

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24th. August, 2006 at 8.05pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr.s Harris, Lees and Williamson.
The Clerk and Mrs. Janice Williamson were in attendance.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THE MEETING

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman Cllr. Harris was elected Chairman for the Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Applegate, Draper and Palmer.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 27th. July, 2006.

CASUAL VACANCY

A casual vacancy arose on 1st. August due to the resignation of Stewart Amos. The vacancy was advertised immediately and the Electoral Officer informed. No poll was called within the requisite 14 days, so the Parish Council should fill the vacancy by co-option. Mrs. Janice Williamson had offered to fill the vacancy. Cllr. Williamson declared an interest and took no part in the vote.

Cllr. Lees proposed and Cllr. Harris seconded that Mrs. Williamson should be co-opted on to the Council. Mrs. Williamson was therefore elected, and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH. JULY, 2006

Old Church Road (MA p.486)

Fire hydrant in front 5 Old Church Road had to be cleared of weed growth by resident as it was completely obscured. The verges need to be turfed. If they were seeded, the seed has not taken.

Summer Holiday Activities (Cb p.486)

The playscheme had been very well attended. The two Sports coaching sessions had been well attended, and the mobile skate park had had a reasonable attended but it had petered out towards the end so the equipment left earlier than expected.

Traffic Management (p.490)

There had been speed census equipment on the Common earlier in the week. The Clerk undertook to find out the results if they were not received in a week or two.

Planning Enforcement (MfRa p.490)

Cllr. Harris asked to be informed of the name of the officer dealing with the enforcement matter in the absence of Wayne Jewell.

Planning Decisions (MfRb p.490)

Clerk had printed the decision notices off the CBC website and put them into circulation.

CORRESPONDENCEa) CBC Draft Gambling Licensing Policy

The Draft Policy is in circulation and is to be brought back to the September Meeting for consideration.

b) EEC Draft School Organisation Plan 2006-11

It was noted that this document is available on the ECC website.

c) Chelmsford Primary Care Trust AGM 4th. September

Cllrs. are to let the Clerk know if they wish to attend.

FINANCEa) East Hanningfield News

i) Amended Budget: It was noted that the cost of printing E.H. News will probably increase by as much as 100% due to the agreed changes, but it was felt that this would be more informative to the public and attractive to advertisers.

ii) Advertising Rates: It was agreed that the rates should be £20 for a full page, £11 for half a page and £6 for a quarter page from the Christmas edition.

b) Allotment Rent

CBC had given notice that this would be deducted from the September Precept payment. The Clerk reported on the apparent implications of Statutory Instrument 1999/545 reg. 10, and that it was currently under investigation by the CBC Legal Services.

c) Account Balances

The accounts as at 31st. July were presented by the Clerk. It was noted that the accounts stood as follows:

National Savings A/c	Deposit A/c	Current A/c
£8329.63	£6312.62	£5948.15

Expenditure against budget was also noted.

d) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Chelmsford Borough	101543			120.00	Sports coaching	LG(MP)A 1976 S19

Council					sessions x2	
M D Landscapes	101544	92.40 32.60 30.00 51.00	53.56	359.56	Mow Tye x3, Mow HF x3, Strim Tye, Mow ch'yard x3	LG(MP)A 1976 S19 OSA 1906 S9(b)
Hanna's Field Charity	101545	7.90 29.10		37.00	Rent July Meeting, Rent sports & play	LGA 1972 Sch 12 S142 LG(MP)A 976 S19
Graphic Impressions	101546			214.00	September News	LGA 1972 S142
K Plumridge	101547	703.95 16.20 5.60 13.50 23.43		762.68	August salary, Office allowance, Expenses, B/band 13/7-12/8, Reimbursements.	LGA 1972 S112

The following direct debit was noted:

To	Principal £	Interest £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Public Works Loan Account 11/9/06	889.20	1487.25	2376.45	Loan for Village Hall extension	LGA 1972 Sch 13 S1b

e) External Audit

The Clerk reported that the External Auditor had requested additional information, and that this might result in a higher fee.

PLANNING

a) Response Between Meetings

Due to comment being required before the date of this Meeting the Clerk, in consultation with Councillors, had responded to the following application:

06/01504/FUL The Poppies, Old Church Road, CM3 8AX (single storey side extensions).

No comment.

b) Planning Applications

06/01604/FUL The Cabin, Bennetts Avenue, CM3 8EF (insertion of two additional roof dormers).

There was no objection to the proposed additional dormer windows but PC asked for a condition imposed that would require the windows to be glazed with obscured glass in order to prevent overlooking.

06/01505/CAC The Poppies, Old Church Road CM3 8AX (demolition of outbuildings).

No comment.

06/01476/FUL 14 Industrial Estate, Old Church Road CM3 8AB (new sales office and storage building for specialist rendering contractor).

PC is concerned that the Industrial Estate suffers from insufficient parking provision and has problems with traffic congestion around the site. More building on the site will decrease land available for parking and vehicle manoeuvres and increase the need for parking.

c) EALC Planning Day 17th. October

It was agreed that the Clerk should book for Cllrs. Applegate and Harris to attend, and also to book for Cllr. Mrs. Williamson should she inform the Clerk that she is available to attend. The cost is £50 per delegate.

d) ETP/RCCE Planning for the Future of Your Village 12th. October

It was agreed that the Clerk should book for Cllrs. Harris and Mrs. Williamson to attend at £30 per delegate.

e) East of England (Draft RSS) Single Issue Review of Provision of Gypsy and Traveller Caravan Sites

The hard copy document would be circulated, but was also available on the Regional Assembly's website.

HFC/PC LIAISON

a) Shop Lease

PC received a verbal report of the situation with regard to the shop lease. The Clerk was instructed to advise the Charity to ask its solicitor to go for an early conclusion by issuing a date by which the matter must be completed.

b) Youth/Play Equipment

The bin for installation beside the youth shelter was to be delivered by the end of the week.

c) Club Room Project

Residents' views would be sought at the Village Fete on 16th. September.

d) Halloween Dance

A meeting had taken place with representatives from HFC. The ticket price had been agreed at £6, which would include a light finger buffet. There would be a pay bar. Colin Warren had agreed to investigate the possibility of borrowing some staging from the YMCA. Colin Warren and Cllr. Draper would investigate lighting alternatives to the fluorescent Sports Hall lighting. The next meeting of the Dance Planning Group was scheduled for Tuesday 5th. September.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

a) Report

The Report had been distributed.

b) Actions

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Bus Regulator, copied to First Bus, copying the comments from the survey about the bus service.

Clerk is to find out about the bus services through Bicknacre.

Community Transport is to be an Agenda Item at a future Meeting.

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

Registration of interest for the shared ownership housing had closed at the end of July.

The final date for registration for the rented housing had been brought forward to the end of November, and was being widely publicised. Nothing further had been heard about the open day.

MATTERS FOR REPORT**a) Cash Machine**

Cllr. Mrs. Williamson drew attention to the possibility of having a fee-free cash machine in the village, and undertook to investigate.

b) EALC AGM

The Chairman and Vice Chairman were not available to attend the AGM, so Cllr. Harris undertook to check his diary to see if he could stand in for them.

c) The Tye

Lord Petre had been unaware of works taking place on the Tye.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.09.