

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at 8.05 pm on Thursday, 26th. January, 2006 in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 5th. January, 2006.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH. JANUARY 2006

Ron Saunders (MfRa P.457)

Clerk delivered a letter to Ron and received a thank you note, which was shown to the Meeting.

Toxic Chemicals (MfRb p.457)

According to CBC the buckets had been removed.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) By-election 23rd. February

The date for the ward by-election was noted.

b) Road Closures

It was noted that Old Church Road and Pan Lane would be closed for the duration of the resurfacing works from 6th. February.

FINANCE

a) Village Hall Hire Rates

It was noted that as from 1st. January PC Meetings will be charges at £3.50 per hour and Preschool will be charged £593.30 per term with half-termly invoices at £296.65. This was an increase of 3%.

b) Mowing Contract

It was noted that Mr. Jacobs has confirmed in writing that this is the last year of the three year mowing contract and, as agreed, prices would remain the same.

c) Noticeboard Repair

It was noted that the estimate for the noticeboard repair at £124 was within the insurance excess and the Clerk therefore gave instructions for it to go ahead immediately.

d) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity	101499			5.25	Rent for meeting 5/1/06	LGA 1972 Sch12 S10
D. Wybrow	101500			124.00	Repairs to Tye noticeboard	LGA 1972 S111
ACDPC	101503			24.00	Annual subscription 2006	LGA 1972 S143
East Hanningfield Parochial Church Council	101504			45.00	Budgeted sum remaining at end of mowing season.	LGA 1972 S 124(6)
K. Plumridge	101505			799.20	January salary, Office allowance, B/band 13/1-12/2, Telephone, Reimbursements, Expenses	LGA 1972 S112

PLANNINGa) Planning Applications

06/00081/FUL Highlands Farm, Southend Road (Installation of electronic communications bas station comprising a 22.5m high slimline lattice style mast to be painted olive green, 3 no. antennas, 2 no. transmission dishes, equipment cabinets, fenced compound and development ancillary thereto).

There was no objection to the proposed development, but a condition was to be requested requiring there to be no trimming of the nearby trees which would be screening the development.

The Clerk was also instructed to contact the Borough arboriculturist to ask for a TPO to be considered.

06/00037/OUT Barnards Farm, Southend Road (demolition of existing house, barns, stables and storage buildings and the erection of 6 detached dwellings (outline application, landscaping reserved).

This application had arrived too late to be included on the Agenda. The Clerk would therefore be preparing a response with reference to the appropriate polices, in consultation with Cllr. Amos.

b) To consider application for Certificate of Lawfulness:

05/02190/CLEUD Morelands Industrial Estate, Tileworks Lane (storage and dismantling of vehicles & the sale of scrapped parts).

PC was unable to provide any information as to the accuracy of the applicant's submission that the use at the site had been carried out for four years.

HFC/PC LIAISON

a) Shop Lease

There were no current actions required of PC or HFC.

b) Club Room Project

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask HFC whether they have looked at the building possibilities as agreed at the last Liaison Meeting, and to ask them to report on the findings. The Clerk was also to ask HFC to nominate representatives to initiate the clubroom project. PC nominated Cllrs. Harris, Amos and Draper to participate in a working party with the HFC reps.

The Clerk was also to initiate a Liaison Meeting.

COLNE HOUSING SCHEME OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE.

a) Clerk's Report.

Elizabeth Best would be providing PC with a copy of the proposal for the procedure for allocating the housing by 15th. February. Colne would already have made their comments. She will then come to the Meeting on 23rd. February to discuss the proposal and receive PC's comments. She will be accompanied by Sarah Wallis who is the 'frontline contact' for enquiries about the scheme at CBC. Liz Best suggests that residents should not be invited to the meeting to hear this discussion, but she will send all those on the list copies of the document when it is agreed.

It was agreed to invite Liz Best and Sarah Wallis to meet councillors before the PC Meeting, at 7.15.

The Clerk was instructed to obtain a copy of the S106 agreement.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

a) Transport Survey.

It was agreed that the Clerk should apply for grant funding to cover the cost of the transport survey, which would be in the region of £1000, and to proceed with the survey arrangements. There were two possible dates for the consultation event in the

Village Hall, 11th. March and 29th. April, and the Clerk was instructed to find out if the earlier date would be feasible.

EAST HANNINGFIELD NEWS

a) Improving the News

The Clerk had obtained copies of a variety of parish magazines, including winners of the Parish Magazine Competition, so that Cllrs. could view different formats. It was agreed that the News should remain at A5 size, and for the forthcoming issue the font should be Arial 12 to improve accessibility. To allow for this it was agreed that there could be an extra four pages, ie. one double sided A4 sheet, at a cost of about £60. For the following issue, the cost of printing the cover in colour was to be investigated.

The Clerk was to provide Borough Cllr. Poulter with the Editor's contact details so that he could contribute an article.

Cllr. Draper undertook to provide an article about the oldest inhabitant in the village.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Begging

The Clerk undertook to forward complaints about begging in the village to the Police Community Support Officer.

b) Local Development Framework

It was noted that there had been 1000 replies to the LDF consultation and 60% had supported Option 1.

c) Council Tax

It was noted that the Council Tax rise for the year 2006/7 would be 3.75%, which was a lower rise than previous years.

d) Cllr. Mrs. Tilby

The Clerk undertook to check on the date when Cllr. Mrs. Tilby had last performed Council business.

e) Next Meeting

Cllrs. Amos and Harris conveyed their apologies for absence from the next Meeting. The remaining Cllrs. confirmed that they would be present, which meant that there would be a quorum.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10pm.