

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday, 22nd. September, 2005.

PRESENT

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllrs. Amos, Harris, Palmer and Mrs. Tilby.
The Clerk, Borough Cllr. Richard Poulter and a member of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from the Chairman, Cllr. Draper and Cllr. Williamson had sent a message that his arrival would be delayed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 25th. August, 2005.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25TH. AUGUST 2005

Street Furniture (MA p.431)

The work had been postponed to the weekend, and if not completed would continue on the following Wednesday. The materials had been purchased.

EALC AGM (Cb p.432)

Clerk was to be presented with the Quality certificate at the AGM.

SLCC Annual Conference, 8-10th. October

Ramsden Bellhouse Parish Council had contributed the other 50% of the delegate fee.

St. Peter's Way (MfRb p.434)

Cllr. Applegate reported that he had yet to check the fallen tree.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Charter for Parish & Town Councils

It was agreed that Martin Ainscough, Corporate Strategy Manager at CBC, should be invited to attend the next Meeting, which would begin at 7.30 pm.

FINANCE

a) Preschool

As the Preschool accounts were not available it was agreed to carry this item over to the next Meeting.

b) Christmas Dance

It was agreed that the finance for the Christmas dance should be discussed under the Social Events heading later in the Meeting.

c) ECC Grant for IT

It was noted that the grant remains unspent and that the Clerk was finding searching for comparative quotes for computer packages difficult. Cllr. Amos offered to search for comparative quotes if the Clerk could supply him with the specification.

d) Village Hall Extension Warranty

The warranty defects on the extension project have been rectified and the remaining payment of £2992.32 was due. It was agreed that the Clerk should release the cheque on the receiving verification from the Charity that the work was complete.

Cllr. Williamson arrived at this point.

e) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity	101473			7.50	Rent for August Meeting	LGA 1972 Sch 12 S10
Opal Design & Build Ltd. (formerly Oakwood)	101474			2992.32	Final retention payment VH extension	LG(MP)A 1976 S19
R. Harvey	101475			144.00	Groundswork	OSA 1906 S10, HA 1960 S96(5)
Post Office Ltd	101476			566.67	PAYE July-Sept.	LGA 1972 S112
K. Plumridge	101477			878.41	Paint etc. Sept. salary, Office allowance B/band 13/9-12/10, Reimbursements.	LGA 1972 Ss 111 & 112
MD Landscapes	101478	92.40 132.60 60.00 51.00	58.80	394.80	Mowing 2/7, 11/8, 8/9. Tye x 3, Hannas Field x 3, Strim Tye x 2, Churchyard x 3	LG(MP)A 1976 s19(3a) OSA 1906 S9(b)

The following receipts were noted:

From	To account	Amount £	Explanation
Allianz Cornhill	Current	817.20	Insurance claim on bus shelter
D. Rice	Current	5.00	PC Publications

The Chairman arrived at this point and assumed the Chair.

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

05/01715/FUL 2 Bicknacre Road (Remove concrete panels from Airey house and rebuild with block and brickwork).

There were no objections to the proposal.

05/01741/FUL Rough Hill Farm, The Tye (Change of use of former hatchery buildings to processing, storage and distribution of timber products).

The site is particularly sensitive with adjacent residential properties. The vehicular access to the site is a private drive running from a traffic-calmed area, through the village conservation area and between residential properties. If this application receives approval there would need to be strict conditions applied to protect residential amenity. These would have to include

- Restricted hours of working 8am-6pm weekdays and 9-1pm Saturdays;
- Specified levels of insulation to reduce noise from machinery;
- No vehicle movements between –8-9am & 3-4pm (school opening and closing);
- No retail from site;
- No manufacturing outside buildings.

There is concern that the change of use to a mixture of B2 use (General Industrial) and B8 use (Storage and Distribution) would mean that the activity at the site could change without further recourse to planning permission, and could become wholly unacceptable for this location. Should planning permission be granted PC therefore would wish to see the use of the site restricted to that of a timber yard.

The applicant's agents have stated that the proposals would result in a significantly lesser impact upon the local highway network. This might be the case, but the figures submitted do not appear to take into account the continued use of other buildings on site by the current occupiers or others who may occupy it in the future. What is critically important is that once consent for a B2/B8 use is granted then at any time in the future the building and associated open area could be occupied by any other use however inappropriate for this location, which could result in a traffic flow far higher than exists at the present time or in the recent past. The applicant's agents have stressed in their supporting statement that the unacceptable features of these uses close to residential property can be minimised by the imposition of planning conditions, but PC is concerned that these conditions would need to be enforceable and enforced.

In view of the uncertainty regarding the application of enforceable conditions at this site, it was agreed that Cllr. Amos should seek further information from the planning officer and report back to the Clerk. It was agreed to delegate to the Clerk the final response to the application.

b) Tree Works

A communication had been received from CBC that consultations to parish councils on tree works in conservation areas would be subject to a 14 day response time and on trees with preservation orders a 21 day response period. It would therefore be necessary to delegate the task. CBC suggested using the Tree Warden. As the Clerk

is the Tree Warden by default it was agreed to delegate the task of responding to tree works which could not be brought to a meeting to the Clerk in consultation with any two councillors.

HFC/PC LIAISON

a) Village Hall Warranty Defects

These have been completed.

b) Play Equipment

There was an official opening by Lord Hanningfield on Sunday, 4th. September.

c) Shop Lease

It was noted that HFC will require PC signatories to sign the lease. Chairman and Vice Chairman were delegated to sign.

COLNE HOUSING/ICENI SCHEME OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

a) Planning Committee, 20th. September

The Planning Committee granted planning permission for the scheme.

b) Update

The sign board had been erected and it was expected that the services would be in within the month. Completion would be in about 18 months. It was noted that Colne and Icenii supported the use of Mr. Chennells's name for the new road., and agreed that the Clerk should write, copying to Cllr. Poulter, asking for the policy to be waived in this instance.

SOCIAL EVENTS

a) Race Night

The practical arrangements for the night were agreed.

b) Christmas Dance

It was agreed that the final decision to go ahead with the dance rested on the local support for the race night, and was delegated to the Clerk in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Crime Reduction Seminar

The Clerk reported that she had received a reminder for this although she had not received an invitation in the first instance.

b) Red Road Surface

Patching was still black.

c) Back Lane, Chevrons

It was noted that these were missing.

d) Path to School Back Gate

The surface is poor. The Clerk was asked to find out who built the path.

e) Sign Beside Fairlawns

It was noted that the sign beside Fairlawns facing north up the Common has never worked.

f) Hanna's Field Byelaws

There has been a suggestion that HFC has a general waiver of the byelaws for the playing field. This is to be an Agenda Item for a future meeting.

g) Gazebo & Barbeque on Field

A wedding hirer wants to have a gazebo and barbeque outside the Hall. They should write to the Clerk.

h) Art Exhibition

It was the most successful yet raising £1142.

i) Hanna's Field

HFC are looking for further contributions from PC towards sports and play equipment on the playing field. The Clerk was asked to find out what is happening about the S106 money.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.25.