

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall at 9.07 pm on Thursday, 22nd. July, 2004.

PRESENT

Cllr. Draper in the Chair, Cllrs. Applegate, Harris, Palmer, Mrs. Tilby and Williamson. The Clerk and borough Cllrs. Poulter and Saunders were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Amos.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 24th. June 2004.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Annual Audit (MA p.348)

The independent internal audit booked for 8th. July was postponed and took place on 14th. July. Nothing amiss was found and the report is to follow. The Annual Return and associated paperwork has now been sent to the External Auditor. No interested parties asked to see the books during the period of availability.

Village Hall Liaison (MA p.348)

This has been arranged for 28th. July at Colin Warren's. The Chairman gave his apologies as he had a work commitment which would prevent his attendance.

Condition of the Tye (p.348)

During a site meeting on the Tye the problem with the width of the footpath beside the Horseshoes garden was identified. This has been reported to CBC.

Village Hall Project (p.351)

Clerk has now received the paperwork from HFC and will be forwarding it to Oakwood shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Creephedge Lane Closure

It was noted that CBC had informed PC of the Creephedge Road closure beginning 7am 19th. July and ending on 23rd. July, but might be longer if surfacing works are held up by the weather. It was also noted that the work had been completed ahead of schedule.

FINANCE

a) Rural Community Council of Essex

It was agreed to subscribe to the R.C.C.E. at a cost of £50 for the year.

b) ETP Law and Procedures Course 28th. September

There was no-one available to attend.

c) ETP Budgeting & Precept Course 9th. September

There was no-one available to attend.

d) Chelmsford Council for Voluntary Service News

It was agreed to make a donation of £7 towards the supply of the CCVS News.

e) Repairs and Reinstatement of Tye Seat

It was agreed to accept Mr. Wybrow's quotation of £225 for repairs and reinstatement of the seat.

f) Payments

The following receipts were noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
Barclays	Deposit	21.40	Interest 8/3-6/6
Baddow Plumbing Services	Current	20.00	Newsletter income
Hanningfield Motor Co	Current	20.00	Newsletter income

The following Cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Michael Aves	101373	608.00	106.40	714.40	Work associated with J. Daldry Partnership	LGA 1972 S111
Hanna's Field Charity	101374	25.00 12.50 125.00		162.50	Parish Meeting rent, PC Meeting rent June, Preschool rent 2 nd . half Summer term	LGA 1972 Sch 12 S10 LG(MP)A 1976 S19
MD Landscapes	101375	225.00	39.37	264.37	Mowing 6/5, 20/5, 3/6.	LG(MP)A 1976 S19(3a) OSA 1906 S9(b)
L. Draper	101376			50.00	Reimbursement for public address system	LGA 1972 S111
SM. Tilby	101377			39.00	Cllr's Allowance 2004 less tax	LGA(MA)R 2003
cancelled	101378					
K. Plumridge	101379			647.08	July salary, Office allowance, Telephone, Reimbursements, Expenses	LGA 1972 S112

R. Harvey	101380	91.00 50.00		141.00	Groundwork, Long grass on Tye.	OSA 1906 S10, HA 1960 96(5)
MD Landscapes	101381	225.00	39.37	264.37	Mowing 16/7, 1/7, 15/7.	LG(MP)A 1976 S19(3a) OSA 1906 S9(b)
Rural Community Council of Essex	101382			50.00	Annual subscription from July	LGA 1972 S111
Chelmsford CVS	101383			7.00	CCVS News	LGA 1972 S111

Clerk reported that the monthly average pay-as-you-go charge for internet connection had reached £10, and that she was investigating Broadband service providers. She was asked to include Broadband provision on the Agenda for the August Meeting.

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

04/00977/FUL Land South West of Henley Ridge, Old Church Road (Erection of 12 houses and flats with associated road – Colne Housing Scheme of Affordable Housing for Local People).

PC strongly supports the application subject to the Section 106 agreement establishing that four of the properties will be for shared ownership, that PC vets applicants in order to validate their local connections, and representatives of Colne Housing being available to attend PC Meetings during the project from granting of planning permission. Also subject to the Parish Council's participation in the S106 negotiations.

The possibility of a further application for affordable housing should not cause the decision process for this application to be delayed.

04/01441/FUL 6 Highfields Mead (Single storey shed/workshop rear of double garage)

PC objects to the proposed shed/workshop which is disproportionately large for its surroundings.

04/1400/FUL OS Field 176, Old Church Road (Erection of new dwelling).

PC had no comment to make on this application which was to amend the existing plan which already has planning permission.

04/01469/FUL Barn Adjacent Highfields Farm (change of use of redundant barn to private residential house).

PC supports this application.

Cllr. Harris declared his prejudicial interest in the following Agenda Item and left the Meeting.

PROPOSED GYPSY SITE, BACK LANE**a) Twelve Pitch Site**

It was noted that the application for the twelve pitch site was withdrawn on the day of the Planning Committee Meeting. The officer report had recommended refusal. Two further applications have been submitted by Smart Planning on the same site. One is for a three pitch gypsy site and the other for a development of twelve 'affordable' houses. Neither application have been received formally by PC, although CBC Planning has faxed part of the gypsy site application and Smart Planning has sent a complimentary copy of the 'affordable housing' application.

b) Actions to be Taken

J. Daldry is to be asked what is the appropriate response to the supporting documents. There was some doubt as to whether the three pitch application had been withdrawn. It was agreed that if it has not, an extraordinary meeting is to be called. CBC Planning is to be asked for an open ended extension to the consultation period.

Cllr. Harris returned to the Meeting.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE**a) Progress to Date**

It was noted that CBC might hold up the decision on this application until the Smart Planning 'affordable housing' application decision is made.

b) Actions to be Taken

The Clerk is to seek confirmation that the defined settlement boundary would not be redrawn to take in the Colne development.

Colne Housing are to be asked to send a representative to the August Meeting.

TRAFFIC CALMING**a) Further Works**

CBC has sent notice that surface dressing will take place along the Tye and The Common on 20th. or 21st. July. Reprofiting the carriageway at the new priority junction is due to take place on Saturday and Sunday 31st. July and 1st. August. This will involve closure of the junction. The high skid surface is to be installed at the new priority junction and the mini roundabout at a date yet to be confirmed. White lining will be re-applied as soon as the surfacing is complete.

b) Completed Works

It was noted that illuminated bollards and a sign post have been installed over and above expectations. The red top dressing has been done which makes the road look wider but a better colour. The pinch point on the Bicknacre Road is slowing down traffic entering the village.

c) Action to be Taken

Clerk is to write to Jolene Horner about the restricted visibility of traffic coming from right when exiting School Chase.

In view of the cost to the public purse of in the region of £1500 when work was stopped by the lobbying of the owner of Rails Farm, at the end of the project PC is to consider writing a letter

of complaint about the stoppage and of lessons learned during the project. This could possibly be an Agenda Item for the September Meeting.

CONSULTATION: PROPOSAL BY BT TO REMOVE TELEPHONE KIOSK AT LAYBY, SOUTHEND ROAD

a) Response to the Proposal.

PC has no objection to the removal of the kiosk.

GROUNDWORK

Due to the full Agenda this item has been postponed until the next Meeting.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Creephedge Lane Junction

The sight line on the Rettendon side of the junction is obscured by high weeds.

b) Filliol Close

Residents of Filliol have complained that residents of the Catherine Close houses backing on to Filliol have gates in the their back fences and are using Filliol to dump their rubbish. They are asking whether the back gates could be removed and refenced.

c) Drugs

Ashley Wall has been investigating the use of drugs on the playing field.

d) Village Festival

The Chairman asked PC to consider holding a village festival to bring all the residents together. This could be held to coincide with the Art Exhibition or the pub Caribbean evening.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.39.