

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 25th. May, 1989 at 8.34 pm.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Rackham, Mr. Range, the Clerk and seven members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Holland proposed and Mr. Jacklin seconded that Mr. Dixon should continue as Chairman. This was agreed unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Parker seconded that Mr. Holland should continue as Vice Chairman. This was agreed unanimously.

REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

It was agreed that the following representatives should continue in their posts:

Road Safety Advisory Panel	Mr. Rackham
Hanna's Field Charity	Mr. Dixon
Assoc. Chelmsford District P.C.s	Mr. Jacklin
Essex Assoc. Local Councils	Chairman and Vice Chairman
Footpaths Officer	Mr. Parker
Finance	Mr. Holland
Inter Village Sports	Mrs. Brooks
School Governing Body	Mr. Larkman - should he agree
Public Transport	Mr. Jacklin
Village Maintenance	Mr. Jacklin
Civil Emergency Planning	Mr. Morris

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. White, representing residents of Bennets Avenue, said that access into Bennets Avenue has become dangerous because Mr. Alma of the Homestead has encroached on the Avenue making it very narrow. The Chairman replied that P.C. has no power in this matter, but he was already discussing the problem with the Highways staff at C.B.C. It was probably a matter for civil law. Mr. Waters said that the verge on the A130 belongs to the Highways authority. Could they widen the entrance? Accidents have happened when people are drawing into the lane. The Chairman suggested a site meeting with Tech. Services. Mr. White is to be contacted as the residents' representative. Mr. Rackham will bring the problem to the attention of the R.S.O. Mr. White said that Mr. Alma had made an embankment on the encroached land, and that the fire hydrant and stop cock which should be in the verge are now inside Mr. Alma's fence. Mr. Butcher had mowed the verge so that his sons could walk along it to meet the school bus, but Mr. Alma has now put flower pots on the verge so that it can no longer be cut. The residents of Bennets Avenue asked for six copies of the Newsletter to be delivered to Bennets Avenue.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTESService 11A

The early Sunday morning bus is now back on the timetable. Timetables have been delivered to every house in the parish by members and the Clerk.

All Weather Sports Court

The ground has been excavated and the mound created.

Old Church Road

The contractor has not yet repaired the damage he did to the verge.

There is an excavation behind the footpath opposite Shepherds which is dangerous. Nothing has been done about it. The Chairman is to chase.

Mr. Rackham commented that work should be inspected before the contractor is paid.

Chairmens Conference

Mr. Holland is unable to attend the conference.

Otters' Pond Farm

This item occurred in Question Time. The Chairman corrected the reply given to Mr. Alexander-Pye. The appeal on the site has not yet been heard.

Speeding in Village

Essex Police are to check speeds in the Village.

Mr. Ruffle has offered to carry out a speed check. P.C. expressed interest but requires more information as to equipment etc.

A report has stated that the D.O.T. is thinking more kindly about sleeping policemen in urban areas. More information is to be obtained.

Lorry Parking in Ashley Green

Clerk's letter to Cambridge has been acknowledged.

Bennets Avenue

Planning has passed the matter on to Tech. Services.

CORRESPONDENCESchool Governors

P.C. representation on the School Governing Body is to be reduced from two to one from 1st. September. As Mr. Wigglesworth has intimated that he wishes to step down, Mr. Larkman is to be asked whether he wishes to continue as P.C.s nominee.

Mid Essex Community Health Council - Seminar

The seminar is entitled 'After Hospital What Next?'. It was thought that some members of the W.I. might be interested.

Contracted Bus Services

The deadline for response to this letter was 31st. May, so Mr. Jacklin has already dealt with it. The County Council Public Transport Sub-Committee was proposing that Service 247 should be withdrawn through lack of use. Revenue covers 19% of the daily cost of £45. Mr. Jacklin decided not to object to the withdrawal of this service. P.C. endorsed his action.

Municipal Mutual

The A.G.M. is to be held on 19th. May.

European Parliamentary Elections

The notices of election have been displayed on the noticeboards.

Playground Equipment

Cornhill is offering to inspect playground equipment for a fee. This has been passed to H.F.C.

Sports News

This is to be circulated.

Rent and Rates from April 1989

This leaflet is to be circulated.

Playschemes for 5-11s

To be circulated.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques are to be signed as soon as the cheque book has returned from the auditor:

M.D.L.' Jacobs	£160.88	Mowing
Printing Place	£110.00	June Newsletter

Village Hall Chase Verge

It was agreed to ask Mr. Jacobs to cut the verge for the time being.

Hurricane Grant

E.C.C. has given a grant of £119 towards tree planting. This is to be deposited in the current account.

PLANNING520/87/1 Land Adjoining the Gables, Bicknacre Road

There were no objections to the amended plans for a detached house with integral garage.

This item had appeared on the Planning Sub-Committee agenda for 23rd. May. Chairman asked for it to be deferred and Clerk wrote a letter.

It was decided to register concern about the delay in plans being sent to P.C.s.

799/89 1 Shepherd's Cottage, Old Church Road

P.C. objected to the proposed double garage because it is out of proportion with the dwelling. It was noted that the roof pitch was very high, and it was thought that this had potential for a room in the roof.

Appeal - Bromley Lodge, Tileworks Lane.

Notice of appeal had been delayed because it had been sent to Rettendon P.C. and then passed to South Hanningfield. The notice was circulated for comment, and a reply sent to the D.o.E. based on those comments.

P.C. endorsed the following comments sent to the D.o.E:

The operation of the business is a non-agricultural use of buildings constructed under the G.D.O. for agriculture, and a non-conforming use in the countryside.

The site lies in the Metropolitan Green Belt.

The site is served by an unmade track some 300 yds long from its junction with Old Barn Lane, which is totally unsuitable for use by heavy vehicles on a regular basis. Old Barn Lane is unclassified minor road of minimum width. This access is unsuitable for use by heavy lorries.

The operation of the business is intrusive upon neighbours because of the large number of goods vehicle movements and the noise from the repair works. Should the appeal succeed it would be seen as setting a precedent for further development of a similar nature in the countryside.

Appeal - 9 Old Church Road

Planning permission has been granted for a side extension.

Appeal - Plough and Sail

The enforcement notice was upheld with an alteration which did not require the walls of the patio extension to be demolished.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSMOT Sign Outside Windmill

The sign has been reported to Planning.

Aircraft

Aircraft were reported to have been seen doing aerobatics over houses in the village. Clerk to ascertain whether they should have been in the area from Southend Air Traffic Control.

Microlite

There have been complaints from villagers about the microlite which takes off from a field in the parish.

Windmill/Redcroft Ditch

After rain water is standing in the ditch between the two properties.

Mill

Clerk has discussed the Mill problems with Constable Franklin, and he is sure that the Mill has now been securely locked.

Village Hall Sign

The sign has been knocked over by a car. Clerk is to forward the name of the driver when it has been ascertained from the police.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.04.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 22nd. June, 1989 at 8.06 pm.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mr. Rackham, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Range, Mr. Parker, the Clerk and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Morris said that the Tye footpath was being obstructed by trees growing in gardens bordering the Tye. Mr. Jacklin is to speak to the householders.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

School Governors

Mr. Larkman has agreed to continue as Parish Council's representative on the School Governing Body. Clerk has informed Essex County Council.

A 130 Improvements

There were no minutes taken at the open meeting at Rettendon, but the Hon. Secretary of Rettendon Residents Association has written a brief outline of the Meeting which has been circulated. Notification from E.C.C. about a second Exhibition of Options has been circulated. Literature obtained by Mr. Parker at the exhibition is to be circulated.

Bennets Avenue

The Chairman has met the residents on site and contacted Tech. Services and the Legal Dept. at C.B.C. Formal confirmation is awaited from the Legal Dept.

Six copies of the Newsletter were delivered to Bennets Avenue as requested.

Old Church Road

The ditch opposite Shepherds has now been filled in.

Aircraft

Aircraft have also been seen practicing aerobatics over West Hanningfield.

All Weather Sports Court

A site meeting was held with representatives of the Football Association on 21st. June to discuss the possibility of grant funding for a path to the new court. A reply is expected shortly.

A cement mixer belonging to the contractor has been vandalized on site. The contractor has possession of the key to the stand pipe.

The site has been re-weed killed.

Tree Planting

The new trees are being watered during the hot weather by the Clerk, Mr. Parker and Mr. Jacklin.

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mr. Morris thanked P.C. for the amount of coverage given emergency planning in the June Newsletter. Plans for the standby power tests at the schools are going ahead. C.B.C. and E.C.C. will consider the installation of permanent changeover switches if the tests are successful. There are still no results from the water tests. Chairman is to chase about retesting, at Env. Health. Mr. Morris was thanked for the continuing development of the scheme.

CORRESPONDENCEC.B.C. Sports Motivator

The Sports Motivator Jon Lyons has met Mr. Jacklin at the Village Hall to discuss promotion of sport. He can supply equipment and personnel to start activities locally. He was asked to help with basketball and carpet bowls.

Mr. Jacklin is to attend a meeting at Feering Community Centre which will be on the subject of 'Sport for All in Villages'.

Sandon School Bus

E.C.C. has replied to Clerk's letter about the bus departing up to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour late. Mr. Jackson confirmed that there was a problem at the beginning of term due to an extra pick-up point being implemented, and that the problem has now been solved.

Highway Matters

Various highway matters reported by the Clerk are being dealt with by Tech. Services.

Playweek Equipment Loan

C.B.C. is lending playweek the parachute for one day and the badge making machine for two days.

Three Horseshoes

The new address for correspondence is The Old Brewery, Isleworth, Middlesex. Replacement of bollards with oak posts is to be suggested again to Grand. Met. E.A.L.C. is to be asked about liability when bollards roll into the road.

P.C. is to ask the Licensing Justices to grant a temporary licence because of the problems experienced with the premises since the re-opening.

Rural Community Council of Essex

The Annual Reports and Accounts are to be circulated. P.C. is not to send a representative to the A.G.M. this year.

Essex Association of Local Councils

Mr. Dixon and Mr. Parker are to attend the A.G.M. on 12th. July. It is proposed to send a resolution for the meeting concerning the provision of starter homes in rural areas.

Lovell Homes

Lovell Homes enquire whether the Parish Council would be prepared to enter into discussions involving the possible optioning of Hanna's Field. P.C.'s response is that Hanna's Field is outside the settlement boundary as defined in the Chelmsford Rural Areas Local Plan. P.C. policy is to support the R.A.L.P. and therefore there can be no avenue for discussion.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

S. Mills	£36.40	Groundsman
Municipal Mutual Ins.	£113.68	Insurance Premium
K. Plumridge	£238.18	Clerk's salary, telephone & reimburse- ments

It was agreed that a cheque should be signed to J. Leighton up to an amount of £45 for work as groundsman, before the next Meeting.

Annual Audit

Clerk is to write to the auditor to protest at the early date for the audit this year.

School Premises

An invoice has been received from E.C.C. for the use of the school premises for Meetings. This includes heating for the months May, June and July. Clerk has queried this and is awaiting a reply.

Hurricane Grant

The grant of £119 has been deposited in the current account.

Litter Poster Competition

The prize winners have been given their W.H.Smith gift vouchers. It was found that W.H.Smith does not give vouchers in multiples of less than £1, and therefore it had not been possible to purchase a voucher for £7.50 for the junior prize. Clerk purchased an £8 voucher. This action was endorsed by P.C. Clerk reported that A4 copies of the winning poster would cost about £1.25 each. P.C. decided to have 6 copies printed.

PLANNING906/89 LB LB/CHL/49/89 Mill House

P.C. objected to the proposed demolition of Mill House. The application included no supporting information to explain why the building should be demolished and replaced by a similar house. The age and period of the house are consistent with those of the Mill, and these two buildings are the only two older buildings in that area of the village.

983/89 Salesfrith Farm

P.C. objected to the static caravan for accommodation. The need for accommodation is seen as a management problem. It was noted that there are two cottages on the farm, but only one was mentioned in the application. Planning is to be asked whether the second cottage is no longer connected with agriculture.

1074/89 Little Claydons Farm

P.C. objected to the proposed house and garage for a farm manager, because there are dwellings on the site which should be used for agriculture.

Appeal - The Ashlars

It was noted that the owner has appealed against refusal of planning permission to use rear land as garden.

Appeal - Bromley Lodge

The appeal was dismissed.

Appeal - Silver Ash

The appeal was upheld.

GAS STEP DOWN VALVE

The gas step down valve has been installed between the road stone depot and Rails Farmhouse on the verge. It is housed in a large brick structure with a flat roof. The Gas Co. is to be asked to replace the flat roof with a pitched roof and to set screen planting beside it. P.C. expressed displeasure that this structure was sited and built without consultation.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSBus Shelter

The wood fascia has been damaged. Clerk to ask Mr. Grace for a quotation for cost of replacement.

Old Church Road

The bend in the road by Shepherds is a blind corner. Mr. Rackham suggests concealed entrance signs would make the situation safer. A bend sign and 'slow' painted on the road was also suggested.

Telephone Kiosk

The kiosk badly needs painting. Clerk to ask Planning about the listing. Gas.

The contractor is now working in the village. There will be traffic lights working while the roads are being dug.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.46.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 27th. July, 1989 at 8.06pm.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mr. Parker, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Range, the Clerk and three members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Jacklin and Mr. Rackham.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Morris said that the squealing of brakes approaching the temporary traffic lights by the Three Horseshoes was proof that speeding is taking place, and asked whether it would be possible for the village to have 'please drive carefully' signs similar to those at Howe Green. Chairman replied that the Department of Transport dislikes too many signs at one point and this village has the 40mph signs. They have been requested before unsuccessfully, but it would be possible to ask again. Mr. Morris was advised to report dangerous driving incidents to the police.

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING

School Generator Test, 24th. July

Kelven Ward of C.B.C. and Tom Hales of the Area Surveyor's Office, E.C.C. Education Dept. were amongst those present. Mr. Hales is to make a financial case for a permanent changeover switch to be fitted. Mr. Warsop is to allow Mr. Hales to have a copy of the generator manual.

Wells

Mr. Ward was shown the wells in the village on the day of the test.

Sub-Committees

These are to meet after the summer.

The Chairman congratulated Mr. Morris on the satisfactory outcome of his long term perseverance to have the tests carried out.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Speeding in the Village

The Police have responded that their tests have confirmed that speeding does take place. The offending drivers have been dealt with and the village will receive regular speed checks in the future.

Telephone Kiosk

C.B.C. Planning Dept. has confirmed that the kiosk on the Tye has been listed. Clerk has written to British Telecom to ask when the kiosk is to be painted.

Three Horseshoes

Clerk has received a telephone call from the office of the Clerk to the Licensing Justices. The application for transfer of licence has been withdrawn, but the P.C.'s letter will be kept on file and used when the application comes to court.

Aircraft

East Hanningfield is outside the area controlled by Southend Airport. Aerobatics should be carried out at 2,000 ft. For conventional flying the minimum height is 500 ft. This information was noted and it was decided to monitor the situation.

All Weather Sports Court

The grant of £3,319 from the Football Association has been confirmed in writing. It has been decided that because there was vandalism at the site during construction there should be security lighting. This will use the cabling for the floodlighting and will be switched by a light sensitive cell. This will mean that it will no longer be possible to have only half the floodlights switched on. The completion date is expected to be 11th. August, but if the current hot weather continues the surface will not have hardened sufficiently. Doe is to be asked to confirm when the surface is ready to be played on. Danbury Trafford Football Club has asked to book the courts.

Essex Association of Local Councils - Annual General Meeting, 12th. July

The A.G.M. was attended by Mr. Parker and the Chairman. There were two resolutions. The first asked for the Nat. Assoc. to call for the removal of poles from near the highway and the second asked for the registration of dogs and measures to control them. P.C. Chairman spoke about the problems associated with trying to get developers to build low cost starter housing in rural areas. P.C.s need to be able to constrain developers. The Nat. Assoc. is going to discuss this topic. A warning was given that village halls should be very careful about rate revaluation next year. As a guideline it was suggested that the parish content of the community charge should be £1 per person per month. The E.A.L.C. will be running courses in the Autumn and is open to suggestion on the subject matter.

Gas Supply

There have been two teams working in the village. They have been very careful on the Tye but some areas are bare. They are to be thanked for the care they have taken but asked formally for reinstatement in the Autumn.

CORRESPONDENCEOvergrowing Trees and Nettles - Tye Footpath

Mrs. Huke has complained about the difficulty of walking along the Tye footpath because of the trees and nettles growing over the path. All the owners of the offending properties have been contacted and the problem has been dealt with.

Sewage Treatment Works, Chelmsford

Councillors are invited to an open evening at the Chelmsford S.T.W. on Friday 4th. August. The Chairman is to attend.

Biennial National Confernece of Local Councillors

This will take place at Great Yarmouth on 18th - 20th May, 1990. Details are to be circulated.

Financial Assistance to Parish Councils

It was decided not to apply for financial assistance for the next financial year, but to consider in February with a view to the following financial year.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

Public Works Loan Account	£248.36	Field Loan
D. Jacklin	£20.10	Hire of strimmer
A.C.D.P.C.	£15.00	Annual subscription
J. Leighton	£124.37	Groundsman
S. Mills	£131.52	Groundsman
Essex County Council	£143.91	Use of school
Doe Sport Ltd.	£25,408.10	1st. payment/courts

A cheque was signed between Meetings for £44.55 to J. Leighton, groundsman. A cheque has been received from Chelmsford Borough Council, to cover the first payment for the Sports Court, for £25,400.

Bus Shelter Fascia

Mr. Crace has reported that the wood is available only from Ongar and will cost £20 plus transport and labour. P.C. decided to instruct him to proceed with the replacement of the fascia if the cost can be kept within £50.

Post Office Savings

£1,000 is to be transferred from the savings account to the current account to cover VAT payments on capital expenditure.

Parish Councils Revenue Support

C.B.C. has asked for P.C.'s suggestions as to how this should be calculated from April 1990. Mr. Holland and the Clerk are to discuss this before the next Meeting which will take place on 31st. August.

Groundsmen

It was noted that the groundmen's work was higher than expected, but it was agreed that the work was necessary.

PLANNING920/89 LB Bonteels Farm, Old Barn Lane, Rettendon Common

This application had been sent to the wrong parish. By the time it reached P.C. it had to be treated as urgent and was therefore circulated for councillors' comments. The majority decision was as follows: P.C. objected to the proposed conversion of the garage to a granny annexe. The conversion would create a new, separate dwelling on a site in the Metropolitan Green Belt. It would also create the need for a replacement garage.

1236/89 Silver Ash, Southend Road,

P.C. objected to the proposed sun room. The site stands in the Met. Green Belt. The proposed extension does not provide any essential services, and would be consolidation in the green belt.

1263/89 Plough and Sail P.H., Southend Road,

P.C. objected to the proposed single storey rear extension to form dry food store, food preparation area, laundry room and other alterations. Further extension of this building would be undesirable proliferation in an exposed rural position.

1114/89 Hill Farm, Pan Lane

P.C. supported the principle of the riding school at Hill Farm, but wished to see conditions applied to the planning permission if granted. i. The establishment should not be allowed to extend beyond its present state of catering for riding for the disabled, YTS and New Hall pupils. ii. The new buildings especially the indoor riding school will be very prominent. They need to be of sympathetic design and screened with indigenous planting. iii. As suggested, the lane should be diverted away from Dunnock Cottage. P.C. is also concerned about the inevitable additional traffic. Both the lane's junction with Pan Lane and Pan Lane's junction with the A130 are dangerous because of poor lines of sight. P.C. would like to see an estimate of traffic movement at the site.

1095/89 31 Ashley Green

There was no objection to the proposed alteration to the flat roof.

A/CHL/1132/89 Hanningfield Petrol Service Station

There was no objection to the proposed illuminated sign.

Appeal - Land, Creephedge Lane

The appeal refuse planning permission and upheld the enforcement notice. The site has to be cleared by 24th. September.

Land Next To the Gables

The hedge has been grubbed out allowing the developer to build closer to the neighbouring house than originally intended. The enforcement officer is to be informed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSNext Meeting

The next Meeting is to take place on 31st. August.

Back Lane

A piece of kerb stone has been left on the verge.

Bogus Caller

A caller purporting to be from the Essex Sports Council, which does not exist has been asking questions about sports facilities. Parishioners are to be warned in the Chronicle to be on their guard.

The Tye

Mrs. Brooks is to make a statement to the police about a car parked on the Tye.

Rubbish-Village Hall Car Park

The rubbish was removed by Environmental Health.

Old Church Road

The hole in the road near Bethal Mission is still sinking. Tech. Services to be informed.

Boot at Three Horseshoes

A planning enforcement notice has been served to have the boot removed.

Pigeon Shooting

There has been shooting towards the village from Chennel's land. The managers of the shoot have promised to ensure that shooting towards the village will no longer take place and shooting will not start before 7.30 am.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.10.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 31st. August, 1989 at 8.12 pm.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mr. Range, Mr. Jacklin, the Clerk and two members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Parker and Mr. Rackham.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

A typing error on page 25 was corrected and the Minutes were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Spurgeon from Old Rectory Court said that the management of Old Rectory Court had been contacted by C.B.C. and asked to cut back the hedge. He asked whether a footpath could be placed on this stretch of verge between the Common and the School, and could it be investigated. He commented that parents from the Common are driving their children to school because the road is too dangerous to walk along. The Chairman replied that this matter had been a concern for about ten years. The E.C.C. Surveyor's view is that if he were to sanction the building of the footpath it would have to be in conjunction with road widening, and therefore there would have to be land take. Land take involves additional expense. The scheme is on the list of works to be undertaken. There is little money in the budget and many worthy schemes contending for the work. There is to be a review meeting at C.B.C. in the Autumn to discuss the schemes on the list. The Chairman will try to bring this scheme forward. The Clerk is to write to C.B.C. to bring the matter to their attention. The Rectory Court Management will discuss the matter in the light of this information.

Mr. Matheson said that there are several sight splays in the village which are insufficient at certain junctions. He asked whether P.C. would be interested in surveying junctions with a view to identifying planting etc. which is causing the problem. It was decided that this should be an Agenda item next month when Mr. Rackham will be present.

Mr. Matheson also said that he considers that the play equipment on the playing field is inadequate, and asked whether the P.C. would support a scheme to improve the play area. He has been investigating sources of funding. The Chairman replied that it would be desirable to put more equipment on the field but funds are not available at the moment because of continuing repayments for the field and building. The P.C. has received a great deal of grant aid already from C.B.C. and is not likely to receive any more as this year's grant was to only 50% of the cost. Mr. Matheson was asked to continue with his plans and to report back to the P.C.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Annual Audit

The District Auditor has noted P.C.'s comments on the timing of the recent audit.

Biennial National Conference of Local Councillors

It was decided not to send a representative to the conference.

Sleeping Policemen

C.B.C. has not received information from the D.O.T. about revised criteria for road speed humps. C.B.C. has to abide by decisions made by E.C.C. so revised criteria at D.O.T. will not necessarily mean changes in this area.

Land Adjoining The Gables

C.B.C. Planning has confirmed that the house is being erected in the correct position. The hedge should not have been grubbed out, but a condition of the planning permission requires any hedge which becomes damaged must be replaced by a species agreed by Planning. Planning has sent a letter to the developer. Planning asked P.C. to contact them if the hedge is not replaced near completion of the building. Mr. Range is to contact Mr. Applegate on this point.

Parish Council Revenue Support 1990/1

Mr. Holland is to forward comments if he has any and to attend the Meeting if he can. Clerk is also to attend the Meeting if she is able.

All Weather Sports Court

The court is almost finished. The hand-over meeting will be next week. The equipment has been received. The surface can be used by mid-September, or possibly late, depending on the weather.

Telephone Kiosk

This is being maintained by contractors and is to be painted by other contractors.

Three Horseshoes

There is a noticeboard on the Tye in breach of byelaws.

Grand Met. has replied to correspondence saying that 5 Star Leisure has a 20 year lease and is therefore responsible for such works. Wording of the letter implied that Grand Met. is under the impression that it owns the car park.

P.C. has already agreed to meet with the new tenant when he arrives.

It was agreed to consult the P.C.'s solicitors to see what they suggest.

The 'boot' is still the subject of dialogue between Planning and 5 Star Leisure.

Gas

The main is live through the village. There are 150 houses waiting for connection plus the 44 flats on the Coude Dennis Estate.

The contractors are to be asked to remove their equipment from the Tye.

The owners of Grassmere have complained about the Gas contractors on the Tye.

Clerk is to write a reply from the P.C.

Clerk is to write to Mr. Ranson at Eastern Gas, Colchester to ask about the roof on the gas step down valve building and about screening.

Back Lane

A kerb stone near the first gate way, coming from the Chelmsford direction, awaits removal.

CORRESPONDENCEHedge by Old School

A formal letter from the W.I. has been received complaining about the hedge either side of the W.I. Hall. A wheelchair had to be pushed along the road because the footpath is overgrown beside the Old School. Clerk is to contact the residents about their hedges.

Romanian Villages

E.A.L.C. has suggested P.C. adopts a Romanian village with a view to publicizing the destruction of village communities in that country. It was thought that there would be likely to be very little support for this scheme from our village so it was decided not to take it up.

N.A.L.C. Credit Card

Information about the N.A.L.C. credit card is to be kept on file.

E.A.L.C. Annual Conference, Legislative Changes

The Clerk is to attend the conference on 26th. October, if she can arrange to be available on that day.

Credit Approvals

Credit approvals replace loan sanctions. This information is to be kept on file for reference.

Ramblers Association - Footpath Forum

This will take place in Chelmsford on 10th. October. Mr. Parker is to be asked whether he wishes to attend.

Best Kept Village Competition

The results of the judging have been received.

Book Keeping Briefing - E.A.L.C.

It was decided not to attend this briefing on 5th. October.

A.G.M. Mid Essex Community Health Council

There will not be a representative attending this meeting.

Summer Holiday Playschemes

C.B.C. Leisure Services has asked for information about expenditure incurred for this year's play scheme. Clerk to send details.

Leisure Services has also asked the P.C. to complete a questionnaire about play provision in the parish. Mr. Jacklin and the Clerk are to deal with this.

The Clerk reported on this year's Playweek. It ran from Monday afternoon 31st. July, mornings and afternoons until Friday. The Friday afternoon session was taken up by entertainment supplied by C.B.C. A total of 96 children attended at some time during the week. Numbers at each session varied between 32 and 64. The lack of a table tennis net and snooker cues was rectified by H.F.C. at the beginning of the week. The snooker tables were found to be missing several pockets. Full use was made of the large hall with a dancing class on the Tuesday afternoon and snooker, table tennis and short tennis during most other sessions. Short tennis and cricket equipment was purchased out of the profits from the sale of refreshments. The badge making machine borrowed from C.B.C. proved very popular, but the parachute was too heavy and only used once. The Clerk was thanked for her work to provide the Playweek. Clerk is to write to Leisure Services to thank them for their help and to comment about the parachute.

School Chase

E.C.C. is to introduce a 'School - Keep Clear' marking on the Chase.

The Group Engineer of Traffic Management and Road Safety is investigating the subject of liability as regards maintenance of the Chase.

Local Council Administration Course

Clerk has been offered a place on the course starting Thursday 5th. October. Clerk has decided to not to attend as the time is unsatisfactory for her P.C. and family commitments.

FINANCELegislative Changes - Conference

It was agreed to sign a cheque for £10 to the E.A.L.C. between Meetings if the Clerk is able to attend the conference.

Newsletter

It was agreed to sign a cheque between Meetings up to an amount of £115 for the September issue of the Newsletter.

V.A.T. Refund

V.A.T. for the months April, May and June has been refunded and the cheque for £3,344.66 has been deposited in the current account.

Transfer

£1,000 has been transferred from the P.O. Savings account to the current account.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Essex County Council	£29.39	Playweek supplies
S. Mills	£10.40	Groundsman
J. Leighton	£23.18	Groundsman
M.D.L. Jacobs	£418.94	Mowing
Audit Commission	£98.90	Annual Audit
Public Works Loan Account	£1040.16	Hall Loan
Hanna's Field Charity	£70.15	Hall Rent - Playweek
J. Crace	£43.00	Repair to bus shelter

PLANNING1845/84/1 Salesfrith Farm, Bicknacre Road, East Hanningfield

The previous temporary planning permission was granted in order to allow the tabletennis club to find alternative accommodation. P.C. therefore does not support renewal of permission and would not wish to see permanent retention of the demountable building.

1427/89 Units 4, 5 & 6 East Hanningfield Industrial Estate

P.C. does not support the proposed enclosure of area between units 4 and units 5 and 6. P.C. does not wish to see the loss of individual small units to create large factory buildings, and is concerned that granting permission to this application would set a precedent for further consolidation.

1411/89 Abbeyfields, East Hanningfield

There were no objections to the proposed single storey side extension.

Appeal - Land at rear of 1 & 2 Rose Cottages and Highcroft, The Common

A copy of the decision letter is to be requested.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSArson Attacks in Village

There have been three fires on the Industrial Estate and two at the sports court site this year. Clerk is to write to the Chief Superintendent at Chelmsford asking what has been discovered and what P.C. can do to help.

Flooding - Tye Footpath

The water main to the shop has burst again and has been temporarily repaired.

Bus Shelter Light

Mr. Plumridge has offered to fix the lamp back onto the wall in the bus shelter but has not yet had time to do it. Clerk is to ask him if he feels able to do the work, if not an alternative must be found.

Funding of Capital Expenditure

The funding of the replacement folding doors in the village hall is to be an Agenda item next month.

Back Lane

The road sign at the East Hanningfield Road end of Back Lane has been badly damaged, Tech. Services to be informed.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.21.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 28th. September, 1989 at 8.05 pm.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Range, Mr. Rackham, and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Holland. Mr. Parker had indicated that he would arrive late.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Gas Step Down Valve Housing

There is to be a site meeting with Mr. House of Eastern Gas to discuss screening of the step down valve building. The meeting will take place on 3rd. October at 9.30am.

Summer Holiday Playweek

The Play Services Officer has acknowledged the Clerk's letter and thanked her for her comments.

Revenue Support - Future Distribution Mechanism

The Finance requires a reply by 6th. October. Clerk is to contact Mr. Holland to consider the options.

All Weather Sports Court

All the grant monies have been received from Chelmsford Borough Council and the Football Association Trust. Mr. Range has thanked them in writing for their help. The court and path are finished but a few small jobs such as seeding are yet to be done. At present the ground is too dry to set grass seed.

Telephone Kiosk

The telephone kiosk is to be painted shortly.

CORRESPONDENCE

Footpath 16 - Diversion

C.B.C. Tech. Services has suggested a compromise route. P.C. objects to the proposed route because it does not accept the realignment of ancient footpaths. A reply is to be sent stating that the owners of Barn Mead must have known about the footpath when they bought the property, because of the solicitor's search, and that P.C. believes that when crops are present walkers keep to the headlands which is the proposed new route and so it unnecessary to divert the path.

Eastern National

A copy of the new timetable starting in November has been received from E.N. There were timetable changes at the beginning of September for which no warning was given, so several people missed the bus as it was leaving 10 minutes earlier than previously. E.C.C. has agreed to print another timetable for E.H. but are checking that there are no further changes to come. There will be a meeting of Transport Liaison Officers on 19th Oct. in the Tech. Services Committee Room at 14.30. Mr. Dixon is to attend in the absence of Mr. Jacklin.

Seminar for Potential Organisers and Managers of Holiday Playschemes
C.B.C. is to hold a one day seminar on Wednesday, 24th. January 1990.
The Clerk is to attend and it was agreed that this should be an approved expense.

Clerk's Pay Recommendations

From 1st. July the new pay formula is 70% of population. Using population at last census, which was 1,117 the new rate is £781.90 per annum and £195.48 per quarter. It was agreed that the new salary should be adopted. As from 1st. April 1990, the recommended formula for calculating the salary of an ordinary part-time clerk will be £1 per community charge payer in the parish.

Civic Awards 1990

Entry forms will arrive from C.B.C. in November. P.C. decided not to participate.

FINANCE

All Weather Sports Court

After the final payment to Doe £160 will remain from the grant. It was agreed that this should be spent on seeding around the court and generally finishing off. As the VAT refund had not yet been received it was decided to pay £16,000, leaving £2,107.90 still to pay.

Newsletter Christmas Cover Competition

It was decided to allow the editor to spend up to £20 on prizes for the Christmas Cover Competition. Clerk is to suggest that she purchases the prizes from the Supplies Catalogue.

Funding of Replacement Folding Doors in Village Hall

It was decided to order the folding doors from Henderson at a price of £1,454. This project will receive grant aid of 50% from C.B.C. It was reported that the double glazed roof lights ordered in April have been installed. An invoice for the installation is awaited.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Between Meetings:

Printing Place	£115.00	September Newsletter
E.A.L.C.	£10.00	Legislative Changes Conference

At the Meeting:

Parochial Church Council	£120.00	Churchyard Maintenance
D. Jacklin	£3.35	Petrol for Hayter
Essex County Council	£3.02	Playweek Supplies
Chelmsford Borough Council	£1.00	Allotment Rent
Doe Sport Limited	£3,816.85	Construction of Footpath
K. Plumridge	£217.35	Clerks salary, telephone and reimbursements
Doe Sport Limited	£16,000.00	Part payment for sports court

Deposits

The following amounts have been deposited in the Current Account:

Chelmsford Borough Council	£12,600.00	Final part of grant for court
Football Association Trust	£3,319.00	Grant for path to court
Newsletter Income	£24.00	September edition
Printing Place	£7.00	Refund for overpayment

PLANNING

The Chairman declared an interest and left the room while the following item was discussed. Mr. Jacklin took the Chair.

LB/CHL/81/89 Rails Farmhouse, Old Church Road

There was no objection to the proposed replacement of shiplap cladding to the west elevation with plaster finish.

The Chairman returned to the Chair.

CHL/1511/89 Bethel Evangelical Church, Old Church Road

There were no objections to the proposed new noticeboard to replace the old noticeboard.

1623/89 Hill Farm, Pan Lane

P.C. objected to the proposed riding stables. The proposal includes several portable buildings which would be undesirable in this exposed rural location. The commercial element of the scheme would attract a great deal of additional traffic for which Pan Lane and the access lane are unsuitable. Pan Lane is also unsuitable for riding of horses and ponies on the roadway.

1530/89 Rose Hill Farm, Creephedge Lane

This site is outside the parish boundary, but the P.C. chose to comment because it is very near the settlement of E.H. P.C. objected to the proposed bungalow because the site is outside any settlement boundary as defined in the Rural Areas Local Plan, and has no connection with agriculture.

1493/89 Rose Hill Farm, Creephedge Lane

P.C. objected to the proposed pitched roof over the existing store incorporating a new W.C. and office. P.C. does not wish to see further consolidation of the non conforming use in the countryside. Intensification of use at this site would be undesirable. P.C. also noted that once the office is no longer in the house, the house and business could be sold as separate properties.

Mr. Parker arrived at this point.

Appeal - Little Claydons Farm, Old Southend Road

The Clerk is to ask for a copy of the decision letter.

Appeal - Silver Ash, Southend Road

The Clerk is to ask for a copy of the decision letter.

Appeal - Lane behind Rose Cottages

The Clerk is to find out whether the inspector's visit to site has taken place, and whether representatives from P.C. could attend the visit.

STUBBLE BURNING

Hedgerows have suffered considerable fire damage this year because there are farmers who do not keep within the limits set by the byelaws for stubble burning. There has also been a great deal of atmospheric pollution. P.C. is to seek expert advice from an independent witness, and to contact the A.C.D.P.C. with a view to having the subject as an agenda item.

SITE SPLAYS AT JUNCTIONS

It was decided to take no further action on this item.

BULK REFUSE DISPOSAL

It was decided to ask Environmental Health to provide the manned refuse vehicle during 1990 visiting the same site, the Village Hall car park, once a month.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Old Church Road

The verges have not been reinstated following the footpath construction. There has been no action regarding the council house verges. Cars are still being parked on them and vehicle entrances are still needed. The gutters have never been swept. Clerk is to ask again about tree planting in the verges.

Community Health Council

As none of the P.C. attends the meetings Clerk is to ask in the Newsletter for someone to attend them on P.C.'s behalf.

Pan Lane/Al30 Junction

The Chairman is to investigate the works being carried out near the junction.

Dead Tree

There is a dead tree in Back Lane beside the Old School. Chairman is to ask Mr. Jarvis to examine it to find out whether it has fire blight.

Litter Bin - Filliol Passage

The bin has been damage beyond repair. Clerk is to find out the cost of a more substantial bin before the next Meeting.

Graffiti

There is graffiti on the lamp post in the Filliol Passage. Housing is to be informed.

Footpaths

Councillors are to walk the same footpaths as 1st year, and report back to the November Meeting.

Footpath Forum

Mr. Parker reported that he had been unable to attend the footpaths forum.

Liaison With Adjoining Parishes

The arrangements for the informal evening on 1st. December will be discussed at the next Meeting. Meanwhile Clerk is to invite two councillors and the clerk from the parishes of Danbury, Rettendon, South Hanningfield, Sandon, West Hanningfield, Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre. They will be invited to bring their spouses.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.43.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 26th. October, 1989 at 8.03 pm.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Range, Mr. Rackham, the Clerk and three members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Parker.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Lawrence of Hill Farm recounted the history of his planning application to use Hill Farm as a riding school. This item was to be discussed under Correspondence.

Mrs. Warsop said that British Telecom is putting in a new line along Pan Lane, and that it is unusual for there to be a new line without some development requiring it. Mr. Rackham said that he would ask B.T. the reason for the 6 duct excavation.

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mr. Morris announced that he has put his house up for sale and intends to move out of the area. He is looking to recruit a new civil emergency planning officer to take his place.

Mr. Warsop's generator has been repaired and is now fully usable. It is intended to arrange another generator test when the changeover switch has been fitted at the school.

Mr. Morris reported that he had witnessed an aircraft doing aerobatics above his house. The Chairman said that such cases should be reported to the Civil Aviation Authority.

P.C. noted with regret that Mr. Morris was leaving and offered a sincere vote of thanks for his work, on behalf of P.C. and the residents of E.H. Mr. Morris thanked Mr. Warsop for his work on the generator.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Appeal - Land Rear of 1 & 2 Rose Cottages

The inspector's visit has not yet taken place. A reply is awaited from the D. of E. as to whether a member of the P.C. can attend the visit.

Walking of Footpaths

Mrs. Rice and other members of the W.I. would like to join in the walking of the footpaths. Councillors are to inform the Clerk when they intend to walk their paths so that the W.I. can be informed.

Bulk Refuse Disposal

Environmental Health at C.B.C. has agreed to supply the manned refuse vehicle for a further year. The monthly visits will take place on the second Saturday of each month except in April and December when they will be on the first Saturday. The vehicle will park in the Village Hall car park as usual.

Village Signs

To have new signs installed with 'Please Drive Carefully' on them P.C. would have to contribute to the cost. It was decided to monitor the effectiveness of such signs in other villages before making a decision.

Subsidence - Old Church Road

Technical Services Dept. C.B.C. is awaiting completion of gas and telephone works so that all permanent reinstatements can be carried out together.

Request for Footway between Abbeyfields and the School

This proposal will be added to the Schemes priority holding list but without high priority. The Chairman reported that there was a possibility that a path might be constructed beside Abbeyfields, which would require pedestrians to cross over to the footpath beside the Three Horseshoes.

Gas Step Down Valve Housing

The Chairman and Clerk met Mr. House from Eastern Gas on site. Mr. House said that E.G. was prepared to plant screening around the building. He has sent a list of suitable plants to the Clerk. This is to be passed to the arboriculturist at C.B.C. who will be asked to produce a planting scheme.

Legislative Changes Conference

The Clerk attended the conference and will circulate her notes. The E.A.L.C. has produced a questionnaire asking for suggestions for subjects for future conferences. This is to be circulated, and councillors are to make notes of their suggestions.

Old Church Road - Tree Planting

A reply is awaited from Housing. It was decided to have the subject of a Village improvement scheme as an Agenda item next month.

Pan Lane

Due to the B.T. works in Pan Lane, the verges have totally collapsed in places, and reinstatement is not to take place until B.T. has finished the work. Confirmation that reinstatement will take place is to be requested from Tech. Services.

All Weather Sports Court.

Mr. Range requested a quotation from Doe for the installation of heavy duty padlocks on the floodlight pillars. Doe misunderstood the instruction and fitted the padlocks. This item to be discussed under Finance.

Eastern National

The new timetables are to be collected from E.C.C. shortly. The extra Sunday service is to continue through the winter. E.C.C. is now proposing to produce half county books bi-monthly. The area books are to be discontinued. The 247 Bicknacre to Basildon service is to continue on commercial lines. The Chairman attended the Transport Liaison Meeting on 19th. October.

Telephone Kiosk

The kiosk on the Tye has been painted.

Litter Bin

Mr. Grace is to be asked whether the bin in the Filliol passage can be repaired.

CORRESPONDENCE.Footpath 16

Mr. Mcreddie asked the P.C. to reconsider the decision made at the last Meeting to reject the proposed footpath diversion. The Ramblers Assoc. and C.B.C. had not objected to the alteration. P.C. decided not to change the previous decision.

Writtle P.C.

Writtle P.C. writes asking for support, making two points; 1 that the level of borough council support should be adjusted to take into account the inflation of the past seven years and should be reviewed annually, 2 that a proportion of the business rate should be distributed to the parishes. To be discussed under Finance.

The Mill

Lukecroft the developers of the Mill site asked for permission to excavate on the Tye to join the drains to the foul sewer. Clerk has replied saying that they may do so but must not park on the Tye etc. Lukecroft has agreed to consider names for the development suggested by the P.C. P.C. suggested that the name should be Mill Close.

Trees - Ashley Green

Four trees were removed from the verges in Ashley Green by Parks Dept. Parks Dept. is going to replace them. P.C. is to ask Parks Dept. to give notification of tree works in future as the trees removed had been planted by PC.

County Structure Plan

The Secretary of State's proposed modifications of the First Alteration of the County Structure Plan are available for inspection. A copy is to be requested from E.C.C.

Essex Playing Fields and Childrens Play Association -

The Annual Report is to be circulated. The A.G.M. is to be held on the 17th. November. No one to attend on this occasion.

Chelmsford Year of the Environment

This is to be an Agenda item at the November Meeting.

R.C.C.E. Village Halls Conference

This is to take place on 9th. November at Writtle. Mr. Jacklin to attend if possible.

Planning Application - Hill Farm

Mr. Gittens, Mr. Lawrence's agent, has supplied the information which was given to C.B.C. with the planning application but which C.B.C. did not pass on to P.C. P.C. decided that the decision reached at the previous Meeting should stand.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

J. Leighton	£25.13	Groundsman
S. Mills	£18.20	Groundsman
Doe Sport	£72.45	Padlocks for floodlighting columns.
Doe Sport	£2,000.00	Partial payment for Sports Court

It was agreed that a cheque should be signed between Meetings for the amount of £5 if Mr. Jacklin is able to attend the Village Halls Conference.

Deposits

The following cheques have been deposited in the current account:

VAT Refund	£2,927.29	For period 1/7/89 - 31/8/89
Precept	£4,313.00	

Precept 1990/1

Members are to consider expenditure before preparation of the Precept.

Revenue Support - Future Distribution Mechanism

It was decided that Option 8 with the 90/10 breakdown reflecting the non-domestic rate was preferential for this parish. P.C. also decided that it would like to see the support reviewed annually.

Completion of Double Skin Roof Lights - Village Hall

It was decided to seek an up to date quotation for the roof lights remaining to be replaced. This work is to be done with the money remaining from the grant after the purchase of the folding doors.

PLANNING1734/89 5 Ashley Green

There were no objections to the proposed alterations and extension to provide a larger kitchen and cloakroom.

1724/89 Plot Adjacent White Cottage, Creephedge Lane

P.C. objected to the proposed dwelling because the site is outside any settlement boundary in a rural area, and no reasons have been given for the need for a dwelling at this site.

PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Mr. Jacklin is to ask the Village Hall committee if the P.C. can have the hall rent free for the evening.

It was decided to allow £100 for the refreshments, which are to consist of wine, coffee and snacks.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSBus Shelter Light

The repair is in hand.

School Chase

Nothing has been heard recently from E.C.C. about the School Chase. This is to be followed up.

The Tye

Liability concerning the bollards along the Tye is to be investigated.

All Weather Sports Court

Barbed wire has been put on top of the fence. Chairman is to notify insurers.

Field next to Highfields

Attempts are to be made to find the ownership of the field.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.08.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the village Hall on Thursday 23rd. November, 1989 at 8.02 pm.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Parker, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Range, the Clerk and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Holland and Mr. Rackham.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Footpath 16

Mr. Parker is to meet with the concerned parties to reach a conclusion satisfactory to all. Clerk is to supply him with a copy of the letter and map from Tech. Services.

Village Signs

The R.S.A.P. Minutes state that E.H.P.C. is willing to pay for a 'Please Drive Carefully' sign. The secretary of the panel is to be asked to amend this error.

Parish Council Liaison

It was decided that Mr. Harvey should be asked to be the door man at the parish councils evening. The amount he should be paid to be decided under Finance.

Legislative Changes Conference

E.A.L.C. has supplied notes from the conference. These have been in circulation, but have not yet been seen by Mr. Brooks.

British Telecom Works - Pan Lane

Mr. Rackham has found out that the works comprise of a general upgrading of the distribution system to facilitate maintenance and supplies for new customers. The works are not part of any major development. The condition of the verges is to be monitored.

E.A.L.C. Conferences Questionnaire

Clerk is to complete the questionnaire suggesting the administration of planning law and rural housing as topics for future conferences.

Old Church Road Verge

Housing Dept. has passed the Clerk's letter on to Tech. Services. Chairman reported that there might be money available from next year's allocation for the construction of drop kerbs. The tenants would be able to pay back the cost with their rents.

Replacement Folding Doors in Village Hall

The doors have been ordered and will be delivered by mid January.

The Mill

Lukencroft Ltd. have suggested calling the Mill development 'Barley's Mill'. It was decided that this would be satisfactory but that as Barley Ltd is still in existence their agreement should be sought.

Completion of Double Skin Roof Lights - Village Hall

The total cost of the folding doors and the last roof lights will exceed the amount precepted for the work by £450. This item to be discussed under finance.

All Weather Sports Court

The barbed wire on the fence is not a problem in terms of liability.

Bollards on Tye

The insurers say that as the bollards are returned to the grass when they are found to have been pushed into the road they would indemnify in the case of an accident.

CORRESPONDENCEPlay Area Project

Mr. Matheson was invited to explain to the P.C. the plans he has received from a play equipment manufacturer. A fundraising committee has been formed to raise funds for the project. There are three phases in the scheme: the under fives, fives to thirteens and adults. Fundraising is to be targeted at specific items of equipment. Mr. Matheson is to report progress at P.C. Meetings.

P.C. is to investigate safety surfaces further.

Essex Police

The police have not been able to identify the person responsible for the fires. They ask for P.C. and parishioners to be as vigilant as possible.

Health and Safety Law

E.A.L.C. has supplied a copy of a leaflet which should be distributed to all employees or displayed at the place of employment. Clerk is to copy for the groundsmen, herself and the noticeboards.

Sport for All in Villages

There is to be a Community Sports Leaders Award Course, starting in December. Application forms are to be passed to H.F.C.

R.C.C.E. has sent details of the sports equipment available for hire. H.F.C. is already aware of this facility.

Ramblers Association

The Ramblers Association suggests that P.C. should become an affiliated member. It was decided not to join.

Windmill P.H.

Tania Anne Chesterman and Dennis Peter Deare are to apply for transfer of justices licence at the licensing sessions on 7th. December. P.C. supports the application.

Association of Chelmsford District P.C.s

There is to be a general meeting on 28th. November at 7.30 to discuss the community charge and P.C.s. If Mr. Holland is not available Mr. Range will attend.

Neighbourhood Watch - Highfields Mead

Mr. Dickman has applied to Tech. Services to put a sign on the entrance to the Watch area. He wants to put the sign on an existing post, but there is not a post where Tech. Services will agree to the sign being sited. P.C. does not wish to see signs on the highway. No action to be taken.

Eastern National

E.N. has offered to supply enough timetables to be distributed with the Newsletter. They are to be thanked for their offer, but told that on this occasion timetables have been supplied and printed by E.C.C.

MEDICS Shopping List

It was thought that several parishes might be able to work together to supply an expensive item of equipment between them. This to be discussed at the parish councils evening.

Coulde Dennis Estate

In response to a letter from the Clerk, Housing Dept. has contacted Tech. Services to have the glass removed from the grass, to have the path weed sprayed and the manhole cover replaced at the childrens playground.

Three Horseshoes

Richard George Willis and Gordon Alfred Glynn are to apply for transfer of the justices licence at the licensing sessions. P.C. has no objection to the transfer but is to comment that there is still concern about the parking problem and it is hoped that with the co-operation of the licensee the problem can be resolved.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

It was decided to defer this item until the next Meeting when Mr. Rackham would be present.

CHELMSFORD YEAR OF THE ENVIRONMENT

It was decided to ask Environmental Health Dept. if it would be possible to have a paper collection, perhaps at the same time as the bulk refuse vehicle.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

C. Holland	£19.28	Prizes for Newsletter Christmas cover competition
Printing Place	£128.00	December edition of Newsletter
D. Jacklin	£5.00	Village Halls Conference
Royal British Legion		
Poppy Appeal	£25.00	Poppy Wreath
Popper and Carter	£862.50	Fitting roof lights - Village Hall
Post Office Counters	£1,000.00	Transfer to Savings Account

Bank Accounts

£2,000 has been transferred from the Current Account to the Deposit Account.
£3 Newsletter income has been deposited in the Current Account.

Precept

It was decided to order the remaining roof lights at a cost of £1,884.50 & VAT. This will mean going over budget by £827.50, so it was decided to include this amount in the 1990/1 Precept.

It was also decided to allocate £200 for the purchase of a petrol strimmer, £250 as a donation on a one for one basis towards new play equipment on Hanna's Field, and £1,000 to build up reserves, and also £50 for MEDICS. It was decided to ask for a Precept of £10,390.00 for the financial Year 1990/91.

PLANNING1925/89 8 Old Church Road

There was no objection to the proposed single and two storey rear extension.

1919/89 Hanna's Field

P.C. feels that a container is not the ideal solution to the need for storage and suggests that a five year temporary planning permission should be given, with the conditions that the container should be painted a sympathetic colour, such as dark green, and screened with planting.

Appeal - Rose Cottages

Attendance of a councillor at the site visit is at the discretion of the Inspector with the agreement of the appellant. Mr. Parker is to be informed if he is to be allowed to attend. The date of the inspection is yet to be announced.

FOOTPATH REPORTS

This item was deferred until the December Meeting. Councillors were reminded that Mrs. Rice had expressed interest in taking part in walking the footpaths and would like to know the times of the walks.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSBicknacre Road Junction

While cars are waiting to turn right into Bicknacre road other cars coming up behind them are driving into the layby to get past. This layby is used by pedestrians to walk from Abbeyfields to the School Chase. Mr. Gill is to be asked to inspect and suggest a solution.

Tree by Cornerways Cottage

An accident at the S bend caused the tree to be destroyed. Parks are to be asked if they could replace it when they are planting in the village.

E.E.C. Buses

At a recent Transport Sub Committee Meeting it was announced that there is to be no further contract for the late evening service which runs three evenings a week.

Dead Tree - Back Lane

Mr. Jarvis is to be asked to examine the dead tree.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.07.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 28th. December, 1989 at 8.05 pm.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland Mr. Parker, Mr. Rackham, the Clerk and two members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Range.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Clerk had received a telephone request from Mrs. King of Silver Ash to discuss the noise nuisance for residents living beside the A130. The dualling of the A130 has been put back indefinitely. County Highways Dept. is to be asked to repair the potholes as this will help prevent some of the noise.

Mrs. Sutton was welcomed as the new correspondent for the Essex Chronicle.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Footpath 16

Mr. Parker produced a new route for Footpath 16, but P.C. felt that the detour away from the original line of the path was too long. Mr. Parker was asked to look at the site again to see whether it would be possible to have a shorter diversion. P.C. is not against the principle of diverting this footpath but is unhappy with the details of the proposed diversions submitted.

Appeal - Rose Cottages

Notification of the site visit has not yet been received.

Mid Essex Community Health Council

Susan Chadwick of Lawrenny has replied to Clerk's request in the Newsletter for someone to attend the C.H.C. meetings on behalf of the parish.

Revenue Support - Future Distribution Mechanism

The Policy and Resources Committee has confirmed that the method of distribution will be based on Table 5. (P.C. opted for Table 8) Additional support will be given to ensure that no P.C. receives less than the level of 1989/90 support. Future basic financial support will be inflation proofed. Clerk is to copy letter for Mr. Holland who will circulate it with Tables 5 & 8.

The Mill

Clerk confirmed with the Barley Co, who in turn contacted relatives of the late Mr. Barley, that there would be no objection to the naming of the Mill development 'Barley's Mill'. Shortly after this Mr. Lovegrove informed the Clerk by telephone that the Castle family had built and owned the Mill and it should therefore be called Castle's Mill. P.C. decided that the action taken to confirm the name as Barley's Mill had gone too far to be rescinded. Clerk is to write to Mr. Lovegrove thanking him for his interest and explaining the reason for not changing the decision.

Parish Councils Liaison

It was agreed that Mr. Harvey should be paid £10 for his attendance at the Parish Councils evening.

British Telecom Works - Pan Lane

Chairman has met the engineer in charge, the site engineer and the public relations officer to discuss the works. This is a pilot scheme to see how the system works. The new system is being installed in the area covered by the Hanningfield Exchange. B.T. promises to reinstate properly. The work should be finished by March. Also promised to leave works tidy for the Christmas holiday which they did. They intend to continue the works along Creepedge Lane and the Tye. They have been told to write to P.C. for permission to dig on the Tye. Clerk to write to Highways to inform them that the wayleave they have given B.T. to dig in the Tye is not valid. No formal request has been received from B.T. Clerk to write to remind them that they will require permission.

Essex Police

There have been two further fires in the village since the Clerk wrote to the police. The fire at Cobbs destroyed two chicken houses with the birds inside, and a week before Christmas the toilet block on the industrial estate was damaged by fire..Clerk is to write again to the police expressing continuing concern, with a copy to the fire dept.

MEDICS Shopping List

Clerk is to contact Danbury, Bicknacre, Little Baddow and Sandon P.C.s to find out whether they would be interested in joining together to purchase a more expensive item of equipment.

Mayor's Villages Evening - 9th. February, 1990

The Chairman will be attending in his capacity as Borough Councillor. Mr. Jacklin is to be asked if he would like to attend as representative of P.C. P.C. to propose as guests Rev. Plastow, President of W.I. and Chairman of Playgroup as reserve.

District Auditor

The District Auditor's Office is moving to Stevenage. Details of address and telephone number should be received in January.

N.A.L.C. Annual Report and Accounts

These are to be circulated.

Summer Holiday Playschemes

Leisure Services Dept. is offering help with holiday playschemes again. Clerk to contact.

Childrens Act 1989

The Councillors' Briefing on the Childrens Act is to be circulated.

Civil Protection

A copy of Civil Protection covering the Lockerbie disaster is to be circulated.

FINANCEPlayscheme Grant

A cheque for £21 has been received from C.B.C. Leisure Services Dept. which is a grant towards the cost of the 1989 summer holiday playscheme.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Doe Sport Ltd.	£107.90	Final payment for sports court
ACRE	£6.00	Annual subscription- Rural Viewpoint
S.W. Jacklin	£4.05	Expenses - Villages Evening
P. Range	£5.41	" " "
K. Plumridge	£245.12	Clerk's salary, reimbursements Oct - Dec. & expenses for Villages Evening.
M.D.L. Jacobs	£427.05	Mowing 8th Aug. - 23rd. Nov.
R. Harvey	£10.00	Attendance at P.C./Villages Evening.
B. Dixon	£38.92	Expenses - P.C.s Evening
A. Parker	£3.87	Expenses - P.C.s Evening

Parish Councils Evening

All the invited councils except W. Hanningfield attended. The evening was a success with useful discussions taking place. Mrs. Brooks, the councillors' wives and the Clerk were thanked for the catering.

PLANNINGHigh Oaks

Clerk reported that C.B.C. had received a planning application regarding High Oaks, and that she would try to obtain a copy for the next Meeting.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SCHEME

P.C. wishes to see an improvement scheme for the verges in front of 1 - 14 Old Church Road. This might include planting, drop kerbs, prevention of parking on the verges and perhaps a lay by. Mr. Rackham is to open discussions with the residents so as to gauge their feelings and find out what they would like to see improved.

FOOTPATH REPORTS

No further footpath reports have been received because the paths have been too wet for walking.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSLitter Bins

Mr. Crace is to be asked whether the bin in the Filliol Close Passage is reparable, and to fix a chain to the bin on the corner of Ashley Green. Clerk is to seek prices for vandal proof bins in time for the next Meeting.

Back Lane

The street sign has been destroyed. The name plate is to be recovered so that it can be remounted on a new board.

Tipping

A mattress has been dumped in Pan Lane. Environmental Health to be asked to remove it.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.50.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday, 31st. January, 1990 at 8.22 pm in the Village Hall.

This Meeting had been postponed from the previous Thursday because of the extreme weather conditions.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mr. Parker, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Range, the Clerk and one member of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Rackham. Mrs. Brooks had indicated that her arrival would be delayed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Warsop was unable to attend the Meeting and so had telephoned her questions to the Clerk. Was there any information available about the proposed motorway between Chelmsford and the Thames? Chairman said that there was no further information available since the announcement that a new motorway was planned to be an outer orbital route around London, its purpose being to take some of the pressure off the M25.

Mrs. Warsop also said that there is a skip on the Industrial Estate which takes paper and cardboard for recycling. She suggested that it might be possible for parishioners to put their old newspapers in the skip. An approach is to be made to the Unit tenant and Mr. Andrews the owner of the site.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Appeal - Rose Cottages

Mr. Parker attended the site inspection which took place on 16th. January. The Inspector viewed the site from 52 & 11 Highfields Mead as well as from the appeal site. The Inspector would not take any representation from parties attending. Mr. Parker is satisfied that the Inspector is aware of the effect the proposed building would have on the surrounding properties.

MEDICS Shopping List

Clerk has been informed that Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Council will not be contributing to the MEDICS appeal. Other local parishes still to be contacted.

Tipping

The mattress has been removed from Pan Lane but a washing machine has since arrived. Environmental Health Dept. is to be asked to remove it.

Litter Bins

Clerk is to obtain the price of wooden tulip bins so that a comparison can be made to the price of the concrete bins. MFs. Brooks arrived.

Mayor's Villages Evening - 9th. February, 1990

Mr. Jacklin reported that he had received his invitation.

British Telecom Works

B.T.'s pipe store near Willis Farm was disintegrating in the high winds of 25th. January, so it was removed. The verge has been left in a very poor condition and the drainage has been destroyed. Highways to be informed. B.T.'s plan to dig along the Tye has been abandoned.

Fires

There have been two further fires; a paraffin soaked rag was stuffed under B.T.'s pipes and set alight, and last Saturday there was another fire in the toilet block on the Industrial Estate. Clerk has already written to police.

Back Lane

The name plate sign has been straightened. The Tye sign needs repairing. Mr. Parker has a Back Lane sign plate, which is waiting to be place on a new sign.

CORRESPONDENCEPolice Consultation Evening - 18th. April

Mr. Holland and the Chairman hope to attend the meeting which will be held at Chelmsford Police Station at 7.45pm.

Mr. Stan Bird

The Chairman had written a letter for the Meeting planned for 25th. January, as he had expected to be away. Stan Bird a former parish councillor and Vice Chairman died on the 26th. December, 1989. He had been an enthusiastic and hard working member of the Community Centre Appeal Committee. The Go Cart Grand Prix took place on his land. Clerk is to write to Mrs. Joan Bird to express sympathy.

Bus Service 11 - Rayleigh to Chelmsford

The County Council is proposing to discontinue its subsidy for the late evening service which runs three times a week. The C.B.C. Highways Committee has advised E.C.C. that it considers that service 11 is a vital service and should be retained, and consideration should be given to the provision of a later service from Chelmsford as an incentive to people wishing to use the service to go to Chelmsford for the evening.

Eastern National

E.N. has offered to print new timetables for distribution with the Newsletter. P.C. wants to distribute timetables with Service 247 included so will again ask E.C.C. to print the timetables.

Essex Association of Local Councils

The E.A.L.C. has now an answering machine on Chelmsford 495427, which will take short messages from 1300 to 1400 and 1700 to 1700 Monday to Friday and for 24 hours on Saturday and Sunday.

Mid Essex Well Woman Clinic

The Clinic is asking for donations. The letter is to be circulated.

Essex County Council

E.C.C. has supplied some information pamphlets, which have been distributed to members.

Tree Planting

Leisure Services Dept. has written saying that they will replace the tree by Cornerways Cottage when they have obtained some more trees. The tree has now been replaced.

On 25th. January, a tree in Bridon Close was blown over across the footpath. The Clerk asked Mr. Jarvis to pull the tree upright if it would be likely to survive, but it was found to have suffered too much root damage.

Mr. Jarvis removed the tree at a cost of £12. P.C. endorsed Clerk's action to have the tree removed as it was a danger to pedestrians.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:-

Garden and Woodcraft Services	£12.00	Removal of damaged tree
Public Works Loan Account	£248.36	Field Loan
Henderson Building Systems	£1,672.10	Folding Doors for V. Hall

C.B.C. has promised a grant of 50% of the cost of the folding doors.

Deposit

The grant of £21 by C.B.C. towards the cost of the 1989 Playweek has been deposited in the Current Account.

Tree Replacement

Mr. Parker, Mr. Range and Mr. Jacklin formed a committee to investigate the possibility of replacing the lost tree at Bridon Close, and other possible planting sites in the village.

Mr. Jarvis is to be asked to examine a tree by Highfields Mead because it appears to need restaking.

PLANNING121/90 Hanningfield Service Station, Southend Road

P.C. objected to the proposed franchise motor showroom. The building is too large for its position in the open countryside. P.C. does not wish to see intensification of use at this site, but does wish to see some tidying up of the existing operation.

2/90 Dunnock Cottage, Pan Lane

There was no objection to the proposed single storey rear extension with first floor roof extension.

St. Giles Lodge, Bicknacre Road 2112/89

There was no objection to the retention of the riding menage for private use.

2116/89 Shepherd's Cottage, Old Church Road

There was no objection to the proposed double garage.

Hanna's Field

C.B.C. has given planning consent for a container to be placed beside the new courts until 31st. January, 1993.

Leighams Lane Development

Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Council has asked for support against the proposed development of 74 houses at Bicknacre Farm. Clerk is to write to Planning with a copy to W.F. & B. P.C. objecting to the proposed development because of the extra traffic it would cause to use East Hanningfield's roads, and because of the undesirability of encroachment into the countryside outside the defined settlement boundary.

High Oaks

Planning consent has been given to the building of a replacement pig building at High Oaks.

FOOTPATH REPORTProposed Diversion - Footpath 16

Mr. Parker has produced a new route for the diversion. The new route is shorter than the original proposal and was found to be satisfactory by PC. Mr. Parker is to prepare a detailed plan of the diversion which will be sent to Technical Services for consideration.

Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Council

W.F. & B. P.C. are planning a ramble into East Hanningfield along the footpaths. Clerk has supplied them with a map, and has promised to publicise the walk in the March Newsletter.

Footpaths

Mr. Range has walked his footpaths and has found a damaged stile behind the Old Forge. Technical Service Dept. is to be informed.

CIVIL EMERGENCY PLANNING

Mr. Morris supplied a written report for the Meeting, as he was away on business. AT noon on 25th. January, the electricity supply to the whole of East Hanningfield failed due to structural damage to the northern high voltage feeder supply near the A130. The isolation process of the fault on the high voltage ring circuit had to be suspended due to the extreme conditions which were endangering the engineers working on the fault. The supply was restored by 3.30 pm, but by that time a tree growing in the Old Rectory garden had fallen across the road severing the low voltage supply to the Tye. The tree was removed by a private firm, Emmeth Landscapes. The power was off for 46 hours. Previously the Emergency Committee had agreed that no emergency would exist until the power had been off for 48 hours.

After 48 hours arrangements would be made to make the Village Hall showers and kitchen available for parishioner's use.

A meeting of the committee is to be convened shortly to discuss what can be done to help keep the frozen food in the shop from thawing. The contingency plans for East and West Hanningfield are being revised. Mr. Morris is looking for a successor to take over the role of local emergency planning officer when he moves away in the Summer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Bicknaore Road

Deep potholes have developed where the Gas Co. have dug trenches. Chairman has reported these and will do so again.

Moor Hall Lane

Trees growing in the verge were blown across the road in the storm and have been blocking part of the road ever since. Tech. Services to be informed.

Hanningfield Water

P.C. believes that no safety exercises are undertaken to simulate an emergency at the reservoir. Clerk to write to Environmental Health, the Health and Safety Executive with a copy to Bob Morris.

Creephedge Lane/Main Road junction

There have been nasty accidents at the junction because drivers do not see the junction as they approach it and some have driven across the main road into the field opposite. The problem is in hand. A 'Give Way' sign is to be installed with a triangle and improved white lining on the road surface.

Old Church Road

There is a hole undermining the bridge over the Sandon Brook and intruding into the roadway. Tech. Services is to be informed.

Back Lane

The cracks and holes are to be reported to Tech. Services.

Old Rectory

The residents association is to be asked to remove the wood from the rear of the bus shelter because of the possibility of an arson attack.

The Tye

The light which is cut off has been reported.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.46.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 22nd. February, 1990 at 8.07 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Rackham, the Clerk and three members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Holland and Mr. Range.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. McGarvey stated that his childrens pet rabbit had been killed by a dog which had strayed into his garden. The police were informed. He asked for a request to be printed in the Newsletter for owners to keep their dogs under control. Clerk will include this item in the next (June) Newsletter. Chairman commented that the stray dog problem had been made worse by the storm damage to fences.

Mr. Morris reported that there was to be an Emergency Planning sub-committee meeting on 7th. March, which would discuss the storm on 25th. January.

Mrs. Norfolk from W. Hanningfield wants to arrange a test for her C.B.radio. The contingency plans are to be amended to include Mr. O'Dwyer's comments.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Council

The ramble in E. Hanningfield will take place on Sunday, March 11th, starting at 2.30 pm at the Village Hall car park. W.F. & B. P.C. has requested that a councillor from E.H. joins them for a pre-walk on a Sunday before the main event.

Police Consultation Evening - 18th. April

The Chairman confirmed that he would be able to attend.

Tree Planting

The committee has decided that the tree lost during the storm, Bridon Close, should be replaced. A plan for the whole village is to be prepared for the next Meeting.

Bicknacre Road

The pothole was repaired but is giving away again. The Chairman is to chase.

Fan Lane

BT have made good and cleared rubbish away, but the verges are in a very poor state.

CORRESPONDENCE

Childrens Entertainers - Summer Holidays 1990

CEC. Leisure Services Dept. will be able to provide entertainers to villages which are providing play schemes. Clerk is to confirm with Leisure Services that a play scheme is to take place and to ask for an entertainer. Chairman is to ask why villages without schemes cannot have entertainers.

Essex Playing Fields and Childrens Play Association

a course on Playground Maintenance and Equipment is to take place on Saturday, 28th. April. Letter to be passed to H.F.C. It was decided not to enter the Best Kept Playing Field Competition this year.

Sport for All in Villages

Mr. Jacklin and the Chairman are to attend a final meeting on 26th. February to discuss what facilities will be available on Sunday, 8th. April, when the village hall will be used to demonstrate sports for all ages. Leaflets will be supplied for a leaflet drop to all houses.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:-

S.L.C.C. £17.50 Annual subscription
P.W.L.A. £1,020.00 Hall Loan

It was agreed that a cheque for no more than £135 could be signed before the next Meeting in payment for the March edition of the Newsletter.

Deposits

The C.B.C. grant of £727.00 for Village Hall Improvements has been deposited in the current account.

Interest

The P.O. Savings account earned interest of £357.47 in 1989.

PLANNING169/90 & 170/90 Land North West of Claydons Farmhouse, Back Lane

Parish Council objected to the proposed equipment cabin and security compound for cellular radio installation. The structure would be an intrusion into the countryside of a non agricultural building. The application included no details to explain why there is a need for the cabin at this site.

213/90 & 214/90 Highfields Farm

As the plans had not returned from circulation, it was decided to hold a planning meeting as soon as possible so the P.C. could review the plans whilst discussing them.

Rose Cottages Appeal

The appeal was rejected by the inspector.

Hanna's Field Charity

The Charity is to apply for planning permission to install two floodlights in the Village Hall car park in order to counteract thefts and vandalism. The lights will be on 6m galvanised columns and standing beside the mound facing the car park. They will be shielded so as not to light the houses on Abbeyfields. It was agreed that the plans should go forward to C.B.C.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSHill Farm

It was thought that horses from Hill Farm were being ridden on the roads. Chairman is to find out if this is against the planning permission.

Association of Chelmsford District Parish Councils

Mr. Jacklin is to attend the executive meeting on 13th. March, which will be preparing the business for the A.G.M.

Bus Shelter Light

Mr. Plumridge has bolted the light to the bus shelter wall, and it is now switched on again.

Bennets Avenue - A130

Mrs. King has complained about the speed of traffic on the A130, It is to be suggested to her that she contacts Technical Services.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.35.

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Alan S. Dixon
Chairman 22/3/90

A Planning Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 8th. March, 1990 at 8.15 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Rackham, Mr. Range, the Clerk and two members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. Brooks.

PLANNING

213/90 Part of Highfields Farm

There was concern that dwellings have been sold at Highfields Farm, consent for another agricultural dwelling has been extended, and this application for conversion of a barn to a house gives no justification on agricultural grounds. The site is outside the East Hanningfield defined settlement boundary.

P.C. was unable to support the application as there is already permission granted for an agricultural dwelling on the farm. If it could be so arranged that the existing permission for an agricultural dwelling could be rescinded and the status of agricultural dwelling transferred to the building proposed for conversion, the P.C. would be able to look more favourably on the application.

214/90 Part of Highfields Farm

P.C. objected to the proposed house with double garage. The site is outside the defined settlement boundary, and the proposed house has no connection with agriculture. Properties have already been sold off the farm, and there is an existing planning permission for another agricultural dwelling.

715/86/1 Land Adjacent Kilchurn, Bicknacre Road

There was no objection to the proposed house and garage.

290/90 Hanningfield Service Station, Southend Road

P.C. was unable to support the application as it stands, but felt that with some modification the proposed motor showroom could be an improvement on the present unsightly condition of the service station. Indigenous planting, not conifers, would be necessary, and finishes of the structure would have to be in vernacular materials, the object being to create the appearance of a local agricultural building.

283/90 Rose Hill Farm, Creep hedge Lane

There was no objection to the proposed single storey side extension to create a family room.

358/90 Blackthorne, Old Church Road,

There was no objection to the proposed conversion of the integral garage to a room and the construction of a new double garage.

363/90 Hanna's Field, The Tye

P.C. supported the application for permission to install two 150 watt floodlights on 6 metre columns at the Village Hall car park, but felt that there should be an additional separate timeswitch which could be operated by the Village Hall management to suit their best needs.

Salesfrith Farm - Appeal

It was noted that the East Hanningfield Table Tennis Club has appealed against the decision made by C.B.C.

8 Old Church Road - Appeal

It was noted that Mr. Teader has appealed against the refusal of planning permission by C.B.C.

There being no further business the Planning Meeting closed at 9.20.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 22nd. March, 1990 at 8.05 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mr. Parker, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Rackham, Mr. Range, the Clerk and two members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. Brooks.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of the previous Meeting and Planning Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Warsop said that a van being used by builders working at Blackthorne in Old Church Road was parking on the footpath, causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road. Clerk is to inform the police.

Mrs. Warsop said that the planning application by Granta Packaging on the industrial estate proposed parking near a pond which might lead to pollution of the pond from oil spillage.

MATTERS ARISING

Hill Farm

The planning permission conditions have been set but the applicant has not yet signed the agreement. C.B.C. Legal Dept. is being pressed to get this done. The applicant has lodged an appeal against the refusal of permission for an indoor riding school. C.B.C. Planning staff are interested to learn of any increase in intensification of use.

Hanningfield Water

Exercises are held to test Emergency Plans. These are for staff only. Members of the public are not involved. P.C. would like to see the local emergency committees involved or made aware of possible risks.

Al30 and Bennets Avenue

Traffic conditions at Bennets Avenue are to be added to the scheme list for allocation of priority at the next review in September 1990. The works cost of the Al30 improvements (dualling) has been removed from the capital programme. The design cost remains in the programme. If the DTP does not fund the scheme it will be reintroduced into the programme.

Footpath 16

Technical Services Dept. is waiting to hear from the applicant before proceeding further with the proposed diversion.

Claytons Farm, Proposed Security Compound

Planning Dept. sought details from the applicant, and forwarded a copy to P.C. The Planning Committee refused planning permission.

Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Council

The walk on 11th. March had been attended by about 70 people. Mr. Parker had not been able to take part in the pre-walk, so the route had been misinterpreted in places. The walk had shown the lack of way marking. Mr. Parker is to look into the need for way marking.

Emergency Planning

The committee held a meeting to assess the recent gales. The committee asked P.C. to contact Eastern Electricity to ask if all the 1987 repairs have been made permanent, and to ask for the fence around the Ashley Green transformer to be made secure. Clerk to write.

CORRESPONDENCEEastern Gas

Mr. Harcourt Williams has written complaining about the poor quality of reinstatement by the Gas contractors after the installation of the main. Mr. Jacklin has examined the reinstatement on the Tye and has found it to be needing attention. Clerk is to write to Eastern Gas asking for a site meeting to discuss the problem, and to Mr. Harcourt Williams to inform him of the action being taken.

Precepts

C.B.C. Finance Dept. has sent a letter explaining that each parish will receive amounts precepted in two equal payments, on 30th. April and 30th. September.

Chairmens Conference - E.A.I.C.

There was no interest in the conference.

Chelmsford Year of the Environment

Environmental Health Dept. would like to know if P.C. has any further thoughts on initiatives for the Year. P.C. suggests an investigation into recycling and into using rubbish for the generation of power. P.C. would also like the Housing Dept. to look into the problems of verges in Old Church Road.

Exhibition for the Year of the Environment

Suitable sites were thought to be Bridon Close or Village Hall car park subject to confirmation with H.F.C.

Spring Clean Day

30th. March is Spring Clean Day.

FINANCECheque

The following cheque was signed:

K. Plumridge £233.02 Clerk's reimbursements & salary

The following cheque was signed between Meetings:

Printing Place £132.00 March Newsletter.

This cheque was 40p short of the amount invoiced, so the editor paid cash and will recoup the amount when she claims her expenses.

Litter Bins

It was decided to order a large concrete litter bin, the larger version of the bin at Coude Dennis, for the Filliol Close passage. One will be ordered for Hanna's Field Charity at the same time so that the delivery charge can be shared. The cost will be £97.80 which includes delivery.

Allotment Rents

Clerk has collected three allotment rents at 50p for the year 1989/90, total £1.50, and two for 1990/90 with four more to follow. The rents will be banked when all have been collected.

PLANNING412/90 Spinney, Back Lane

F.C. did not support the application to remove the agricultural restriction on the property.

393/90 The Lodge, Great Claydons

There were no objections to the proposed single storey bedroom extension.

452/90 Highfields Cottage, Highfields Mead

There were no objections to the proposed single storey extension.

467/90 Units 35/36 East Hanningfield Industrial Estate

There were no objections to the proposed alterations to the existing warehouse nor to the new warehouse and office buildings, but there was concern about some other aspects of the application. The invalid carriages which are presently 'parked' at the Industrial Estate are in fact derelict, their presence attracts vandals, they give the Estate the appearance of a breaker's yard, and it is P.C.'s opinion that they should be stored inside. P.C. therefore objects to the inclusion in the proposals of outside parking for invalid carriages. The skips on the Estate have already attracted arson attacks, and because of this the skip should be sited in a lockable enclosure. The proposed car park is very close to a pond on the other side of the boundary. To prevent fuel spillage running off into the pond care should be taken to ensure that all surface drainage runs towards the road. Screening along the boundary is necessary at this site, and there should be fencing at the top of the bank with planting. It was noted that the failed screen planting to the north of the Estate has still not been replaced although a planting scheme has been supplied to the owner by the Borough arboriculturist.

Al30 Improvement - Environmental Statement

P.C. received plans of the proposed route of the Al30 dualling. The following comments are to be sent to Mott MacDonald, the environmental consultants. The new road is unnecessarily elevated above the surrounding countryside at several points along its length, and this will lead to visual and noise intrusion. Along the flatter northern section from the Al2 to Canon Barnes Bridge P.C. would wish to see no elevation of the road above the present ground level. This is of particular importance near the Howe Green settlement where traffic noise will be a considerable problem and where there should be planting to lessen the visual impact of the new road.

P.C. hopes that as a result of the noise problems caused by the Al2 Chelmsford By Pass action will be taken in the planning stage to minimise noise pollution from the dualled Al30. One of the most important points for consideration is the standard of road surface, and this should be included in the technical specification and not left to the discretion of the contractor.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSHayter

The Hayter is being overhauled. Mr. Jacklin is to find out whether it should also be decoked.

S Bend - The Common

Highways is to be asked about the pole beside the road on the verge near Crossfields Farm.

Road Surface

There is a rut beside the bus stop opposite the Three Horse Shoes. It is thought to be a result of the gas installation. The contractor retains responsibility for reinstatement for a year. Highways Dept. intends to resurface the Common after the statutory undertakers have finished.

Tree Planting

Mr. Parker has been away, so the planting scheme has not been completed.

Planning

Planning is to be asked if the earthworks near the industrial estate should be subject to planning.

Burnt Out Car - Back Lane

The police are to be asked if this was connected with the other incident.

Double Glazed Roof Lights- Village Hall

Clerk is awaiting the invoice so that she can claim the grant from C.B.C. which time-expires on 31st. March.

Sandon School Bus

In the morning the bus is parking in such a way as to obstruct the driveway from the houses by the bus stop. Clerk to write to E.C.C.

Trees

An Eastern Electricity sub-contractor is lopping trees to keep them away from wires. The arboriculturist is to approach E.E. on the matter. Clerk to write asking for formal proposition for trees in conservation zone.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.25.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 26th. April, 1990 at 7.38 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Holland, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range, Mr. Rackham, the Clerk and seven members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. Brooks had indicated that she would be late for the Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Virgoe spoke on behalf of residents of the Coude Dennis Estate about the planning application for a poultry shed at Long Meadow, Back Lane. He said that the plan was no a fair representation as it did not show the housing estate. Two buildings are on the site already and had been built without planning permission. The building on the plan was already under construction and therefore could not have been inspected by planning staff. The majority opinion was that it would be a hazard to health, and no provision was shown for the storage of waste. The delivery of feed would require a HGV, and Back Lane has a weight restriction.

Chairman replied that the P.C.'s response would be quoted in the Planning Committee agenda. The present buildings had probably been constructed as permitted development as the site is an agricultural holding.

Mr. Comrie speaking on behalf of residents of Abbeyfields endorsed the comments by Mr. Virgoe adding that the prevailing wind would carry smells from the shed across the entire village.

Mr. Sangster said that the building being constructed was larger than that shown on the plan.

Mr. Comrie asked P.C. for provision of water for allotment holders. This would have to be planned in the long term because of the cost involved. Allotment holders would have to be consulted because provision of water would mean higher rents.

Mrs. Brooks arrived at this point.

PLANNING

It was decided that because of the public interest in one of the planning items Planning should be brought forward in the Agenda.

1114/89 Hill Farm - Appeal

It was decided that the Chairman should attend the local inquiry at Civic Centre on 1st & 2nd May, representing the P.C. P.C. decided to support the local planning authority in its refusal of planning permission for an indoor riding school. A strong commercial element is now present and the residents of Dunnock Cottage are very unhappy with the situation.

519/90 Long Meadow, Back Lane

P.C. objected to the proposed poultry shed. The plan is inaccurate, the housing estate is not shown and the building, which is already under construction, is believed to be nearer the eastern boundary and larger than shown on the ground floor plan. The site is next to a residential area and therefore unsuitable for intensification of use on the scale proposed. The shed would be a serious health hazard for the residents of the neighbouring houses as it would encourage flies and vermin. The noise dust and smell from the ventilation outlets would be very unpleasant

for those living nearby. The whole village would suffer from the smell as the prevailing wind is from the West. The storage and removal of waste was not mentioned in the application. Vehicular access through Back Lane is unsuitable for H.G.V.s which would remove waste and deliver feed.

645/90 Blaircourt Farm, Old Barn Lane, Rettendon Common

The Parish Council objects to the proposed dwelling. Although the application states that the dwelling would be used in conjunction with a veterinary practice, no information was given to justify the need for an extra dwelling. The site stands within the Metropolitan Green Belt, and P.C. does not wish to see the intrusion of an additional dwelling in the green belt. Old Barn Lane is a narrow country lane with a dangerous junction on to the A130. An additional dwelling would generate more traffic on this inadequate lane.

At this point the Meeting adjourned for the Annual Parish Meeting and reconvened at 9.12.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Burnt Out Car

Police thought that there was a connection between the two incidents, although one car had been stolen from the Brentwood area and the other from the Southend area. The culprit was not known.

Way Marking

Mr. Parker reported that there are some areas where way marking would aid strangers as to the precise lines of the public rights of way. The majority of places which are most difficult to way mark are those which need marking, because of removal of hedges. Mr. Parker is to obtain a supply of way marking signs to be used during the walking of the footpaths. He is also to find out if there are any more modern maps available.

Tree Planting

The surveying of the village is continuing with a view to planting in the Autumn.

Eastern Gas

Clerk has written asking for a site meeting.

A.G.M. of A.C.D.P.C.

Topics for the agenda are awaited.

Hill Farm

Riding out on the roads has been reported. The Section 52 agreement has not been signed.

Chelmsford Year of the Environment

Clerk suggested that the mobile exhibition could visit the Village Hall car park on a Tuesday afternoon. To go ahead after checking with booking secretary. The School Information Pack is to go into circulation.

Litter Bins

The concrete bins have been delivered and have been passed on to Mr. Grace for installation.

CORRESPONDENCE

Concessionary Fares Scheme

Details of a change of rules are to be included in the next Newsletter.

A.C.D.P.C. - A.G.M.

The Agenda for the Meeting on 8th. May has been received.

Jacobs - Mowing

Mr. Jacobs has written to say that he is unable to cut around the edges of the fields because of the low branches on some trees. The letter has been passed on to H.F.C.

Plough and Sill P.H.

P.C. has no objection to the transfer of the Justices' Licence to David John Matthews and Sidney Richardson. Clerk to write to the Clerk to the Justices.

Parish Council Casual Vacancies

The Returning Officer has asked P.C. whether polling cards would be required in the event of a parish election. P.C. decided that cards would be required. Clerk to reply.

Bennetts Avenue

The Administration Dept. at C.B.C. has replied to Clerk's request for information about the width of Bennetts Ave. The O.S. map of 1872 (revised in 1922) shows Bennetts Ave. as a recently constructed area with the access road having a width of one half chain (11 yards). The letter is to be passed to the representative of the Bennetts Ave. residents.

Civil Emergency Liaison

Mr. Morris has had to resign from his post as C.E.L. Officer. He suggests that the committee should remain, convening when the P.C. deems necessary. Mr. Dunlevy should remain as the contact for messages from Borough. The E.H. documentation is to be kept by the Clerk.

The outstanding issues are:- i The standby electrical connections at E.H. & W.H. Schools, agreed by Tom Hales of the County Surveyor's Office in July 1989, have still not been installed. ii Mr. Kelvin Ward's promise to get a ruling on standby water supply in E.H. has still not produced a result. iii The Questionnaire might be better if updated. iv The E.H. to W.H. CB Radio test was only partially successful as W.H. could hear E.H. but could not be heard in reply.

Clerk is to include a request for a replacement for Mr. Morris in the Newsletter. Clerk is also to ask Mr. Morris if there was any contact from C.B.C. when the fire at Great Baddow caused local people to leave their homes for several hours.

National Code of Local Government Conduct

This D. of E. circular is to be circulated.

E.C.C. Public Transport Plan - Consultation Draft

P.C. decided to comment on the Plan. Clerk to write. The lines between Witham and Maldon and Braintree and Bishops Stortford should be re-opened. The Southminster line needs passing loops. Chelmsford needs a third track and a second station. The rail network needs to improve for both passengers and freight to reduce pressure on the roads.

Adventure Playground Appeal

The committee asks P.C. to make available the £250 allocated to the scheme. P.C. asks to see the plans and costings and also suggests payment is made through P.C. to avoid the VAT element.

Local Government International Bureau

The Bureau is looking for people with local government experience who can speak an Eastern European language. Not applicable.

Highfields Mead Neighbourhood Watch Signs

Mr. Dickman has purchased three neighbourhood watch signs on behalf of Highfields neighbourhood watch, and asks P.C. to consider reimbursing the cost of £23.47. P.C. decided to follow C.B.C.'s example not to set a precedent, and therefore declined to pay.

Emergency Accomodation

Clerk has received questionnaires from C.B.C. Emergency Planning about the Village Hall, School and W.I. Hall.

Mr. Manning-Press

E.A.L.C. is asking members to contribute to a fund for a presentation to be made to Mr. Manning-Press, at the A.G.M., on his retirement. P.C. agreed to send £5 as suggested by E.A.L.C.

Low Flying Aircraft

Mr. Rackham has received a letter and a copy of the statutory instruments - Civil Aviation, to be circulated.

FINANCE

Popper and Carter have sent an invoice for £2167.17 for installation of the double skin roof lights. It was decided to wait for the grant from C.B.C. before paying.

Allotments

All the allotment rents have now been received and will be banked shortly. Two allotments remain available.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:-

Furnitubes International	£224.94	Two concrete litter bins
E.P.F. & C.P.A.	£10.00	Annual subscription
E.A.L.C.	£129.17	Annual subscription
D. Horrigan	£5.00	Manning-Press memorial fund

Litter Bins

A cheque for £112.47 has been received from H.F.C. to pay for the litter bin P.C. ordered on their behalf.

Newsletter

£48 Newsletter income has been received,

ANY OTHER BUSINESSPolice Evening

Chairman and Vice Chairman had attended. Information is to be circulated. Questionnaire is to be completed at next Meeting, and to be an Agenda item.

Noise During Meetings

It was decided to wait until the panels above the new doors have been fitted before discussing the noise from the large hall.

Telecom - Pan Lane

Recently, Chairman has had a Meeting with the Highways staff. Some of the road reinstatement has been failed and will have to be done again. The verges still need work.

Glebe Land

There is a container at the back of the Glebe land. Chairman is to draw it to the attention of the planning authority.

Verge Cutting - Pan Lane/Al30

It was decided to monitor the situation.

Back Lane - Ditch behind Filliol Close

The rubbish in the ditch has been reported to Environmental Health. Whole area has become a tip. Clerk to write to Housing.

Car on Hanna's Field

There was an incident recently when a man drove on to the field and tried to entice a child into the car. Clerk to ask P.C. to speak to School. Management committee is to be asked to look into ways of preventing vehicles driving on the field.

House of Commons

Chairman as borough councillor met local MPs to discuss poor level of appeal decision making.

July Meeting

It was decided to hold the July Meeting one week early on 19th. July.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.58.