriculture and slaughtering and processing of poultry).

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Planning Inspectorate supporting Chelmsford Borough Council's enforcement against the unauthorised change of use.

c) Works to Protected Trees

It was noted that CBC has granted consent to works to be carried out on protected trees at Highfield Farmhouse. Three balsam poplars north of the barn are to be crown lifted to 2.4m, and one balsam poplar adjacent to wall 8m north of barn is to be felled and stump killed (to protect wall).

Cllr. Harris registered his prejudicial interest in the following item and left the Meeting.

PROPOSED GYPSY SITE, BACK LANE**a) Report provided by the John Daldry Partnership**

It was agreed that paragraph 2.1 should be amended to include the post office/shop in the Village Hall. With that amendment the report should be forwarded to Chelmsford Borough Council as PC's response to the planning application.

b) The Possibility of Fund Raising

It was agreed that there should be no fund raising. Should there be an appeal, it would be possible to budget to cover costs from the Precept.

c) Actions to Date and Further Action Necessary.

Clerk reported that she had received a good number of copies of letters sent by residents to CBC. Where it was not clear that letters had been sent to CBC she had forwarded them. Borough Cllr. Poulter had informed the Clerk that there would not be a public meeting at CBC if the officer recommendation was for refusal, and that this would be known by early the following week. It was agreed that there should be a house-to-house drop to publicise the public meeting at CBC should it take place.

Cllr. Harris returned to the Meeting.

VILLAGE HALL PROJECT

a) Clerk's Report

A final snagging report was yet to go to the builder. HFC had received a report from their electrical inspection that the fan showers should have been fitted with electrical isolators. It was agreed that the Clerk should send a copy of the report to Oakwood, as this was a construction fault.

There had been an increase in vandalism. The replacement of the damaged downpipes would be in the region of at least £800. The Police have been requested to put on more foot patrols. HFC are to reconsider CCTV.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

a) Progress to Date.

The Planning application was about to be submitted.

b) Further Action.

Clerk is to remind Colne Housing about the agreed meeting.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Abandoned Vehicles

CBC and Chelmer Housing were dealing with these, and they should be removed by the weekend.

b) Welcome to East Hanningfield

Cllr. Mrs. Tilby requested more copies from the Clerk.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.35.