

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall at 8.06pm on Thursday, 27th. October, 2005.

PRESENT

Cllr. Draper in the Chair, Cllrs. Amos, Harris, and Palmer. The Clerk, Borough Cllr. Richard Poulter and Dawn Falkingham representing Preschool were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Applegate. Apologies were also received from Cllr. Mrs. Tilby. *Received & accepted from Cllr. Williamson.*

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING.

“The Chairman arrived at this point & assumed the Chair”, was inserted at the top of page 437, between the end of Finance and the beginning of Planning. The Minutes were then signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 22nd. September, 2005.

It was agreed to bring Finance forward on the Agenda.

FINANCE

a) Preschool

A request from Preschool for financial support for their rent for this academic year was considered. The accounts had been distributed with the Agenda and Mrs. Falkingham had explained the need for help during Public Question Time.

It was agreed that PC should pay the full Preschool rent for the present term and the next (Spring) term. This would amount to approximately £1150.

It was also agreed to consider continuing support conditional upon improvements in Preschool solvency.

b) Preliminary Budget Discussion

There were no items identified, but Cllrs. were asked to inform the Clerk of any items they wanted costed prior to the Budget.

c) Payments

The following cheque signed between meetings was noted:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Essex County Council	101502			10.00	Deposit - First Aid Training	LGA 1972 s111

The following direct debit was noted:

To	Date	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Public Works Loan Account	12/9/05	2771.61	Hall Loan Extension Loan	LGA 1972 Sch13 S1b

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Cancelled	101479					
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Hannas Field Charity	101481			7.50	Rent September meeting	LGA 1972 Sch12 S10
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	101482			80.00	Wreath for Remembrance Sunday	LGA 1972 S137
Lubbock Fine	101483	250.00	43.75	293.75	External Audit 2004/5	Audit Commission Act 1998
cancelled	101484					
K. Plumridge	101485			794.49	October salary, Office allowance, Bband 13/10-12/11, Reimbursements, Expenses Travel/conference Telephone	LGA 1972 S112

The following receipts were noted:

From	To account	Amount £	Explanation
Chelmsford Borough Council 28/9/05	Current	13350.63	2 nd . half of precept
Barclays	Deposit	24.02	Interest 6/6-18/9/05
Cash	Current	272.36	Race Night Profits
Cash	Current	212.90	Race Night Charity Bar profits

In the absence of the Chairman Cllrs. Amos and Harris undertook to lay the poppy wreath on Remembrance Sunday.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd. SEPTEMBER 2005.Street Furniture (MA p.435)

The Community Service Team has completed the schedule of work for the PC and has now moved on to do work at the sports courts and inside the Village Hall. There have been many compliments about the appearance of the village and of the quality of the work. The Probation Service is so pleased with the work being done here that they want to use it as an example for publicity purposes. If plans go ahead there will be a reception at the village hall with local councils and others being invited to send representatives to see what has happened here.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to Essex Probation saying how pleased PC is with the work.

ECC Grant for IT

Clerk supplied Cllr. Amos with a specification, although too late to be included on the Agenda for this meeting. Dell was found to be the most competitive. This will be on the Agenda for the next Meeting.

Planning Application Rough Hill Farm

Cllr. Amos talked to the planning officer about this application, and in the light of information received the final submission to CBC was of non-support because even if conditions were applied to prevent noise pollution, restricting working hours etc. these would be insufficient to protect the amenity of the village, and especially residential occupiers.

Red Road Surface (MfRb p.438)

The works carried out at the Common by the Highway Authority will be resurfaced with red, but according to the officer at ECC it is unlikely that works carried out by other undertakers will as the Highway Authority do not have control over them anymore.

Path to School Back Gate (MfRd p.438)

A search through the Minutes has found a request from members of the public for the path to be widened in the Minutes of 25th. June, 1981, but no reference to its construction. It looks as though it was constructed before the Parish Council purchased the field. It would have been possible for Parish, District or County Councils to have done this as it follows the line of the public footpath. The two most likely candidates are the County Council as the education authority at the time the school was built or the builder of the Ashley Green estate. Audrey Lovegrove, former Clerk, was asked if she could remember how it came to be there, but she could not.

The Clerk will pass the matter to the County Council.

Hanna's Field Byelaws (MfRf p. 439)

The Charity is to put their requirements into writing.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Dog Bins

Cllr. Jason Need, Cabinet Member for Environment & Housing had written asking whether PC can identify sites requiring dog bins.

It was agreed that the Clerk should respond proposing Bridon Close green and the Highfields site splay.

b) Diamond Service/35

It was noted that from 14th. November the Diamond Service will be Service 35, and the 1955 service from Chelmsford to Rettendon withdrawn.

It was agreed that the Clerk should prepare notices for Cllr. Palmer to display in the bus shelters.

c) Stop Stansted Expansion

It was noted that information relating to health impact assessments of airports has been received from Stop Stansted Expansion and is in circulation. Further information is provided at www.stopstanstedexpansion.com/health.html .

d) NHS Proposals

To note that the NHS in Essex is proposing to reconfigure cancer services and the discussion documents can be found at www.essex.nhs.uk . NHS proposals for Head and Neck Surgery in Essex are in circulation.

e) Mid Essex Area Forum, 1st. November

It was noted that the Forum would take place at Maldon Town Football Club at 10.30am with presentations on the Restructuring of the Health Service and Localism and Communities Initiative Funding. The Agenda is in circulation.

f) Victoria County History of Essex Appeal Fund AGM, 23rd. November

It was noted that the AGM would take place on at 7.30pm at the Essex Record Office.

g) Variation of Licence – The Three Horseshoes

It was noted that the Licensing Committee granted the application for Variation of Licence at the Three Horseshoes with modifications as follows:

- The supply of alcohol and all entertainments shall cease at 23.00 on Sunday, 00.00 on Monday to Thursday, 00.30 on Friday & Saturday with the premises remaining open for 30 minutes after the licensable activities have ceased.
- On those nights that the premises are open for the sale of alcohol until 00.00 and 00.30, no new customers shall be served after 23.00.
- The outside drinking area shall be cleared of patrons and glasses by 23.00.
- The hours of late night refreshments shall correspond with the opening hours of the premises.

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

05/01795/FUL Barn adj. Highfields Farmhouse, Highfields Mead (amended application 04/02418/FUL conversion & alteration of barn for residential use)

There was no objection to the application.

05/01846/FUL Dunnock Cottatge, Pan Lane (erection of new car port).

There was no objection to the application.

b) Tree Works

It was noted that no comment was sent regarding the application for consent to remove a limb of a poplar growing into cables at the Old Rectory.

c) CBC Planning Dept's Parish Councils Evening, 16th. November

The Clerk and Cllr. Harris would attend if available.

HFC/PC LIAISON**a) Shop Lease**

Matters appeared to be proceeding satisfactorily.

b) Signatories for the Lease.

As the Vice Chairman would not be available it was necessary to agree a replacement signatory.

It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr. Harris should be the signatories with Cllr. Amos as a reserve in case of unavailability.

COLNE HOUSING SCHEME OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.**a) Update.**

It was noted that underground services had been installed.

SOCIAL EVENTS**a) Race Night.**

Attendance at the Race Night had been very disappointing. Thanks were conveyed to those who had given their time and effort to produce a very enjoyable evening. The Chairman especially thanked Mike Plumridge for his help.

The total profit for the night was £534.26.

b) Christmas Dance

Due to the poor attendance at the Race Night it was considered that the Christmas dance fund raising event would not be feasible due to the high overheads. It was therefore abandoned.

DATE OF DECEMBER MEETING**a) New Dates**

It was agreed to change the date of the Meeting that was scheduled to take place on 24th. November to 1st. December, and to hold the following Meeting on 5th. January.

MANNED REFUSE VEHICLE**a) Low Uptake**

It was agreed that the Clerk should place a large sign at the end of the Chase publicising the visit.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Website

The website had been nominated for website of the year. The Chairman asked those present to encourage as many people as possible to vote for the site.

b) Free Dog Bags

Free dog waste bags had been obtained from the Borough Council and were available in the Village Hall entrance lobby.

c) Community Mini-bus

This would be an item for the next Agenda.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.23.