

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at 8.05pm in the Village Hall on Thursday, 23rd. June, 2005.

PRESENT

Cllr. Draper in the Chair, Cllrs. Amos, Harris, Williamson.
The Clerk and Borough Cllr. Poulter were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Applegate and Palmer.
Apologies were also received from Cllr. Mrs. Tilby.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 26th. May, 2005.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH. MAY

Post & Rails Fence (MA p416)

A response is awaited from the Probation officer contacted.

ECC IT Grant (F(i) p.418)

ECC information about recommended specifications has been received with names of ECC suppliers. The photocopier has been serviced and the required part was still available so the machine's life expectancy appears to have been extended.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) SWF Community Safety Day, 2nd. July

It was noted that there would be a Community Safety Day at South Woodham Ferrers on 2nd. July from 10am to 4pm. Residents will be able to visit their Police, Fire, Ambulance and Health Services in the town centre. This has been organised by South Woodham Ferrers Community Safety Forum which covers the surrounding villages.

FINANCE

a) Independent Internal Audit

It was noted that the independent internal audit had taken place 23/6/05.

The Clerk left the Meeting for the duration of the following item.

b) Implementation of the National Agreement on Salaries and Conditions of Service

It was agreed that the post of Clerk should be set at point 30 on the scale, and that the Clerk should receive an extra four points in recognition of her qualifications. The

Clerk's salary would therefore be set at point 34 on the scale, and this would be backdated to 1st. April.

c) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
NALC	101452			29.38	Quality Status application fee	LGA 1972 S111
MD Landscapes	101453	225.00 30.00 51.00	53.55	359.55	Mowing 5/5, 19/5, 2/6, Strim Tye x 1, Mow churchyard x2	LG(MP)A1976 S19, OSA 1906 S19, LGFA 1992 S214(6)
Hannas Field Charity	101454	6.00 7.50		13.50	Rent sports coaching, May meeting	LG(MP)A1976 S19, LGA 1972 SCH 12 S10
Chelmsford Borough Council	101455			55.00	Holiday sports coaching	LG(MP)A1976 S19,
Derek Wybrow	101456			917.20	New roof to bus shelter	LG(MP)A 1953 S4
K. Plumridge	101457			609.60	June salary, office allowance, B/band –12/7/05, Telephone, Reimbursements	LGA 1972 S112
Post Office Ltd. 5/7/05	101458			190.48	PAYE & NI April-June	LGA 1972 S112
Chelmsford CVS	101459			7.00	Subscription to newsletter	LGA 1972 S111

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

None had been received.

b) Application for Certificates of Lawfulness

05/01053/CLEUD New Bungalow, Common Farm, Bicknacre Road (applicant claims that existing occupation of dwelling without compliance with agricultural worker condition has continued for more than ten years).

It was agreed that the claim by the applicant was correct.

05/00860/CLEUD Morelands Industrial Estate, Tileworks Lane (applicant claims use of site for CLV operation & scrap metal recycling for more than ten years)

It was agreed that without any supporting documentation, it was not possible to judge whether there was evidence to uphold the applicant's claim.

c) Breaches of Planning Conditions

There was a discussion on the system in which breaches of planning conditions are allowed to continue long enough to qualify for lawful use. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to CBC Planning to ask for a list of the agricultural dwellings in the parish.

Cllr. Harris declared an interest in the following item and left the Meeting.

d) Appeal to the Planning Inspectorate

APP/W1525/A/04/1161882 Part of OS 7783 North of Old Church Road, (Smart Planning appeal against refusal of planning permission for 12 dwellings for local affordable housing needs).

It was agreed that the Chairman should represent to give PC's views at the local inquiry on 26th. July. In the meantime the Clerk is to provide him with the paperwork.

Cllr. Harris returned to the Meeting.

QUALITY PARISHESa) QS Application

It was noted that the portfolio of evidence was about to be submitted and that there is a fee of £29.38. The Clerk was thanked for her work in compiling the application.

HFC/PC LIAISONa) Shop

It was noted that a working party, including Cllr. Applegate, has been set up by HFC to investigate the Shop Lease in the context of the possible sale of the shop.

COLNE HOUSING SCHEME OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.a) The Recent Communication from Sandra Howard.

Mrs. Howard informed PC that the hearing into the request for a judicial review of Chelmsford's handing of the Smart Planning application, that the 2 applications should have been considered in tandem, is listed for hearing on 6th July.

Although Colne have a building contract in place, all meaningful work has been suspended until the outcome is clear so as not to incur any further expense.

They hope the way forward will be clear after 6th July and will advise of the position.

SOCIAL EVENTSa) Race Night

The Village Hall has been booked for Saturday, 24th. September for the race night fund raising event. The Clerk has sent a query to NALC regarding the legality of PC running the event. It was agreed to await the response from NALC before booking the event,

so that it could be done in compliance with regulations. It was agreed that the event organisers should run the vent, and Cllr. Williamson is to proceed with the booking with any one of the organisers that is available on the required date.

b) Christmas Dance

Cllr Williamson had been investigating bands. He was asked to check their availability in early December.

FAX MACHINE

a) Disconnection

It was noted that due to a series of unsolicited faxes from abroad, the machine has been disconnected and therefore can no longer receive faxes.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Sponsored Bike Ride

It was noted that nothing had been heard about the arrangements for the bike ride. In previous years PC had been contacted for permission for the St.John's ambulance to be parked on the Tye. Cllr. Williamson undertook to ask Cllr. Palmer to find out what was happening and to let the Clerk know.

b) Bus Service

It was noted that the irregularity of the bus service made the need for a bus stop with up-to-date information about delays etc. all the more necessary.

c) Portable Speed Limit Signs

The Clerk was asked to find about these for a future meeting. The straight stretch between the industrial estate and the end of the houses had been identified as being subject to excessive speed.

d) Cllr. & Mrs. Palmer

It was noted that the absence of Cllr. Palmer was due to the birth of his son earlier that day. Those present held a collection for a bouquet of flowers.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.25.