

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

PRESENT

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllr. Draper and Cllr. Harris.
In attendance were five members of the public, Dawn Falkingham and Sarah Middleton representing Preschool and Borough Cllr. Poulter.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Lees, Palmer, Williamson & Mrs. Williamson.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 28th. September, 2006.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28TH. SEPTEMBER, 2006

Traffic Management IMA p.496)

As requested at the previous Meeting this is on the Agenda for the November Meeting, but the Clerk asked if there could be a proposition for debate. As this was requested by Cllr. Lees she undertook to ask him for further information.

Chelmer Housing Partnership Seminar (Cc p.496)

This was attended by the Clerk. It was useful to gain an understanding of the Partnership, and much more interesting than expected.

EALC Planning Day (Fb p.497)

Cllr. Harris had attended the Planning Day and the Planning for the Future of Your Village seminar. He undertook to report back to PC when more members were present.

Enforcement: Highwater Farm (Pc p.497)

The twenty eight days given for the developer to submit a planning application would appear to have expired. The Clerk undertook to find out whether one has been submitted. It was noted that construction work is continuing at the site.

Police – Opening Times (Pb p.499)

The Clerk's letter has received an acknowledgement with the response that Inspector Kilgallen will investigate and write in due course.

Cash Machine (p.500)

The Clerk reported that she had made the application but suspected that it would not receive priority because the parish is not in a 'deprived' postcode area.

The Tye (MfR p.500)

The Clerk had spoken to Unpaid Work in the Community about the length of path that remained to be cleared. They had left that piece because it was crumbling and scraping at it would have removed the path as well as the weed growth. The Clerk and Cllr. Harris undertook to inspect the path in order to propose a solution.

CORRESPONDENCEa) Mayor's Community Evening

It was agreed that Cllr. Lees should be nominated to attend.

b) CBC Draft Parish Councils' Charter

It was noted that the Draft Charter had been withdrawn pending the publication of the Local Government White Paper.

c) CBC Control Unit Familiarisation Unit, 27th. October

It was noted that Cllrs. were invited to attend the visit to the SWF Fire Station at 11am.

FINANCEa) Preschool

It was agreed to provide support to Preschool by paying two thirds of the rent for their sessions in the Village Hall during the academic year 2006/7. The rent per term is currently £593.30 and PC will be paying £395.53.

b) EALC Affordable Rural Housing Day, 8th. November

It was agreed not to be represented at the event.

c) EALC Conference, 28th. November

No-one was available to attend the event.

d) P3 Training Sessions

Those present did not wish to attend, but the Clerk was authorised to book places if any members not present wished to attend. This would require a cheque to be signed between Meetings for the refundable deposit of £10 per session.

e) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
D. Wybrow	101554			35.00	Repair to seat onTye	Parish Councils Act 1957
Hanna's Field Charity	101555	7.00 197.77		204.77	Rent for August Meeting, 1 st . half term Preschool rent x 2/3	LGA 1972 Sch 12 S142,
K. Plumridge	101556			757.54	Oct. salary, Office allowance, Expenses, B/band 12/10/06, Reimbursements	LGA 1972 S112

The following receipts were noted.

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
Barclays 4/9/06	Deposit	32.32	Quarterly interest to 1/9/06
Chelmsford Borough Council	Current	14,107.00	2 nd half of Precept

f) Request from HFC

It was agreed to decline the request as PC has no power to spend on this matter.

g) Bus Shelter

It was noted that the damaged light had been disconnected because it was a danger to public safety. New parts were on order.

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

06/01391/FUL 14 Abbeyfields CM3 8XB (remove existing conservatory & replace with new conservatory).

No objection.

06/01882/FUL Highfields Farmhouse CM3 8AW (retention of existing extensions and alterations including conversion of existing double garage/car port area to new kitchen/utility, dormer windows to first floor and front porch – amendment to permission 05/02127).

No objection.

06/01940/FUL Fairview, Bennetts Avenue CM3 8EF (single storey front and single storey rear extensions and removal of one bay window to front).

No objection.

06/02019/UL Little Claydons Farm, Old Southend Road CM2 7TB (single storey infill addition to form orangery/garden room).

No objection.

b) CBC Parish Councils' Meeting, 22nd. November

Cllr. Draper and the Clerk would attend subject to availability.

HFC/PC LIAISON

a) Shop Lease

The current situation was noted.

b) Club Room Project

The availability of a source of funding was noted as was the time limit on applications. This subject would be discussed at the next Liaison Meeting, which Cllr. Applegate was in the process of arranging.

c) Halloween Dance

The working party had tested the lighting on Sunday. It was agreed to cater for 120 and also to have bowls of crisps on the tables. Raffle tickets would be 50p each.

d) Other HFC Matters

It was noted that a decision was still awaited about the possible mast.

COLNE HOUSING SCHEME OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

a) Update

Cllrs. had attended the open day and were pleased with the quality of the housing. It was noted that registration for the rented housing was about to close, and successful applicants would be informed by 10th. November. It was also noted that there had been many applications from people without any connection to the village, which had been discounted.

It was agreed that the Clerk should request the names of the people allocated shared ownership housing.

FLIES

a) Government Guidance

The Clerk had sent Cllrs. electronic copy of the guidance for district councils for dealing with insect nuisance under the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, and also put a hard copy into circulation.

b) Request for Meeting

The officer at CBC had replied that he did not think a meeting would be much help at the moment because the matter was still under investigation. He suggested that residents write to him their queries and he would answer them. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask for the subject of insect nuisance and the CN&EA 2005 to be on the agenda for the parish councils' meeting at CBC in November.

It was agreed that PC should revisit this subject in the spring so as to remind CBC to continue to monitor the situation.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Bicknacre Road

It was noted that one of the houses is empty for reburishment, and the hedge requires maintenance. The Clerk undertook to inform Chelmer Housing.

b) Fly Tipping

The Clerk undertook to inform Environmental Health of the fly tipping beside the Hanningfield Water access.

c) Signage, The Common

The 30mph sign was reported to ECC shortly after it was first damaged, but the Clerk undertook to send a reminder.

The mini-roundabout sign on the left hand sign of the road is hidden by the hedge and is badly sited. The Clerk undertook to inform ECC and to suggest it is moved to a more visible position.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.38