

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 28th. September 2006 at 8.04pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllrs. Draper, Harris, Lees, Palmer, Williamson & Mrs. Williamson.

The Clerk and ten members of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 24th. August, 2006.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH. AUGUST, 2006

Traffic Management (MA p.492)

There had been no word back from the officer who had attended the site meeting and the results from the traffic census had not been sent to PC. The Clerk undertook to follow up both these matters. Cllr. Lees distributed leaflets about Community Speed Watch and asked for the subject to be an Agenda item for the November Meeting.

EALC Planning Day 17th. October

Places were booked for Cllrs. Harris and Applegate, but Cllr. Applegate is no longer available. The Clerk is to take his place

EALC AGM (MfRb p.495)

This was attended by Cllr. Lees. A report of the afternoon presentations is in the September edition of Making the Links.

The Tye (MfRc p.495)

Lord Petre was satisfied with the completed works.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) CBC Draft Parish Councils' Charter

This has been received from CBC and will be an Agenda item for the October Meeting. Cllrs. were requested to forward their comments to the Clerk so that a draft response could be prepared for distribution with the Agenda.

b) Emergency Centre Open Day, 24th. October.

As no councillors were available to attend the Clerk undertook to attend if not otherwise engaged.

c) Chelmer Housing Partnership Housing Seminar 5th. October

The Clerk had booked two places and would be attending the seminar.

FINANCE

a) Preschool

It was noted that Preschool was preparing accounts for submission to PC for the October Meeting for the purpose of requesting continued financial support.

b) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
MD Landscapes	101548	92.40 132.60 30.00 51.00	53.56	359.56	Mow Tye x 3, Mow Field x 3, Strim Tye, Mow churchyard x 3	LG(MP)A 1976 S19 OSA 1906 S9(b)
EALC	101549			100.00	2 places at Planning Day	LGA 1972 S111
Chelmsford CVS	101550			10.00	Newsletter subscription	LGA 1972 S111
EALC	101551			30.00	1 place at Planning for Your Village	LGA 1972 S111
Post Office Ltd	101552	192.42 279.75		472.17	PAYE & NI July- Sept.	LGA 1972 S112
K. Plumridge	101553			742.38	Sept. salary, Office allowance B/band 13/8-12/9 Postage	LGA 1972 S112

PLANNING

a) Development at Hanningfield Treatment Works

CBC had invited PC to suggest proposals for a S106 package to be associated with future development at the Hanningfield Water Treatments works which would include the office premises which are currently in Chelmsford.

It was agreed that an appropriate S106 deal would be to include improvements to the Southend Road for cyclists as there were currently cycle paths at Howe Green and Rettendon Common but nothing in the vicinity of the Treatment Works which lies between.

b) Planning Application.

06/01915/FUL The Martins, The Tye CM3 8AD (single storey, timber framed, glazed orangery)

There was no objection to the proposed conservatory.

c) Enforcement: Highwater Farm

The Clerk informed PC that she had received confirmation from CBC that a breach of planning control had taken place with regard to the construction of buildings on the land for non-agricultural purpose and change of use of the land. The owner has

undertaken to submit a planning application within 28 days, although he has been informed that planning permission is unlikely.

d) Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document

The Clerk informed PC that the consultation on the Scope of the sustainability Appraisal was underway and that it would be necessary to respond prior to the next Meeting. This would be done by the Clerk using delegated authority in consultation with councillors.

COMMUNITY-LED PLANNING

a) Update

Publicity at the Village Fete attracted one volunteer. Information has now been posted on the website. Cllr. Harris is booked to attend the training session on 12th. October. It was agreed that there should be an article about it in the next Newsletter.

HFC/PC LIAISON

a) Shop Lease

The situation was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should write formally to HFC expressing PC's concern at the imminent closure of the shop due to the delays in the transfer of the lease and asking whether there is anything that PC can do to help.

b) Youth/Play Equipment

HFC is hopeful that funding will be forthcoming in October from Chelmer Housing Partnership Trust to extend the area of the wear surface in front of the sports wall. Consideration is still being given to the provision of skate boarding equipment because some members of the Charity feel it would create an urban environment and attract teenagers from outside the village. Grant of £10,000 from Essex Environment Trust specifically for that project has not been drawn down, as it is not enough for the project. HFC has asked whether a different use for the money would be permissible, eg. a perimeter path, but at the moment EET is saying that that would require a separate new grant application.

The Fete was very well attended and preliminary figure profit is £1,800 to be divided between the Charity and Church. Essex Heritage Properties, builders of the affordable housing, donated £100 for the 1st. prize in the raffle.

c) Club Room Project

Clerk displayed the plan boards at the Fete and asked for comments. The two sheets of positive feedback are with the Charity. There were no negative comments.

d) Halloween Dance

The Horseshoes PH would provide the bar and make a donation from the profits. As the band needed to be paid cash and there might be a need to pay in advance for food it was agreed that the Clerk could draw up to a maximum of £450 from the current account to cover this. The Clerk would be the official contact for tickets. The next meeting of the dance group would be on 6th. October.

e) Other HFC Matters

It was noted that HFC have replaced floodlights in car park and ordered a park bench to sit outside shop; the Hall decorations have been completed thanks to Bob Perry

and the Probation Service; HFC have contacted the surveyor to look at field re: cell phone mast and the surveyor's report has gone to the operator.

It was agreed that Cllrs. Applegate, Draper and Harris should propose dates for a Liaison Meeting with HFC in the next fortnight.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Cllr. Lees and the Clerk has spoken to the ECC transport officer at the EALC AGM. She had advised that ECC was interested in receiving complaints about the bus service because they were in a position to compile them and use them as evidence. It was agreed that posters should be displayed in the bus shelters telling bus users that the complaints forms are available from the Clerk.

COLNE HOUSING SCHEME OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Registrations for the rented housing were due to close on 30th. September. The Clerk had publicized this widely including at the Fete. It was anticipated that tenants and buyers would move in early December. There was still no news of the open day.

POLICE

a) Village Fete

Pc Simon Corker and two PCSOs had been present at the Fete with a *smart car*. Pc Corker is available by mobile phone. It was noted that the PCSOs are seen in the village once or twice a week.

b) Opening times of the South Woodham station

From 11th September 2006 the opening times had been as follows

Monday.....11:00 - 20:00

Tuesday.....10:00 - 15:00

Wednesday.....11:00 - 19:00

Thursday.....10:00 - 15:00

Friday.....11:00 - 20:00

Saturday.....09:00 - 17:00

Sunday..... *CLOSED*

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chief Constable referring to his recent policy announcement at the Policing in the Community Seminar that police stations should be opened 24/7, and ask what the timetable is for achieving that at SWF.

CBC DRAFT GAMBLING LICENSING POLICY

After consideration it was agreed not to comment on the draft policy.

CASH MACHINE

It was agreed that the Clerk should write asking for consideration to be given to the installation of a machine in East Hanningfield.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Catherine Close Play Area

The Clerk undertook to report the missing matting.

b) Bollards

Some bollards near the Three Horseshoes need reinstating.

c) Tye Footway

The Clerk undertook to ask Unpaid Work in the Community to finish the path next time they were working at the Church.

d) Apologies

Cllr. Williamson and Cllr. Mrs. Williamson gave their apologies for absence from the next Meeting.

e) Flies and Odour Nuisance

A delegation of residents had attended the Meeting to voice their concerns over the level of flies experienced through the summer. The Clerk had already sent a complaint to CBC Environmental Services and a chicken manure heap had been inspected and found to be infested with maggots. The officer is in contact with the farmer. The officer is to be invited to a meeting to explain what can be done about the problem now that the Borough Council has powers under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11pm.