

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall at 7.39pm on Wednesday, 4th. May, 2005.

PRESENT

Cllr. Draper in the Chair, Cllrs. Amos and Palmer. The Clerk was in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Harris. Cllrs. Applegate and Williamson had sent messages that their arrivals would be delayed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was noted that the Minutes of the previous Meeting would be signed at the Meeting on 26th.May.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH APRIL

It was noted that these would be reported at the Meeting on 26th. May.

FINANCE

a) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Diamond Press Ltd.	101441			651.00	Print Walks Leaflets	LGA 1972 S144
L. Draper	101442			19.99	Reimbursement Flashdrive used producing walks leaflets	LGA 1972 S111
K. Plumridge	101443			11.98	Postage	LGA 1972 S111

The following receipts were noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
Barclays 7/3/05	Deposit	32.71	Interest to 6/3/05
S. Hambling	Cash	1.00	Allotment rent 2005/6
Chelmsford Borough Council 26/4/05	Current	13349.63	1 st . half of precept

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

05/00323/FUL Alands Farm, Back Lane (two storey detached garage building with storage)

PC objects strongly to the application. The site is outside the defined settlement boundary. The proposed garage building has a larger footprint than the house to which it is ancillary. This is a sensitive site and the proposed building would bridge the gap between its associated house and the neighbouring housing estate, which is within the defined settlement boundary. This large building is inappropriate in the open countryside. It has the appearance of a separate residence where policy would prohibit the construction of a new house.

b) Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate

Land Opposite Alands Farm.

It was noted that the Clerk had received verbal notification that an appeal had been made following refusal of planning permission, application no. 04/01586/FUL, for a change of use of the land to provide a three pitch gypsy site, and that CBC was asking for an enquiry rather than a hearing due to the large numbers of people likely to be interested in attending.

The Clerk was instructed to contact CBC and confirm PC's support for an enquiry.

c) Tree Works

It was noted that CBC has no objection to the proposed works to trees within the Conservation Area as follows:

Species	Location	Specification
Holly	Near the SW boundary of The Lawns	Fell to ground level as poor structural form and impeding photosynthesis of Ash.
Ash	Near the SW corner of The Lawns	Crown reduce large 'wolf' limb by 30% (approx. 3-4m cut to suitable growing points).
Maple	Just outside Flat 7 of The old Rectory	Crown reduction of 30% (cut to suitable growing point). Remove any dead wood and ivy (which is already severed). Tree surgeon to check the structural integrity of the crown and the weak union between main lateral and trunk.

SOCIAL EVENTS

This is to be an Agenda item for the next Meeting. The intention is to hold a race night on a Saturday in late August or early September and a dance in November. Information is to be sought from organisations that organise race nights and availability of the hall is to be checked. These events are to be used to raise funds for the youth/children's equipment project.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

There were no items for report.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.22.