

The Annual Meeting of the Parish Council was held at the Village Hall on Thursday 24th. May, 1990 at 8.02pm.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Holland and Mrs. Brooks.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Parker 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. Range 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
A.C.D.P.C.	Mr. Jacklin
E.A.L.C.	Chairman & Vice Chairman
Footpaths Officer	Mr. Parker
Finance	Mr. Holland
Inter Village Sports	Mrs. Brooks
School Governing Body	Mr. Larkman
Public Transport	Mr. Jacklin
Village Maintenance	Mr. Jacklin
Civil Emergency Planning	Vacant
Newsletter Editor	Mrs. Hollana

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

C.B.C. Mobile Exhibition for Chelmsford Year of the Environment

The exhibition will be at the Village Hall car park on Tuesday 26th. June, arriving at 1pm and leaving at 4.30.

Bennetts Avenue

Mr. White who had represented the residents of Bennetts Avenue when they attended the P.C. Meeting has moved away so Clerk sent the information from C.B.C. to Mr. Butcher who had also been present at the Meeting.

Adventure Playground Appeal

Clerk has asked the committee to supply costings.

Car on Hanna's Field

Both P.C. Franklin and the Headmistress had been away directly after the last Meeting, so Clerk informed the Deputy Head about what had occurred.

Tree Planting Sub Committee

A meeting is to be held on 29th. May to finalise the plans for the tree planting scheme. The specification for planting near mains, supplied by the Gas Co. is to be taken in to account.

The dead tree in Back Lane is to be removed by Highways.

Appeal - Hill Farm.

The Chairman had attended on behalf of the P.C. and was subjected to an aggressive cross examination by the appellants counsel.

Concrete Litter Bins

These have been installed by Mr. Grace.

Eastern Gas Site Meeting - The Tye

The meeting on 16th. May was attended by a representative of the contractor and a representative of Eastern Gas. Their attention was drawn to the bad reinstatement of the turf and the patch involving the ditch by the Old Forge. The contractor agreed to carry out work immediately on the dangerous holes, and this has already been done. It was agreed that because of the present dry conditions reinstatement of the turf should be left until the Autumn. There is to be an inspection in the Autumn to determine what re-turfing is required.

The blocked ditch has now been cleared. At that point the ground has been dug up so many times that there is doubt as to whom is responsible. The rut by the bus stop near the Three Horseshoes is to be filled.

Telecom - Pan Lane

A site meeting earlier in the day was attended by the Chairman and Mr. Robinson of Tech. Services. The following items were discussed:

- i The Old Church Road name board which is down.
 - ii The poor quality of the contractor's reinstatement.
 - iii The Bicknacre Road ditch which was filled in by contractors.
 - iv The post and rail by the S bend at the Common, which Mr. Robinson was satisfied was within the curtilage of the landowner. A mound of soil on the verge is on Highway land, and an attempt is to be made to find out who put it there with a view to having it removed.
 - v At the verge beyond Willis Farm the drainage has now been dug out.
 - vi The tidying of the road stone depot will not be done for a while because a delivery of stone for resurfacing is expected shortly.
 - vii The collapsing kerbs and poor drainage at the Pan Lane/A130 junction.
- The Chairman is to write to C.B.C. confirming matters covered at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCECleaner Chelmsford Campaign

There was no interest in Environmental Health's suggestion that P.C. representatives should take part in Chelmsford Carnival.

Organised Walks and Rides in Chelmsford

Tech. Services asks to be informed about dates and routes of organised walks and rides so that there can be a free flow of information and prevention of dates clashing.

Windmill Public House

The P.C. had no objection to the transfer of the Justices Licence in respect of the Windmill P.H. to Ernest. J. S. Hazell.

Clerk is to ask the Clerk to the Justices about the review of Licence.

Mid Essex Community Health Council Meeting

Susan Chadwick has attended the meeting on behalf of the P.C. and has produced notes for circulation. She asks P.C. if she should attend the next meeting which is in July. She is to be asked to do so, and expenses for travelling to the meeting are to be discussed at the next P.C. Meeting.

C.B.C. Financial Assistance to P.C.s

Applications should be submitted by 15th. July. This item is to be discussed at the next Meeting.

Municipal Mutual, Annual Report and Accounts

It was noted that these have been received.

Rural Development Commission - Rural Transport Problems

The information was noted but thought not to apply to East Hanningfield.

Footpath 8

The two fields between Back Lane and Hanna's Field have been subject to much vandalism including injury to a horse belonging to the Equine Rescue Centre. Mr. Parker has contacted Mr. Clark at Tech. Services and discussed the problem. Mr. Clark has offered the services of his team to supervise reconstruction of damage. P.C. Franklin is supportive and will encourage the relevant members of the community to participate. P.C. supported Mr. Parker's initiative on this matter.

C.B.C. Grant - Village Hall Improvements

C.B.C. has acknowledged Clerk's request for the remainder of the grant.

Dog Warden Service

C.B.C. has produced a leaflet about the upgraded dog warden service. The leaflet is to be circulated.

Various Highway Matters

A letter covering several topics has been received from Tech. Services in reply to a letter from the Clerk in February.

Glass Banks

Environmental Health reports that the local glass industry now requires all glass for recycling to be separated according to colour. This means that the collection contractor is going to have to provide additional containers for the present collection points and therefore it will be some time before any new collection points can be established because of the cost involved. Clerk is to write questioning the necessity of colour separation.

Essex Heritage Trust

Information about the newly founded trust is to be circulated.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

Municipal Mutual Insurance	£113.68	Annual premium
D. Jacklin	£6.49	Petrol can for Hayter
M.D.L. Jacobs	£256.22	Mowing
Jack Stock (Essex Fencing)	£185.36	Repairs to Hayter
Jack Stock (Essex Fencing)	£199.00	Purchase of brush cutter.
Printing Place, a sum not exceeding	£130.	June Newsletter

Deposits

The following amounts have been deposited in the Current Account:

Hanna's Field Charity	£112.47	Payment for litter bin
Various cheques	£48.00	Newsletter Income
Cash	£4.50	Allotment Rents 89/90 & 90/1
Chelmsford Borough Council	£5,195.00	Parish precept.

Brush Cutter

It was decided to purchase the McCulloch brush cutter from Jack Stock. The price is £199 inc. VAT which is £60 below the R.R.P. It was felt that this model was the best because it has safety features which would enable it to be used by non-professionals with minimal risk of injury. It was also agreed that £40 should be allocated for the purchase of steel capped boots.

Insurance

Clerk and Chairman are to review the value of items insured.

PLANNING651/90 Hanningfield Service Station

P.C. Objected to the proposed extension to provide a motor showroom. P.C. understands that there is no existing use certificate for car sales at this site and therefore cannot agree to this proposed development in the open countryside.

788/90 Morland Industrial Estate, Old Barn Lane, Rettendon Common
 P.C. objected to the proposed industrial development. The site is in a Conservation Area within the Metropolitan Green Belt, and would be extending into agricultural land not designated for industrial use. P.C. cannot support the proposal to build on open storage land and agricultural land in the M.G.B. The amount of traffic which the development would generate is unacceptable in this rural location and would be a substantial loss of amenity for the residents of Old Barn Lane.

POLICE SURVEY

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are to complete the questionnaire.

THREE HORSESHOES PUBLIC HOUSE

The Chairman and Mr. Jacklin met Mr. Glynn at the Three Horseshoes. Their discussion was detailed, frank and friendly.

Car Parkin Problem

Mr. Glynn will do his best to keep an eye on the car park and will ask drivers of inconsiderately parked vehicles to move them. He will put notices on the garage block and at the entrance.

Sign on Tye

He will put a sign on stilts in the garden.

Boot

He will ask Five Star Leisure to move the boot to a less obtrusive part of the garden.

Scarles Croft

The problem of cars blocking the entrance to Scarles croft is to be taken up with the Housing Staff.

Byelaws

The publican is to be supplied with a set of byelaws.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Service 11

The early Sunday bus has been reintroduced.

Posts Opposite Bicknacre Road junction

The thin posts have been replaced with concrete posts. Clerk is to ask Tech. Services if it is possible to attach reflectors to the posts.

Village Hall - Suspended Ceiling

The problem of the bowing ceiling is in hand.

Container for Storage at Sports Court.

The transport of the container has been organised. The concrete pads are yet to be constructed.

Glebe Land

The Chairman is to find out about the container.

Road Safety Advisory Panel

Mr. Rackham is to ask about the telegraph pole railing at the S bend.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.15.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 28th. June 1990 at 8.05 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Road Safety Advisory Panel

A reply is awaited from the Road Safety Officer concerning the pole on the verge at the S bend at the Common. Mr. Rackham reported the pole to the R.S.A.P. The soil has been removed from the verge.

Tree Planting

The sub-committee has produced a planting scheme for the village. It was decided not to proceed with the proposal to plant horse chestnuts on the Tye, but all other proposals in the scheme were accepted. The survey of trees in the village had brought several problems to light. Clerk is to write to Highways to ask them to remove dead trees in the verges by the factory estate and in Back Lane by the Old School. Clerk is to write to Housing. The hedge in Back Lane which was to be preserved as a condition of planning permission is in very poor condition. At the playground two trees have been snapped off and three are looking sick, much of the planting has been uprooted or died, and the drain cover under the swings is missing.

Mr. Jarvis is to be asked to straighten the tree in the verge by 21 Ashley Green. The planting proposal is to be submitted to the arboriculturist at C.B.C. and Highways is to be consulted about planting in verges.

The sub-committee were thanked for their work in preparing the planting scheme.

Electricity Board - Tree Pruning

E.E.B. has agreed that the sub-contractor employed to prune trees had done the work badly, and will not employ him again. E.E.B. has also agreed to restrict pruning to two year's growth, instead of four, in the conservation area. It was noted that red fuse boxes have been fitted on poles so that parts of the village can be isolated.

Footpath 8

A letter has been received from Tech. Services thanking Mr. Parker for the successful organisation of the Footpath Day. It was noted that the young people who took part in the repair work had found it physically demanding, and that perhaps this would lead to less vandalism in this area. P.C. also thanked Mr. Parker for this event.

C.B.C. Mobile Exhibition for Chelmsford Year of the Environment

Leaflets from the exhibition, which visited the Village Hall car park on Tuesday, 26th. June, are to be circulated.

Eastern Gas

The hole filling on the Tye had been done with sand and was not satisfactory.

Class Banks

Chairman reported that recycling had been a committee item a few weeks before. There has been no report from the Environmental Working Party. An update has been asked for, and a report is expected. Chairman asked for C.B.C to challenge glass manufacturers' requirement for separated glass.

Police Survey

The survey was completed by the Chairman and Mr. Holland and returned to Supt. Deal at New Street.

Three Horse Shoes

Housing is to supply additional signs to prevent obstruction at Scarles Croft. Licenses is getting people to move cars which are badly parked. Clerk is to write to licensee confirming details of meeting with P.C. members, enclosing bylaws and noting his efforts to manage car park.

Containers - Sports Court

The concrete pads are down but the ground is too wet for delivery of the container.

CORRESPONDENCETown Twinning Association

There is to be a Public Meeting and Open Evening to discuss the establishment of a T.T.A. at Civic Centre on 4th. July. Mr. Rackham agreed to attend on behalf of P.C. as he was already going in another capacity.

Summer Holiday Playscheme

Leisure Services has arranged for Obelion Puppets to visit Playweek on 24th. August at 10 am.

This year Leisure Services wants information about Playweek before the end of July to be able to offer grant aid.

Leisure Services is suggesting that parishes hold playschemes in the Easter holiday. Clerk to ask for organiser in next Newsletter.

Eastern National

Eastern National offered to supply copies of the new Service 11 timetable. Clerk asked for 400. These have been received and have been delivered to houses in the village. The early Sunday service was restarted on 20th. May.

Quince Cottage, The Tye

In reply to Clerk's letter expressing P.C.'s concern about the future of Quince Cottage, Planning Dept. has written saying that historic research is currently being undertaken with a view to submitting a request for listing to the D. of E. Listing Branch.

Ramblers' Essex Area 100 Mile Walk

The walk will pass through East Hanningfield on the afternoon of 6th. September.

FINANCEGroundsman

Clerk had contacted C.B.C. to find out the rate for groundsman. C.B.C. pays £2.96 per hour. It was agreed that this should be the P.C. rate for Mr. Harvey.

Clerks' Business Lunch

It was agreed to pay the expenses for the S.L.C.C. lunch at Marks Tey on 29th. June. This would be £3 plus travelling.

C.B.C. Scheme of Financial Assistance to Parish Councils

It was decided not to apply for grant aid for the financial year 1991/92.

Essex Heritage Trust

It was decided not to give financial support to the Trust because it was felt that it was duplicating activities already carried out by other organizations.

Community Health Council - Public Meetings

It was decided to ask Mrs. Chadwick to record her mileage to the Meetings so that she could be reimbursed for her travelling expenses.

Tree Planting

Clerk is to investigate the possibility of grant aid being available for tree planting.

Newsletter

The cost of the June Newsletter had been £127.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Parochial Church Council
Fopper and Carter

£130 Upkeep of churchyard
£2,167.17 Double skin rooflights in
Village Hall

D. Jacklin
Jack Stock (Essex Fencing)
K. Plumridge
R. Harvey

£6.23 Petrol for hayter
£18.12 Line and oil for brushcutter
£220.08 Clerk's salary & reimbursements
£56.58 Groundsman

On 5th. June a cheque had been signed to transfer £1,000 to the P.O. Savings Account, and £1,500 was transferred from the Current Account to the Deposit Account.

Deposit

The final payment of grant aid for Village Hall Improvements has been received from C.B.C. and deposited in the Current Account.

PLANNING467/90 Units 35/36 East Hanningfield Industrial Estate

P.C. did not object to the principle of the proposed alterations, new warehouse and office, but felt there were several points for concern. The two plans supplied did not agree as to the positioning of the skip. P.C. would like to see the skip at a distance from the building because of the fire hazard, and would also like to see the skip in a lockable compound to prevent local vandals reaching it. P.C. was concerned that the owners of the pond had not been consulted about the plans which propose to formalise the edge of what is a natural pond, beyond the boundary of the site. P.C. noted that the condition of a previous planning permission requiring planting along the western boundary had not been complied with, and suggested that this condition be varied so that there can be planting of indigenous species such as hawthorn which would be more appropriate in this village location and also a secure barrier.

Clerk is to contact Mr. & Mrs. Warsop the owners of the pond to see if they wish to study the plans before they are returned to C.B.C.

925/90 The Homestead, Southend Road, Rettendon Common

There were no objections to the proposed dormer windows.

934/90 The Gables, Bicknacre Road

P.C. noted that the application is misleading in that it proposes the removal of one dwelling when the Gables are in fact two semi-detached cottages. P.C. would consider the loss of two modestly priced dwellings to be replaced by two expensive detached houses most regrettable. The position of the site outside the village envelope is also a sound reason for refusal of the application, and P.C. therefore objected to the proposed dwellings.

977/90 Highfields Cottage

There were no objections to the proposed single storey extension.

27/90 A130 By Pass, A12 to A132

P.C. supports the route chosen for the new A130 but commented on various aspects of the plans.

The proposed road is elevated above the surrounding land, between the Howe Green junction and Canon Barnes, and this will result in noise carrying further than if the road was level with the valley floor. The noise problem will be particularly acute at the Howe Green settlement. P.C. wishes to see the cuttings into the hills made deeper so that the overall road level can be lower and bridges over the road less obtrusive.

P.C. hopes that noise-prevention measure will be taken in the construction of the road, the lessons learned from the problems caused by the A12 Chelmsford By Pass being taken into account. It is of the utmost importance that the road has a quiet surface.

It was originally proposed that the present A130 would be returned to a single carriageway, and P.C. supports this.

P.C. is not happy with the proposal for the Rettendon Turnpike junction, likening it to Spaghetti Junction, and feels that it is poor planning to trap buildings on an island.

The Chairman declared an interest in the following two planning applications and left the room while they were being discussed. Mr. Holland took the Chair.

885/90 Ashlars, Old Church Road

P.C. had no objection to the retrospective application for an extension to the games room.

960/90 Ashlars, Old Church Road

There was no objection to the proposed store for pool equipment.

The Chairman resumed the Chair.

Appeal - Little Claydons Farm, Southend Road

The Inspector has allowed the appeal against refusal of permission to build a farm manager's house and garage.

Appeal - Silver Ash, Southend Road, Rettendon Common

The inspector has rejected the appeal against refusal of planning permission for a sun lounge.

Appeal - Mill Farm

The Inspector has upheld the appeal against refusal of planning permission for an indoor riding school at Hill Farm.

The local planning authority is to appeal to the High Court.

Mill House

Mr. Holland is to check the photograph of Mill House on the Conservation Zone display to see if the ridge tiles were of the decorative victorian type, because the new ones are plain.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Street Signs

The northern village sign needs repainting, and so does the Highfields sign. The Main Road, The Common sign is overgrown and mildewed with broken posts. Clerk is to ask Highways for new posts and for it to be turned to face traffic coming into the village from the North. Clerk also to ask for a sign for the Common at its southern end, possibly facing the Abbeyfields junction.

Sports Courses

A course for basketball is presently taking place at the sports court on Saturday mornings and a course for volleyball is taking place on Monday evenings, both for young people. If the coaches think it is worthwhile the courses might be extended.

Bowls

It is hoped that a bowls club will be established. Money will be needed to buy equipment.

Old Church Road Footpath

The hedge is overgrowing the footpath again. Highways is to be informed. Highways and Housing are also to be informed about a skip and sand and cement on the footpath in front of the council houses.

Abbeyfields

The No Parking sign by Abbeyfields has been flattened.

Fly Tipping

Clerk is to inform Env. Health about rubbish in the ditches in Back Lane and Rettendon Road.

Drain Covers

Damaged drain covers are to be inspected at the P.C. and Bicknacre Rd. junction.

New Housing

New housing advertised as being in E.H. was actually in Howe Green. Clerk to investigate action which can be taken.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.01.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 19th. July, 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 and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. Brooks.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Road Safety Advisory Panel

The Road Safety Officer was unable to find the pole at the S bend and so has been given more accurate directions.

Town Twinning Association

Mr. Rackham attended the first meeting. Papers from the meeting are to be circulated.

Planning Application - Morland Industrial Estate

Retendon P.C. has sent P.C. a copy of its comments on the planning application to develop the Morland Ind. Estate.

Pole on S Bend

There has been an accident at the S bend and the pole has been displaced. A car missed the bend and drove into Sumptners Farm.

Tree Planting Programme

The arboriculturist is to be consulted. A site meeting is to be arranged if necessary.

Essex Association of Local Councils - A.G.M.

Mr. Parker was unable to attend the A.G.M. and no-one could take his place, so P.C. was not represented this year.

Container - Sports Court

The container has been delivered by Thomas Bates and Jon who donated the delivery and use of the crane. The doors are to be welded down and new doors put in the end. Painting is to follow. Mr. Plumridge has donated paving slabs to provide a path from the courts to the container.

CONFERENCE

S.C.C. Highways Service Review

P.C. is very concerned that the County Council is gathering in the highway function to itself. The agency function works very well in the Chelmsford District and P.C. does not wish to see this changed.

Play Area Proposal

P.C. examined the plans for the play area. The Chairman is to check that planning permission is not required and to check about liability aspects of play equipment. Clerk is to inform Mr. Matheson about P.C.'s concerns.

A130 By Pass - Environmental Impact Analysis

Chairman is to try to obtain a copy for P.C.

Private Access Road to School

E.C.C. is asking for permission to paint 'Keep Clear' markings on the school access road. P.C. does not object but does not accept responsibility for the condition of the road. The road was put down by the county council to service the school. P.C. wants the surface of the road considered before the white lining is put down. Clerk is to check the deeds.

Essex Playing Fields and Childrens Play Association

A questionnaire about playing fields and play grounds is to be passed to H.F.C. for completion.

Council for the Protection of Rural Essex

Information is to be circulated.

Licensing

The Clerk to the Justices has replied to Clerk's letter about licensing. There is no probationary period for a new licensee. A licensee is required to renew his licence every three years. The first period of three years began on 5th. April, 1989. There is no requirement for the P.C. to be notified upon renewal. Applications for renewal will next be considered in February, 1992.

Chelmsford Year of the Environment

Env. Health Dept. has replied to Clerk's letter about the specific environmental problem of the verges in Old Church Road. It has been suggested that the verges receive a hard covering because of the damage done by parking cars to the grass. P.C. decided that specific plans should be produced which would include cross-overs and laybys. Tree planting is to be investigated with Highways.

22 Ashley Green

Solicitors acting on behalf of purchasers of 22 Ashley Green have asked whether there are plans to plant a tree in the verge near No. 22. Clerk to reply that there is no such plan at the moment.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

Public Works Loan Account	£248.36	Field Loan
H.S.D. Jacobs	£354.89	Mowing
J. Grace	£20.00	Installation of litter bin.
J.A. Jacklin	£5.86	Petrol for Hayter
A. Harvey	£52.16	Groundsman

Deposit

The sum of £787.39 which is refunded VAT for the period 1/9/89 to 31/5/90 has been deposited in the Current Account.

Groundsman

Mr. Harvey is working very hard as the new groundsman. The new brush cutter is proving very efficient. Clerk reported that she has contacted the tax office as income tax has to be subtracted from Mr. Harvey's earnings.

Clerk's New Salary Scale

The new recommended rate for the Clerk's salary is £1.10 for each name on the Community Charge Register in the parish. The Finance Dept has informed P.C. that there are 856 names on the register. This makes an annual salary of £941.60, which will be in quarterly payments of £235.40. The first quarter at the new rate begins at the beginning of July, 1990.

Newsletter

Advertising revenue of £15 has been received and will be deposited in the current account.

PLANNINGA/CHI/1015/90 Hanningfield Service Station

There were no objections to the proposed single pole petrol company and price sign.

Appeal - Land North West of Claydons Farm

Clerk is to write to the D of E supporting C.B.C.'s refusal of planning permission for an equipment cabin and security compound. Adding to the previous comments the unsuitability of the access for maintenance vehicles and that one of the several industrial sites in the area would be more suitable for this type of installation.

Appeal - Land at Highfields Farm

Clerk is to write to the D of E supporting C.B.C.'s refusal of planning permission for the conversion of a storage building to a dwelling and the construction of a new dwelling both with garages.

467/90 East Hanningfield Industrial Estate

Clerk took the plans discussed at the previous Meeting to Mr. & Mrs. Warsop so that they would be able to send a comment to C.B.C. They have sent a copy of their letter to P.C.

ROMANIAN VILLAGES

Last year the National Association of Local Councils suggested local councils support Romanian villages under threat of demolition. The situation has now changed. Chairman proposed that P.C. should consider the adoption of a community in Romania. Clerk is to find out from the N.A.L.C. about adoption of a village. It was decided that it would be necessary to obtain the commitment of the people in East Hanningfield before proceeding with an adoption.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSRural Community Council of Essex - A.G.M.

This was attended by Mr. Jacklin on behalf of P.C. He reported that the Director of Sports Council Eastern Region had commented about the success of the Sport For All Day at East Hanningfield.

Sports in Halls Meeting

Mr. Rackham is to report back about this meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.45.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 23rd. August, 1990 at 8.01 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range, the Clerk and three members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Holland and Mr. Rackham.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Warsop said that with regard to a recent planning application, agreement about the boundary of her property with the industrial estate had now been reached at C.B.C. The result of this is that if stone is tipped into her pond it will have gone over the boundary.

Mr. Parker asked Mrs. Warsop to explain about the earthworks behind Oaklands. She said that it was banking to a pond. It is a natural field pond with a spring.

Mr. McDonald had written a letter to P.C. about planning permission being given for a house at Little Claydons Farm which would be very near his property. Clerk had written a letter in reply explaining about the appeal etc.

Mr. McDonald was very unhappy about the siting of the dwelling and because a septic tank had been sunk 4ft. from his fence.

Chairman replied that layout of foul drainage comes under the Dept. of Environmental Health at C.B.C. and suggested Mr. McDonald contacts that dept. The detailed planning application is still to come, so it will be possible to comment on the position of the house on the site. Clerk is to notify Mr. McDonald when new application is received.

Mrs. McDonald reported that there were four caravans at the farm being used for accommodation. Chairman said that he would see if the caravans could be the subject of an enforcement.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sports in Halls Meeting

Mr. Rackham will report about the meeting at the September Meeting.

Play Area Proposal

Chairman reported that planning permission was not required. He met with David Archer of Leisure Services to review the plan, and then met Mr. Matheson's committee. A meeting between Mr. Archer and the committee is being arranged. Mr. Archer gave practical advice about where to buy equipment and how to replace present equipment. The cost of safety surfaces means that it is going to be a more protracted plan than had originally been envisaged.

Tree Planting Programme.

Mr. Parker has contacted David Ford the C.B.C. Arboriculturist. He will examine the plan and visit the sites if he feels it necessary. He will be able to supply estimates based on C.B.C. estimates. A copy of the plan is also to go to Highways.

The best planting time is before Christmas, after leaf drop.

The Countryside Commission is to be tried as a possible source of grant.

Container

The doors are still to be cut in the end of the container.

CORRESPONDENCEHighway Matters

Tech. Services has arranged for the dead trees to be removed. The Dept. will arrange for a new name plate for the Common at the Bicknacre Road end and will arrange the resiting and repairs to the plate at the northern end of the village.

Mr. Parker still retains the Back Lane sign in his garage.

The Old Church Road sign remains half down at the Pan Lane junction.

Chris Manning Press

A note of thanks has been received from Chris Manning Press for the P.C.'s contribution to his retirement presentation.

The Council for the Protection of Rural Essex

The C.P.R.E. is looking for P.C.s to join. Clerk is to find out what the subscription is and recirculate the information.

Concrete Posts

In response to P.C.'s request, reflectors are to be fitted to the posts by the layby opposite the Bicknacre Road junction.

E.C.C. County Transport Plan

County Planning has acknowledged P.C.'s comments about the plan. BR's priority in providing a service is primarily for the safety of its passengers, and investment reflects this. Considerable investment is being devoted to rolling stock and resignalling but BR is limited in its capital programme because all projects are required to yield at least an 8% return.

Coude Dennis Estate

In response to Clerk's letter the manhole cover in the play area is to be replaced and Leisure Services is to inspect the planting, trees and hedge.

Chelmsford Year of the Environment - Practical Environmental Projects Seminar
Members did not wish to attend the seminar on 26th. September.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

R. Harvey	£53.26	Groundsman (less tax)
Inland Revenue	£17.78	P.A.Y.E. for R. Harvey
Essex County Council	£29.67	Playweek supplies
Public Works Loan Ac.	£999.84	Hall Loan

Between Meetings a cheque had been signed for £34.41 to the Inland Revenue, which was income tax due on groundsman's pay.

Deposit

Newsletter income of £15 has been deposited in the Current Account.

PLANNING1252/90 Blackthorne, Old Church Road

There were no objections to the proposed conversion of integral garage to a room and construction of a new garage providing that it could be confirmed that there would be no loss of the boundary hedge.

1322/90 Fairview, Bennetts Avenue

There were no objections to the proposed extension and bay window.

A/CH/1331/90 Manningfield Service Station

There were no objections to the proposed single pole petrol company/price sign.

1326/90 B Rough Hill House, The Tye

There were no objections to the proposed boundary fences and gates.

Appeal - Land at Bennetts Avenue

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State for the Environment following the issue of three Enforcement notices by C.B.C.

Appeal - Highfield Cottage

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State for the Environment following the refusal of planning permission by C.B.C. for a single storey extension.

Appeal - Land at Long Meadow, Back Lane

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State for the Environment following refusal of planning permission by C.B.C. for a poultry shed.

Conservation Zone

Clerk is to ask Planning for the rules pertaining to householders in conservation zones, so that these can be publicised by P.C.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSHouse Next to Gables

The neighbours have complained that certain aspects of the planning permission have not been complied with. The ditch has been filled in, not piped, and a path has been constructed where the hedge used to be. Conifers are to replace the hedge. The planning condition was that the hedge should be replanted with hawthorn. Chairman replied that he will continue to follow up the problems which are being dealt with by Enforcement staff at C.B.C. There is a dispute about the ownership of the ditch.

Bridge - Coude Dennis/Hanna's Field

Mr. Jacklin is to contact Mr. Grace to have the handrail repaired.

Quince Cottage

C.B.C. has requested that Quince Cottage should be listed by D. of E.

Sump next to Post Office

Mr. Grace is to be asked to replace the flagstone cover as a matter of urgency.

Rough Hill House

A name board has been erected outside the fence of Rough Hill House. Clerk is to check that this is part of the Tye before requesting the removal of the board.

Three Horseshoes

Mr. Glynn is to be thanked for moving the play boot and asked when he is going to remove the sign from the Tye.

British Telecom

Last winter the verge beyond Willis Farm was used as a store by BT. The raised edge of the verge was worn away. The verge is now being used as a pull-off, which is causing it to become badly eroded. Tech. Services is to be asked to press BT to restore the verge.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.27.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 27th. September, 1990 at 8.05 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Parker. Mrs. Brooks and Mr. Dixon had indicated that they would arrive late.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed by Mr. Holland Vice Chairman.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Warsop asked for information about the road closure. It was decided to defer Public Question Time until the arrival of the Chairman as he would be able to answer any question about the road closure.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Sport in Halls Meeting

Mr. Rackham had attended the meeting. Literature from the meeting is to go into circulation.

Signs

Clerk has written again to C.B.C. about the Old Church Road sign.

Bridge, Coude Dennis/Hanna's Field & Sump Near Post Office

Both these repairs have been carried out.

Playweek 20th-24th August

Clerk reported that 70 children had attended the play sessions during the week. Numbers attending each session varied between 31 and 52. 70 attended the puppet show provided by C.B.C. Clerk has thanked C.B.C. for the loan of the badge making machine and the parachute and for providing the entertainers. It was noted that villages who do not hold a playweek no longer qualify for an entertainer. Clerk was thanked for her report.

The Chairman, Mr. Dixon, arrived and took the Chair.

Romanian Villages

Clerk reported that only one person had responded to the suggestion, in the Newsletter, of helping a Romanian village.

Little Claydons

Environmental Health Dept. is looking into the possible contravention of health regulations and Planning Dept. is investigating the caravans.

Container by Sports Court

There is no further news about the alterations.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

As Mrs. Warsop had no specific questions to ask it was suggested that she stay and listen to the discussion under 'Road Closures'.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mid Essex Community Health Council

Notes and minutes provided by Susan Chadwick are being circulated. It was noted that she will not be attending the A.G.M.

Public Open Space Provision

A questionnaire from C.B.C. is to be passed to Mr. Jacklin for completion.

Private Road to School

E.C.C. Highways Dept. is investigating the matter and will write again.

Driveabout 90

This has been postponed due to lack of helpers.

Additional Street Lighting

C.B.C. Tech. Services is offering grant aid of up to 50% for one or two additional street lights. It was decided that the sites most in need of additional lighting are 1st. Village Hall Chase, 2nd. Footbridge to Hanna's Field, 3rd. Further corner of S bend, the Common. 4th. Post Office Chase. Clerk to seek estimates.

E.A.L.C. A.G.M.

Mr. Jacklin is to attend the A.G.M.

Coulde Dennis Estate

Housing Dept. has replied to Clerk's letter that the deteriorated parts of the hedge in Back Lane are elms which have Dutch Elm Disease but are essentially still alive. Clerk is to write again. There should be reinstatement of indigenous species. The hedge has been grubbed out in places, and is no longer the visual barrier which it should be between Back Lane and the estate.

Mrs. Brooks arrived.

Footpath 22

Mr. Parker has written to Mr. Benson of Claydons Farm inviting him to walk footpath 22 on 7th. October with any evidence he has of a footpath diversion order. They will be able to way mark the correct route of the path so that walkers will make no mistake about the line of the path and the correct site for a stile will be identified.

Footpaths

The Clerk distributed the lists of footpaths for walking which were supplied by Mr. Parker.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

Essex County Council	£6.00	Playweek supplies
J. Grace	£48.00	Repairs to footbridge & sump cover
D. Jacklin	£7.69	Spark plug & petrol for brush cutter
E.H.P.C.	£3,000.00	Transfer to P.O. Savings Account
K. Plumridge	£309.34	Clerk's salary & reimbursements
E.A.L.C.	£10.00	A.G.M. conference fee

A cheque to the Printing Place for £149.00 had been signed between Meetings, this was for the September edition of the Newsletter.

Newsletter Christmas Cover Competition

The Editor is to be allowed up to £25 to be spent on prizes for the Christmas Cover Competition this year.

Deposit

£12 Newsletter income has been deposited in the P.O. Savings Account.

Precept

The cheque for the second half of the precept has arrived from C.B.C. P.C. was reminded that the preparation of next year's precept would take place soon and thought should be given to possible expenditure.

Playweek

Clerk has applied to C.B.C. Leisure Services Dept. for retrospective grant aid for this year's playscheme.

PLANNING

Mr. Rackham declared an interest and left the room while the following item was being discussed.

1353/90 Shepherds, Old Church Road

There were no objections to the proposed demolition of existing utility room and rebuilding with pitched roof, erection of conservatory at rear and repaving of drive at front.

Mr. Rackham returned to the Meeting

1354/90 Claydons Farm

P.C. objected to the proposed change of use from agricultural storage to transmission and reception of cellular radio of a brick built farm building, including minor changes to doorway and window and creation of access to farm track. It has not been shown that this installation is necessary at this location and no reason has been given as to why it cannot be installed elsewhere. The installation is unsuitable for this rural location as it will necessitate the installation of an accompanying, visually intrusive aerial mast.

1471/90LB Rough Hill House

There were no objections to the proposed removal of a flat roof at the rear and its replacement with a new lean-to slated roof.

1426/90 Hanningfield Telephone Exchange, Southend Road

There were no objections to the proposed retention of the temporary office hut for a further year, but P.C. would like to see some form of timetable as to how long the intention is for it to remain.

1338/90 1 Old Rectory, Abbeyfields

P.C. objected to the proposed glazing-in of the existing first floor turret balcony, because the proposition is out of keeping with the architectural style of this important building in the village and is inappropriate to a building of its era. P.C. was instrumental in having the Old Rectory preserved when developers wanted to demolish it, and is therefore concerned that the external appearance of this building, which is unique within the village, should be retained.

1493/90 Bromley Lodge, Tile Works Lane

There were no objections to the proposed replacement of the existing dwelling with a new house.

Appeal - By East Hanningfield Table Tennis Club

The appeal relating to land at Salesfrith Farm has been dismissed by the D. of E. inspector.

Appeal - 8 Old Church Road

The appeal against refusal of planning permission for an extension has been dismissed by the D. of E. inspector.

Appeal - Land at Bennetts Avenue

The appeal will be in the form of a local inquiry to take place on 30th.Oct.

Appeal - Blackthorne, Old Church Road

The appeal is against refusal of planning permission for the conversion of an integral garage to a room and construction of a new garage.

Appeal - Rose Hill Farm

The appeal is against refusal of planning permission for a single storey side extension.

Quince Cottage

The D. of E. has decided not to list Quince Cottage. It was noted that the cottage is still protected by the conservation zone.

Land beside Bicknacre Road

A road has been built across the field between South Gibcracks and Priory Lodge, with access onto Bicknacre Road. Planning and Tech. Services to be informed. The site is in the Danbury Ridge Conservation Area.

Mill House

Planning is to be informed that the decorative ridge tiles on Mill House have been replaced with plain tiles.

ROAD CLOSURESRoad Works

The road is to be resurfaced from the Common to the Church. It is possible that the road at the Abbeyfields junction will have to be totally rebuilt, and this will require the road to be closed. The works at the Common will be done during half term week as there will be less traffic and no school buses during that time. Back Lane will be the alternative route for traffic. Creephedge Lane will be closed until the works take place on the Common; will reopen temporarily for that period and close again afterwards. P.C. is to ask Tech. Services for a site meeting with Andrew Vale, the works engineer. P.C. is to ask Tech. Services to restore Back Lane to its present condition after it has been used for the diversion.

Service 11 Bus Route

Eastern National has inspected Back Lane and cannot use it to divert the bus route. Although the lane would take a minibus, the Southend garage does not possess one and therefore is presently unable to substitute a minibus for the full size bus for the period of the road closure. E.N. is currently planning to suspend the service if the road has to be closed. Clerk is to write to E.N. suggesting that the bus could be diverted down Pan Lane onto the A130, and to say that the service must not be allowed to stop.

COBBLERS COTTAGE CROSSING - THE TYE

It was decided that three bollards, which are no longer needed beside the Windmill carpark, should be placed beside the crossing to prevent cars being reversed onto the Tye. Cars have been seen reversing out of the entrance to Cobblers Cottage and Rothards, and turning on the Tye before driving on to the Main Road.

MONTHLY MANNED REFUSE VEHICLE

It was agreed that Environmental Health should be asked to continue the monthly visits of the manned refuse vehicle to the Village Hall car park through 1991.

BUS SHELTER STOP - NORTH END OF TYE

One of the school buses has been retimed which means there are now up to twentyfour people waiting at the stop in the morning. This is dangerous because there is very little standing room. The Old Rectory residents have cut back the hedge and the groundsman has cut back the undergrowth. The Chairman has contacted Tech. Services and is hopeful that some paving and kerbing will be installed in front of the bus shelter when the road is being resurfaced.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSThe Common - Name Board

This is very dirty and barely legible. Mr. Holland has agreed to clean it.

Field Adjacent Highfields

The Clerk has written to Planning asking for information.

Golf on Hanna's Field

P.C. is very worried that someone is going to be hurt by a golf ball. C.B.C. and E.A.L.C. are to be asked if there is a model byelaw covering this subject.

Old Church Road

Clerk is to ask Housing to supply a plan of the Old Church Road houses so that it can be used to plan environmental improvements.

Noise - P.C. Meetings

Clerk is to investigate the cost and availability of the school for Meetings as the activities in the adjoining large hall are too noisy to compete against. This will be an Agenda item at the next Meeting.

Curtilege of Village Green

According to the map of registration the strip of grass between the Tye footpath and the walls and fences is not part of the registered village green. This means that this strip of land is open to abuse. Clerk to investigate.

Accidents - Bend at Chalkleys

Reflector posts have been requested for this site just outside the parish.

Old Church Road Junction

Traffic is not stopping soon enough because of the poor sight line. Tech. Services has been asked to install an advance sign with "50 yds".

Recovery of Recyclable Waste

Environmental Health's report has now arrived and is to go into circulation. It suggests neighbourhood recycling schemes. The schemes are being costed. It is estimated that 60% of collected rubbish is recyclable.

Al30 Dualling

The Planning Committee has agreed that raising of the level of the road by 1 metre over its whole length is not acceptable, and that St. Peter's Way should not be diverted but should have its own bridge.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.36.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 25th. October, 1990 at 8.03 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Range had indicated that he would arrive late for the Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Road Works

The Chairman, Mr. Holland, Mr. Jacklin and the Clerk had met Mr. Vale of Technical Services on site on Monday, 1st. October to discuss road works. Subjects covered at the site meeting were the need not to raise the level of the road in relation to the kerb along the Tye, the need to kerb in front of the bus shelter, there should be no parking of contractor's vehicles on the Tye, the resurfacing of the entrance of the Village Hall Chase and householders were to receive letters from C.B.C. about the works.

Mr. Parker arrived at this point.

It was reported that disruption had been kept to a minimum and it had not been necessary to cancel any of the buses. Back Lane is to be monitored for damage.

Bulk Litter Container

Environmental Health has confirmed that the monthly visits of the manned refuse vehicle are to continue through 1991. All visits will be on the second Saturday of each month. The Clerk reported that during the October visit of the vehicle children had thrown stones at the vehicle, people using it, their cars and the Village Hall. The driver chased the Children across the playing field. A resident was able to identify one of the children and the matter was reported to the police.

Golf on Hanna's Field

E.A.L.C. says that there is no model byelaw for the control of golf on playing fields. A child has been hit by a golf ball on Hanna's Field. Other parish councils have put up signs saying 'No Golf by order of the P.C.' but this cannot be backed up by force of law.

Mr. Range arrived at this point.

The Hanna's Field byelaws state that a game can only be controlled if there is an area set aside where it can be played. There is no space on the Field for separate golfing area. Clerk is to write to E.A.L.C. asking for the matter to be brought to the attention of N.A.L.C. for concerted action. Chairman is to discuss the matter with the Legal Dept. at C.B.C. H.F.C. will discuss it at their next meeting. A separate note is to appear in the Newsletter.

Additional Street Lighting

Eastern Electricity has supplied the following quotation for installation & provision of service to the four proposed street lights: Footbridge to Hanna's Field - £704, Village Hall Chase - £400, S Bend the Common - £1,354, P.O. Chase - £315. It was decided to concentrate on the lights for the Village Hall Chase and the footbridge. Clerk has already sent the application for grant aid to Technical Services.

Al30 Dualling

On the 28th. September the Chairman, as a C.B.C. representative, attended the E.C.C. Development Control Sub Committee which was considering the plan for the 6 lane Al30. There is still no guarantee that the road will have a low noise surface. It will stand 5.5 metres above the valley floor. C.B.C. is angry that aspects of its presentation were ignored.

W. Hanningfield P.C. is of the opinion that C.B.C. should call a public meeting. E.H.P.C. supports this idea and would be represented at such a meeting.

Footpath 22

Mr. Parker reported that Mr. Benson had declined two invitations to walk the path with Mr. Parker, but he did put a stile in which was in the wrong place. Mr. Parker asked C.B.C. to come in and they put up a stile in the correct place. Mr. Parker waymarked the path. Some confusion had been caused because the diversion order of 1976 does not appear on the definitive map. The last definitive map was published in 1963. Clerk is to write to E.C.C. requesting a new definitive map.

Mr. Parker was thanked for his diligence in following up the problems with Footpath 22. The path is now usable and well identified. There is no need for people to stray off the path. Mr. Parker is to prepare an article for the next Newsletter asking walkers to keep to the path with dogs on leads in the farm yard.

E.A.L.C. A.G.M.

Mr. Jacklin attended the A.G.M. A report of the A.G.M. is awaited from the E.A.L.C. Mr. Jacklin reported that the meeting was well worth attending and it was decided to continue to send a representative in the future.

Little Claydons

The Chairman reported that there was no contravention of health regulations in the laying out of the septic tank.

Container at the Sports Court

The container is still not in use. The quotation from Dale Welding of Rettendon for altering the container will go to the next H.F.C. meeting. The work can be done quickly on receipt of the go-ahead.

CORRESPONDENCEParish Councillors' Handbook

In view of the forthcoming elections, it was decided to order one copy of the fourth edition of the P.C.H. at £3.

Credit Approvals

Applications for credit approval have to reach E.A.L.C. by Christmas. It was decided not to apply this year.

Provision of a Civic Amenity Site in South Woodham Ferrers

C.B.C. is asking for support from parish councils and M.P.s for a call for a meeting with E.C.C. on this matter. Parish Council supports the need for a civic amenity site at S.W.F. and Clerk is to respond voicing P.C.'s support.

Tree Planting Programme

Technical Services Dept has no objection to the planting scheme but suggests that P.C. should contact the Statutory Undertakers.

Costs of trees have been received from Leisure Services but cost of planting was not included. Clerk to follow up.

Environmental Health Dept. is offering 6 native trees. Clerk to ask which species are available.

The Essex Playing Fields & Childrens Play Association A.G.M.

The A.G.M. is to be held on 14th. November.

Civic Awards 1991

C.B.C. Chief Executive has sent advance notice that the entry forms will be sent out in December. This item to be circulated.

Childrens Play Area

Mr. Matheson's committee has produced a new plan for the play area which uses equipment not requiring safety surfaces with only one piece (log frame) requiring a safety surface. The committee suggests that P.C. purchases the tram tracks and log walk with a total cost of £246 + VAT. This is within P.C.'s grant aid of £250 for the financial year 90/91. The Chairman reported that there was to be a final meeting with Mr. Archer of Leisure Services to discuss the plan, so it was decided to defer the purchase of the equipment until that meeting has taken place.

Land between South Gibcracks and St. Giles Lodge

Planning Dept. is investigating. The road across the field leads to a further field where there is planned to be a riding establishment. St. Giles Lodge and Spring Board have bought parts of the field by the road. There is also planned to be a nursery and a poultry farm.

Mid Essex Community Health Council

The M.E.C.H.C. is asking for P.C.s to send representatives to their meetings. Clerk is to ask Mrs. Chadwick if she is willing to be the official representative of the P.C.

Eastern Electricity

E.E. is planning to run an underground cable from the pole outside Smiths Garden across Old Church Road. This is to improve the service to the houses from the Old Forge to Willis Farm. Chairman and Clerk met Mr. Key to discuss the excavations across the Tye. (Mon. 22nd. Oct.) The new cable will mean that if one of the overhead lines to the pole on the Tye is lost all lines from that pole can be switched to the other source. This means that there is unlikely to be a protracted power failure for the households at the southern end of the Tye.

The Rights of Way Act 1990

Clerk is to order 12 copies for distribution to local landowners.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:

Hanna's Field Charity	£57	Rent of Village Hall for playweek
Municipal Journal Ltd.,	£3	1 copy of Parish Councillors' Handbook

It was agreed that a cheque for £3 could be signed between Meetings if a councillor was able to attend the A.G.M. of the E.P.F. & C.P.A.

Street Lights

It was agreed to include the cost of the two street lights in the Precept calculations ie. £1,014. Clerk is to find out if the grant aid would still be available if the work was carried out immediately.

Tree Planting

It was agreed that a sum for tree planting should be included in the 91/2 Precept.

Election Charges

A sum of at least £300 should be included in the Precept for parish election charges.

PLANNING

Some of the applications discussed at the September Meeting had been time expired and therefore P.C.'s comments had not been taken into account in the decision making. The plans had not been sent out promptly from C.B.C. and had only spent the usual time with P.C.

Mr. Jacklin declared an interest in the following item and left the room.

1608/90 Land to the front of Unit 14, Industrial Estate

P.C. is concerned about the warehousing aspect of the proposed detached light industrial/warehouse unit, because warehousing generates heavy traffic for which the site is unsuitable, and an increased amount of this kind of traffic in the village is undesirable. The industrial estate as a whole already has a shortage of parking spaces, and the site for the proposed unit is presently being used for parking, so building on the site will intensify the parking problem.

Mr. Jacklin returned to the Meeting.

1597/90 Land off Bicknacre Road

P.C. objects to the proposed egg production unit. The site is in the Danbury Ridge Conservation Zone and in an area designated as of Special Landscape Value. The access to the highway is at a very dangerous bend in the Bicknacre Road, and not suitable for any additional traffic.

1600/90 Land off Bicknacre Road

P.C. objects to the proposed dwelling. The site is in the Danbury Ridge Conservation Zone and in an area designated as of Special Landscape Value. The site is also outside any defined settlement boundary. There has been a number of properties withdrawn from agricultural occupancy in the vicinity and P.C. can see no justification for a new agricultural dwelling in this area.

VENUE AND DATES FOR PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

It was decided to hold the December Meeting on 20th December instead of on 27th December. The May 1991 Meeting will have to take place by the 20th. May because of the parish election.

It was decided not to move the Meetings back to the School, but to ask the neighbouring hirer to keep the noise down, to ask Playgroup for the loan of their carpets for the next Meeting and to ask the Management Committee to look into noise reduction schemes.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSFly Tipping Back Lane

Clerk is to ask Environmental Health again to remove the bag of cement and piece of metal on the verges in Back Lane.

Bins - Hanna's Field

The question was asked whether C.B.C. empties the bins. Clerk replied that she or Mr. Plumridge empty the bins when the manned refuse vehicle visits the Village Hall car park.

Street Light - Back Lane

The light outside Broadacres has been damaged by an air rifle pellet. Clerk to notify Technical Services.

Pan Lane

At the junction with the A130 one of the kerb stones has lifted out of place. Tech. Services to be notified. Tech. Services already aware of long cracks in surface of Pan Lane caused by subsidence.

Agendas

There was a complaint about the quality of the agendas. Clerk replied that she had not had access to a photocopier when the agendas needed to be copied and had had to use carbon paper.

Whitebeam - The Tye

There has been a complaint that a child tripped over the stays supporting the whitebeam beside Smiths Garden. As the wires still need to be in place it was decided to wind tape around the wires to make them more visible.

Poppies

The poppy wreath had been ordered. Volunteers were needed for the house to house collection.

Documents for Circulation

The following documents are to be circulated: Stansted Airport, Traffic and Children, Tidy Britain Group in East Anglia, District Councils Review.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.37.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 22nd. November, 1990 at 8.04 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Holland and Mr. Rackham. Mr. Parker had indicated that he would arrive late for the Meeting.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous Meeting were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. Matheson asked when the grant for the play equipment at the childrens play area would be forthcoming.

The Chairman replied that P.C. had decided to defer the purchase of the equipment until the meeting with Mr. Archer had taken place.

Mr. Jacklin said that it would be possible for P.C. to agree to order the equipment, subject to Mr. Archer's approval of the plan, before the next P.C. Meeting. If the price had risen in the meantime the matter would have to be brought back to the next Meeting.

Mrs. Warsop was concerned about the planning application for an extension at Unit 18 on the Industrial Estate. The previous people at the unit had drained detergent into the ditch, and she was concerned that this might happen again.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Road Works

Work yet to be done includes the kerbing in front of the bus shelter, and the raising of the Tye kerb in front of Scarles Croft and the drop kerb by the Church. The entrance to the Lawns is to be ramped as the road is now at a higher level.

Golf on Hanna's Field

Clerk has received a letter from the Home Office which states that the following wording is available for inclusion in byelaws: "A person shall not in the ground drive, chip or pitch a hard golf ball". It was decided to proceed with the adoption of this byelaw immediately for Hanna's Field and the Tye.

Additional Street Lighting

Tech. Services staff are recommending to the Committee that E. Hanningfield receives a grant of £450 towards the installation cost of £1,104. Clerk is to proceed with the order when confirmation of Committee's agreement has been received. The grant is for this financial year.

Container at the Sports Court

The work has been completed.

Parish Councillors' Handbook

The new edition of the Handbook has been received.

Tree Planting

The trees donated by the Environmental Health Dept. have arrived. They are in pots and so do not have to be planted immediately. The trees are 2 hornbeam, 2 birch, 2 hazel, 2 field maple and one alder.

The Clerk has obtained names of tree planting contractors from C.B.C. The Chairman has passed the gas board's planting requirements list to Mr. Jacklin.

Civic Amenity Site - South Woodham Ferrers

C.B.C. has had another meeting with E.C.C. but the county council is still not proceeding with the civic amenity site. The meeting of interested parties is to go ahead.

Poppy Wreath

The Chairman laid the wreath at the memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Whitebeam on the Tye

The work to increase the visibility of the restraining wires is still to be done.

CORRESPONDENCEThe Children's Act, 1989

Information about the Childrens Act has been received from the Essex Play Council. A reply was required by 20th. November. Clerk replied that the new regulations appeared detrimental to playschemes.

Verge south of Willis Farm.

Tech. Services has replied that the low areas of verge are to be levelled with topsoil. This has already been done and subsequently damaged by the hunt vehicles among others.

Clerk to write again saying that B.T. was responsible for the initial damage and should carry out reinstatement. The verge requires reseeding and protection while the grass is growing.

Villages Evening

P.C. is invited to nominate two people to receive invitations to the villages evening. It was decided to nominate the same names as last year, the rector and chairman of H.F.C. Mr. Holland to deputise for the Chairman.

Policing Problems of the 90s

A follow up meeting is to take place on 16th. January at the Police Station in Chelmsford. Chairman to attend.

Mr. Parker arrived at this point.

East Hanningfield Play Area

The Play Area Group asks P.C. to consider a grant of £1,000 towards the play area in the financial year 1991/2. The matter is to be discussed under Finance.

Village Hall Chase/School Entrance

Mr. Davies has written on behalf of the School Governors asking for consideration to be given to the need for lighting between the Tye and the School gate. It was decided to wait to see how the proposed light amends the situation before making a decision.

Certificate of Higher Education - Local Council Administration

The course is to begin in January with the induction phase on 11th. December. The cost of the course is £275 for each of the two years. The course has already been precepted for for two years, so the expenditure will not be unexpected. P.C. agreed when the course was first introduced that the Clerk should take the course. Completion of the course might entitle the Clerk to an increase in salary.

Mid Essex Community Health Council

The Clerk read Mrs. Chadwick's report of the M.E.C.H.C. meeting, which is to be circulated. E.H. is the only P.C. represented at meetings. It was discussed how P.C.s could be encouraged to attend. It was thought that perhaps through the E.A.L.C. It was also decided to find out what powers the C.H.C.s have.

Easter Holiday Playscheme

E.H. has been offered a two day playscheme package to take place during the Easter holiday. Equipment and staff of four to be supplied by C.B.C. Leisure Services. Accommodation to be supplied by P.C. Clerk accepted offer on behalf of P.C. for 27th & 28th. March. There is still enough left in the 1990/1 budget to cover the rent of the village hall.(playscheme budget)

FINANCEPlay Equipment

It was agreed to authorise the signing of a cheque between Meetings for an amount of up to £250 plus VAT providing Mr. Archer approves the play area plan.

Newsletter

£6 income has been received.

It was agreed to sign a cheque which was not to exceed £180 for the printing of the Newsletter. The clerk to fill in the amount when the invoice received.

Eastern Electricity

The cheque to E.E. was signed but the order was not to be sent until the grant from C.B.C. was confirmed.

Clerks Course

It was agreed that P.C. will pay the course fees of £275 plus an additional amount of £50 for books relating to the course. The fees are not due until registration has been completed.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£30	Poppy wreath
Printing Place a sum not exceeding	£180	December Newsletter
C. Holland	£36.48	Editor's expenses Christmas cover comp.
Eastern Electricity	£837.20	Provide service to 2 street lights.

Precept 1991/92

It was decided to precept for £11,410 for the financial year 1991/92.

This amount includes £300 for election costs, £600 for tree planting, £400 for a possible additional light in the School/Village Hall Chase, £1,500 for capital expenditure and £1,000 to boost the surplus.

It was decided not to set aside a specific amount for the play area scheme, in light of the possible requirement for fencing in relation to dog byelaws. A request for financial assistance from the Play Area Group will be treated equally with other requests for finance.

PLANNING1776/90 Unit 18, East Hanningfield Industrial Estate

P.C. has no objection to the proposed extensions to the industrial unit, but is very concerned about drainage from the building. P.C. would not wish to see anything but clean surface water draining into the ditch. There have been problems in the past at this site because water containing detergents has been drained into the ditch. P.C. is also concerned that there does not appear to be enough ground for the septic tank and its associated land drains. P.C. does not wish to see seepage from the septic tank to the nearby ditch.

Appeal - Fairview, Bennetts Avenue

An appeal has been lodged against refusal of planning permission.

FOOTPATH REPORTSMr. Jacklin

Paths generally alright except 40-50 yards going from Back Lane towards A130. The path crosses a stile and goes into a ditch. There is a barbed wire fence to the right and overgrown hedge to the left. Hedge needs cutting back.

Mr. Range

The wooden stile behind the Old Forge is falling apart and being held together with string, is therefore dangerous. The footpath gets lost over two very large fields, could do with way marking. (footpath 11)

Footpath 4 has been relevelled and widened. Footpath 2 is fine but a bit overgrown by Highfields Farmhouse.

Mr. Parker

Footpath 22 is now clear. He has written an article for the Newsletter. Remaining paths to be covered at December Meeting

ANY OTHER BUSINESSTye Footpath

Soil is encroaching on the path. The groundsman is to be asked to tidy it.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.55.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 20th. December, 1990 at 8.07 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Jacklin.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr. McDonald commented on the Little Claydons planning application. He asked whether owner has the authority to place the caravan and septic tank there, why with three caravans should a fourth be needed, and complained about the smell from the septic tank.

Chairman replied that he has no authority to place the caravan on the site, and the planning application is probably the result of enforcement action. Chairman will ask planning staff to investigate the number of caravans on the site and Environmental Health to investigate the smell from the septic tank.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

East Hanningfield Play Area/Play Equipment

The meeting with Mr. Archer had been successful. He endorsed the plan. Bark is no longer intended to be used. Wet pore safety surface is to be used instead where necessary. It has an expected life of 10 to 15 years. The equipment has been ordered, and a separate invoice will be sent to PC. regarding the equipment for which P.C. is paying.

Definitive Map of Public Rights of Way

E.C.C. confirm that work has begun on a new map, and will take about two years. Publication might be delayed because E.C.C. is awaiting advice from the D. of E. of the outcome of items placed before it in 1977 & 1980.

Golf on Hanna's Field

Clerk has applied for the new byelaws for Hanna's Field and the Tye.

Additional Street Lighting

Before ordering the installation of the street lights Clerk checked with E.E. to ensure that they were not planning to dig through the village hall chase. On finding that they were planning to do so, Clerk asked for a quotation for installation on the School side of the Chase. This was supplied. PC. decided that because of a tree at the ideal site for the lamp, the lamp would have to be placed very close to the caretakers house, which would be an intrusion for the residents. It was decided that the Clerk should ask E.E. if the line could be taken from the cable, near the transformer, before the cable crosses the road. An ideal site for the lamp was thought to be near the central road hump, opposite the tree by the School fence.

Tree Planting Scheme

The committee found E.E.'s reply disappointing. Although a map was supplied no information such as planting distances from cables was given. Committee is to tell Clerk what further information is needed from E.E. and ask for a site meeting if necessary.

Bus Shelter Kerbing

The short length of footpath and kerbing in front of the northern bus shelter has been built.

CORRESPONDENCELand Between South Gibcracks and St. Giles Lodge

Technical Services says there is some confusion as to whether a farm access existed in this location prior to widening and the driveway being constructed. P.C. is asked to remember whether any access existed. Clerk to reply that P.C. believes there was some form of a gap in the hedge.

Stansted Mountfitchet P.C.

S.M.P.C. asks P.C.s what action they are taking to combat the problems of dog fouling and litter. Clerk to reply that P.C. is awaiting a lead from C.B.C. to set policy for borough, and shares concern on this topic.

Road Marking/School Entrance

County Highways has asked the Area Education Office's Administrative Officer to resolve the question of responsibility for School Chase with P.C., and says that the road surface is not life expired and does not need replacing. Asks for consent to apply the road marking. Clerk to reply that P.C. has no objection to the introduction of the marking but accepts no responsibility for the road surface or the markings.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:-

Essex Landscape Services	£373.11	Mowing
(formally Jacobs)		
K.Plumridge	£283.43	Clerk's salary, reimbursements etc.
ACRE	£6.00	Annual subscription - Rural Viewpoint

The cheque to Eastern Electricity signed at the previous Meeting was cancelled, (£837.20) as the cost of installation of street lights would be different at a alternative site.

Newsletter

The cheque to the Printing Place signed at the last Meeting, which was endorsed not to exceed £180, was filled in to the amount of £149.

Clerk received two cheques for Newsletter income, for £7 & £6.

A cheque for £6 received at the last Meeting, for Newsletter income, has been deposited in the Current Account.

Mowing

Mr. Jacobs of Essex Landscape Services (previously M.D.L. Jacobs) has supplied a quotation for grass cutting in 1991. He offers a three year contract which would entail price increases of 2½% in 1992 & 1993. The quoted prices for 1991 are as follows:- The Tye, £24.70 + VAT per cut, Hanna's Field, £35.35 + VAT per cut, Village Hall Chase, £8.30 + VAT per cut.

The rise for 1991 is within the rate of inflation. The possibility of seeking further quotations was discussed. It was decided not to do so because of the previous experience with the other contractor who failed to keep the grass cut, which resulted in additional expenditure for P.C. Mr. Jacobs has proved to be conscientious and reliable. It was decided to accept the quotation with the three year contract, subject to the present standard of work being maintained.

PLANNING1839/90 Little Claydons Farm

P.C. objected to the retention of the mobile home and septic tank drainage system. No justification has been given for the requirement for a mobile home on the site. There is already existing planning permission for a dwelling at the farm, and there are presently four mobile homes on the site. P.C. would like to know how much accomodation is required by the farm. P.C. is also concerned that the septic tank system has already caused problems for the neighbours because it smells.

1846/90 Plough and Sail Public House,

In the past P.C. has consistently taken the view that it did not want to see further development of the site, but on this occasion feels that the proposed alterations and extensions will improve the appearance of the building at the rear, which is the view seen from the surrounding countryside. P.C. feels that it is most important that the whole site, including the car park, should be bounded by screening of indigenous planting, and therefore P.C.'s non-objection to the proposal is subject to the inclusion of suitable high quality landscaping in the scheme.

1912/90 Rough Hill Farm

There was no objection to the proposed lorry wash and crate cleaning building plus toilet, changing rooms and store building, but there were comments about the application. P.C. would like to see the permission for the vehicle wash to be personalised so the lorry washing could not become a commercial enterprise at some future time. The water from the crate and lorry washing should be classed as trade effluent and separately indicated on the application. The proposed colour of the building is unsuitable for its position in the countryside, and a more harmonious colour should be selected, perhaps a green. P.C. understands that the proposals are unlikely to cause an increase of vehicular movement at the site. An increase of traffic at the site would cause P.C. to object to the plan.

1776/90 Unit 18, Industrial Estate

P.C. received an amended version of the plan discussed at the November Meeting. The amended plan was different from the original plan, because the dimensions of the office had been increased. P.C. did not wish to change the comments already sent to the Planning Dept.

The Chairman registered an interest in the following item and left the room. Mr. Holland took the Chair.

Appeal - Ashlars, Old Church Road

Mr. & Mrs. Turp have appealed to the Secretary of State for the Environment against an enforcement notice by C.B.C. The alleged breach of planning control was the material change of use of the land from agriculture to use as part of the domestic curtilage. Clerk has requested the inspector's decision letter.

The Chairman returned to the Chair.

FOOTPATH REPORTS

As there were no further reports it was decided to carry this item forward to the next Meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSBack Lane

The road adjacent Long Meadow is subsiding. Clerk to inform Tech. Services.

Old Church Road

Builders' plant is standing in front of No. 8, and the appearance is that a business is being run from the property. Planning to be informed.

Al30 - Verge opposite Pan Lane

Lorries are parking on the verge, presumable because of the telephone.

Mr. Holland

Mr. Holland reported that he was likely to miss four consecutive Meetings, because of work commitments. This was noted.

Three Horseshoes Public House

P.C. is disappointed that the standing board is still on the Tye. Mr. Glynn had agreed to put up an alternative sign in the pub garden, but no such sign has appeared since his discussion with P.C. Clerk is to serve notice that the sign is to be removed giving a date for removal of a week before the next Meeting.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.55.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24th. January, 1991 at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Holland.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Warsop asked if anyone had been appointed as the Civil Emergency Planning Liaison Officer for the parish, because the mobile generator which had been used to test the change-over switch at the school had been sold to Pegrans at Rose Hill.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Old Church Road

Clerk has received no reply from Planning about the builders' plant.

Tree Planting Scheme

Clerk is to write to Eastern Electricity to say that P.C. sees no problem with the planting scheme, and does E.E. agree.

East Hanningfield Play Area/Play Equipment

The equipment has been delivered but an invoice correctly addressed to P.C. is still awaited.

Golf Control Byelaws

A full reply from the Home Office can be expected in about 6 weeks.

Additional Street Lighting

At a site meeting with a representative from E.E. it was decided that the light in the Village Hall Chase could be installed opposite the School without damage to the road surface, because the cable could be 'moled' from one side to the other. A new quotation is awaited from E.E.

Mr. Holland

Mr. Holland had informed the Clerk that it was possible that he would miss six consecutive Meetings because of his work commitments. It was resolved therefore that Mr. Holland's absence from Meetings for six months, due to his work, be approved by the Parish Council as stipulated by Section 85 of the 1972 Local Government Act.

Three Horse Shoes Public House

The standing board on the Tye had not been removed, although the Clerk had written asking for its removal. It was decided therefore to ask the advice of E.A.L.C. and to write to Five Star Leisure.

Stansted Mountfitchet

Further on the subject of dogs and litter, a copy of the C.B.C. review of the model byelaws from the Home Office is to be circulated. The new poop scoop byelaws will not require alternative uncontrolled areas, and there are p.s.b.s for urban areas.

Little Claydons Farm

The Planning sub-committee granted planning permission for a mobile home on a temporary basis. It is to be removed when the house is built. The permission is also conditional on the other three caravans being removed.

CORRESPONDENCEVillage Halls Conference

The conference organized by the R.C.C.E. is to take place at Danbury on 14th. February. The information to be passed on to Hanna's Field Charity.

Chairmens Conference

Councillors are to let the Clerk know if they wish to attend the conference on 13th. April.

Eastern Angles

Clerk received a letter about the Eastern Angles Theatre Company's production of "Peddars Way" in December. Clerk telephoned immediately to ask whether the performance is suitable for family audiences. The answer came back after the New Year by which time the Village Hall was fully booked on the dates offered by the Company. Clerk to write to say P.C. would be interested in future performances, but that plenty of advance warning is needed.

Declaration of Acceptance of Office

E.A.L.C. has supplied copies of the D.A.O. forms with the new wording, which must now be used.

Elections

Polling Day will be Thursday 2nd. May. Nomination papers must be delivered to Civic Centre by noon on Friday, 5th. April.

Best Kept Village Competition

It was decided that East Hanningfield should be entered for the B.K.V.C. in 1991. It was also decided to encourage village organizations to join in the clean-up. Mrs. Brooks to contact the School and Brownies and Mr. Jacklin to contact Cubs. The subject is to be reviewed at the February Meeting.

Plough and Sail Public House

P.C. had no observation to make concerning the application for consent to alterations to be made to the Licensing Justices on 7th. February.

Policing Problems of the 90s

Mr. Holland attended the Meeting on 16th. January. Mr. Holland's report and the questionnaire results are to be circulated. The subject is to be an Agenda item in February.

One Day Course for Managers & Organizers of Holiday Playschemes

Clerk offered to attend the course on 16th. March. It was agreed that Clerk should attend.

Al30 Bypass Stage 1, Proposed Traffic Regulation Orders

P.C. had no comment to make on the proposed traffic regulation orders. It was noted that C.B.C. is still seeking to have a meeting with E.C.C. to discuss the design of the new road.

Parish Councils (Committees) Regulations 1990

This covers the voting rights of committee members and does not presently apply to this P.C.

Local Government and Housing Act 1989

E.AL.C. has supplied a copy of the D. of E. circular.

FINANCEEastern Electricity

It was decided that should E.E.'s new quotation for the installation of service to the two street lights not exceed the previous quotation of £837.20, a cheque could be signed between meetings for the installation.

Signatories

It was decided that it would be necessary to have a fourth signatory because of Mr. Holland's absence from several future Meetings. It was decided that Mr. Jacklin should be the fourth signatory. Clerk to make the necessary arrangements with Barclays.

P.O. Savings Account

An application to withdraw £500 from the P.O. Savings Account was signed. The amount is to be deposited in the Current Account.

Audit

The Accounts are to be deposited at Rails Farmhouse for public inspection from 4th. to 23rd. February. The documents are to be made available to the

Auditor at 9 am on 11th. March. Clerk must attend the audit on 27th. March.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed;

Essex Play Council	£8.00 Fee for Playscheme Course
Society Local Council Clerks	£17.50 Annual Subscription
Public Works Loan Account	£248.36 Field Loan

Deposit

£13 Newsletter income has been deposited in the Current Account.

Mowing

Clerk has received a second quote for mowing. This was from Mechanical Garden Services, but was higher than the Essex Landscape Services quote.

PLANNING

CC/CHL/49/90 East Hanningfield C. of E. Primary School

P.C. had no objection to the retention of the demountable class room.

1973/90 Land Adjacent to Salesfrith Farm

P.C. objected to the proposed "animal shelter" and hay barn on grazing land, Bicknacre Road. It was noted that the building for housing animals is far more than an animal shelter and is in fact stables. The land is in the Danbury Ridge Conservation Zone and the development would be contrary to the policy in the Rural Areas Local Plan which relates to the riding of horses in rural areas. It would also be an unfortunate precedent for there to be such a substantial set of new buildings in the countryside between the villages of Bicknacre and East Hanningfield. The site of the entrance on to Bicknacre Road is unsuitable for the large vehicles, such as horse-boxes, which are associated with the keeping of horses, because of the narrowness of the road with a nearby rightangle bend and other blind corners.

18/90 The Old Rectory, East Hanningfield

P.C. did not support the application to glaze in the first floor turret balcony. The proposal would be inappropriate for this architecturally important building in the village, because the appearance of the proposed glazing is out of keeping with the rest of the building.

Appeal - Land at Bennetts Avenue

The inspector rejected the appeal against C.B.C.'s enforcement orders, but granted the subsequent planning application. The appeal decision letter is to be circulated.

House on Land Adjoining Gables, Bicknacre Road

Despite numerous requests from Planning through letters and site Meetings the hedges on the northern and southern boundary of the site have not been replaced. The Director of Administration has been requested to consider taking enforcement action to secure the compliance with the planning permission.

FOOTPATH REPORTS

St. Peter's Path -

The concrete finger post in Back Lane which points towards Hanna's Field is leaning against the hedge. On the other side of the road the stile has been damaged since it was repaired. The fence to the right of the path has been pulled down completely. Tech. Services to be informed about post.

School Chase

The fingerpost was flattened by a vehicle and has been re-erected.

Chairman's Footpath

Mr. Parker has walked the Chairman's footpath and found it to be alright.

RECYCLEABLE WASTE

C.B.C.'s Environmental Health Committee Agenda Item 14 from 26/9/90 has been circulated.

Paper

The Clerk is already using envelopes made from recycled paper, and will look to using other recycled stationary when making new orders.

Bottles

P.C. would like to have a bottle bank in the village. It was thought that the publican at the Windmill might be willing to have a bank in his car park. He is to be approached about this. An alternative site would be the road stone depot, but it would not be as satisfactory.

Neighbourhood Recycling Centre

There is a problem in identifying a site.

Wheelie Bins

The spread of wheelie bins was thought to be a step in the wrong direction. The Chairman is to suggest to C.B.C. a rethink about wheelie bins.

BUS SERVICE

In January, Thamesway announced at very short notice that their Sunday service on route 11 was to be withdrawn on 20th of that month. E.C.C. reacted quickly and was able to provide a contracted service to fill in until the end of the financial year. Because of the lateness of the decision by Thamesway to abandon the Sunday service, E.C.C. has made no financial provision for the service in the financial year 91/92, and, therefore, it looks as though the service will end at the beginning of April. E.C.C. provided new composite timetables for distribution in the village. Clerk is to write to E.C.C. and the County Councillor to ask for continued support for the Sunday service. E.C.C. to be thanked for producing the timetables and bus contract at short notice.

The Thamesway timetables say there is no Sunday service. Mr. Jacklin has ensured that the composite timetables are in the boxes. Clerk is to write to Sandon P.C. for Howe Green residents, and put an article on the subject in the next Newsletter.

CONDITION OF THE TYEEastern Electricity

E.E. works on the Tye have left a pile of soil adjacent to the Limes Chase and clay on the surface by the pole next to Smiths Garden and by the pyracanthus bed. E.E. to be asked to restore turf.

Gas

The ruts which were filled with sand need turf. Gas Co. to be informed.

Seat

The seat near Smiths Garden has graffiti on it and needs revarnishing. Mr. Grace to be contacted.

Bus Shelter

There is graffiti inside the bus shelter and it needs repainting. Mr. Grace to be contacted.

Grass

The grass under the weeping willow is in poor condition and might benefit if the willow were pruned.

Scarles Croft

There has been vehicle damage to the grass adjacent Scarles Croft. There has been flooding by Scarles Croft, and the gully is to be reinstated.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Villages Evening

Mr. Jacklin reported that he was unable to attend the Mayor's Villages Evening. The Clerk offered to attend in his place.

Emergency Generator

Mr. Warsop has retired and has sold his mobile generator to Mr. Pegrum. Clerk to write to ask whether he will be prepared to keep it available for emergency use and to maintain it.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.31.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 28th. February, 1991 at 8.06 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Range, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Parker, Mr. Jacklin and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Holland and Mr. Rackham.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Three Horse Shoes Public House

Shortly after the January Meeting, the sign on the Tye had been removed and a new sign installed within the garden of the public house. The Clerk had therefore not written to E.A.L.C. or Five Star Leisure. It was noted that the other signs which the publican had agreed to display have appeared.

Bus Service

The County Council has contracted Stephenson's Coaches to run the Sunday service until March, 1992.

St. Peter's Way

Tech. Services has instructed the ranger to deal with the leaning footpath finger post.

Condition of the Tye - Eastern Electricity

E.E. have carried out further excavations on the Tye since the last Meeting so Clerk postponed writing. It was decided that the works involving digging had been completed so Clerk should now write asking for a site meeting.

Mayor's Villages Evening

The Villages Evening was cancelled because of the bad weather. It is now to take place on 5th. April. Clerk and Mr. Jacklin said that they were unable to attend. The Chairman said that he and Mr. Holland were also unable to attend. No one else was available on that date. Clerk to reply.

Golf Control Byelaws

The Home Office has sent a great deal of information concerning the proposed new byelaws. Certain aspects of the present byelaws concerning dogs are out of date and will have to be changed. The literature is to be circulated. Clerk is to find out about the practical aspects of the poop scoop scheme. Hanna's Field Charity are installing signs banning golf by order of the management.

Additional Street Lighting

The extra cost of providing the service to the light in the Village Hall Chase by moling under the road is about £120. It was decided that the extra cost was worthwhile as this would prevent damage to the surface of the new road and the need for reinstatement.

Signatories

Clerk has arranged with Barclays that Mr. Jacklin is now the fourth signatory.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

It was decided to hold Public Question Time at this point as two members of the public had arrived.

Mr. McGarvey was concerned that the planning application to demolish Qunice Cottage and build a new house were for outline permission only, and therefore the house on the application would not necessarily be the house that would be built. He also commented that there was a pond in the front garden next to the boundary with Brook House which did not appear on the plans.

Mr. Alexander-Pye said that the sleeping policeman in the Village Hall Chase nearest to the School cannot be seen when walking towards the Village Hall in the dark. Mr. Jacklin replied that Hanna's Field Charity has purchased the special white paint to spray the humps and it will be done shortly.

Mr. Alexander-Pye said that he had read in the local newspaper that an existing caravan park in Rettendon was being proposed as a Gypsy caravan site for eight places. He asked if the P.C. knew where the site was. PC. did not know but would try to find out.

CORRESPONDENCEBus Service 11

On the 7th. February Mr. & Mrs. Simpson had been travelling on the 11 bus from Chelmsford to East Hanningfield, but on reaching Howe Green were told that the bus would be travelling down the A130 and not through East Hanningfield. They had to walk home through appalling weather in the dark.

Mrs. Simpson has already written to the Chelmsford Bus Depot. Clerk is to write to Thamesway at Basildon to complain about the lack of communication between the Bus Co. and its passengers, and to ask who is empowered to divert the bus. Clerk is also to write to Mrs. Simpson.

Playbus

C.B.C. Leisure Services has offered P.C. a visit from the playbus for underfives in the village, to take place during the school summer holidays. The date of the visit will be Thursday, 25th. July. Clerk has booked the small hall at the Village Hall for the visit, as requested by Leisure Services, in case of rain.

E.C.C. Agency Agreement

The County Council's decision to withdraw the agency agreement has caused great consternation amongst District and Borough Councils in the county. They are consulting with the A.D.C. with a view to opposing the decision in court.

A130 Traffic Regulation Orders

Details of further traffic regulation orders for the new A130 have been received. P.C. had no comment.

Essex Euro Week

The Clerk and Chairman have been invited to attend a reception to mark the opening of Essex Euro Week, on Wednesday 10th. April at County Hall. Neither sure they can attend.

Extension of the Advance Payments Code to Ex-Rural District Areas

This applies to East Hanningfield from 1st. May, 1991. It concerns the adoption of streets in new developments. To be retained for reference.

Certificate in Higher Education in Local Council Administration

Clerk has received a letter from the Anglia College saying that although the Course did not start in January as intended it is still going to take place.

E.C.C. Transport Conference

Mr. Jacklin is to let the Clerk know if he is free to attend.

Tidy Britain Group - National Spring Clean

The National Spring Clean will be from 19th. April to 28th. April. The information is to be circulated.

E.C.C. Public Transport Plan 1992/93

This is to be circulated with a view to preparing a response.

FINANCEAdditional Street Lights

The additional cost to have the cable moled under the Village Hall Chase will be £101 & VAT. It was decided to pay for the moling even though there will be no additional grant.

E.C.C. Transport Conference

A cheque for £5 will be signed between Meetings once Mr. Jacklin has confirmed that he can attend the conference.

Cheques

As previously agreed a cheque was signed between Meetings for the playground equipment. The cheque was to Geo.C. Croasdale (Haverthwaite) Ltd., and made out to the sun of £281.75.

The following cheques were signed;

Public Works Loan Ac	£979.69	Hall Loan
R. Harvey	£22.20	Groundsman
Inland Revenue	£7.40	Income tax
Printing Place	£128.00	March Newsletter
Eastern Electricity	£953.35	Service to 2 street lights

Newsletter Income

£36 has been received in Newsletter income.

Playweek Grant

£20 has been received from C.B.C. Leisure Services as grant aid towards the 1990 Summer Holiday Playscheme, and deposited in the current account.

Deposit Account

The interest on the deposit account for the six months up to December 1990 was £86.53.

PLANNING50/91LB Quince Cottage, The Tye

P.C. objected to the proposed demolition of Quince Cottage. It is one of the few remaining buildings of character within the Tye Conservation Area, and is unique within the village. P.C. wishes to see Quince Cottage restored, with an extension added to the rear to provide the amenities which it lacks at present.

61/91 Little Claydons

The decision had already been made by the Planning Sub Committee to refuse planning permission for the detached house and garage.

109/91 O.S. Field 7812, Bennetts Avenue

P.C. objected to the proposed detached bungalow with garage. The site is within the Metropolitan Green Belt. P.C. does not accept that an agricultural dwelling is required for the minimal amount of agricultural activity which occurs at the site.

Appeal - Bromley Lodge, Tile Works Lane

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission. P.C. has no further comment to make, but Clerk is to request a copy of the decision letter.

Appeal - Racal Vodophone - Claydons Farm

The Inspector upheld the appeal and granted planning permission for the erection of an equipment cabin and security compound for cellular radio.

Appeal - Long Meadow, Back Lane

The Inspector upheld the appeal and granted planning permission for the poultry shed for a trial period of two years.

Appeal - Rose Hill Farm, Creep hedge Lane

The appeal against refusal of planning permission for an extension was dismissed. The Inspector concluded that to allow such development without good reason would result in the gradual enlargement of rural housing stock and erosion of the open countryside which proper and consistent application of adopted policies should seek to prevent.

Appeal - Blackthorne, Old Church Road

The appeal against refusal of planning permission to build a garage in the front garden and to convert the present garage into living accommodation was upheld. The Inspector did not think that the loss of part of the hedge would have a serious effect on the view.

Rural Land - Future Uses

It is the P.C.'s intention to formulate a planning policy for the rural areas in the parish because of the increasing pressure for change of use in the countryside. It was decided that this should be discussed after the local council elections.

POLICINGCrime Prevention Panels

It was decided that P.C. was not ready to discuss this topic, because of the shortage of information.

BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITIONSchool

Mrs. Taverner agreed to the idea of the children joining in but did not want it to take place during school time. She suggested the Saturday mornings of 13th. & 20th. April. It was difficult to arrange a time because the older children will be going away on the school journey at the end of April and are very busy when they come back. Nevertheless, P.C. felt a later date would be preferable. Mrs. Brooks to speak to Mrs. Taverner again.

Cubs

Mr. Jacklin has left a message for Mrs. Potts, but she has not got back to him yet.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSBus Shelter Opposite Three Horseshoes

The roof felt appears to be in a poor condition. Mr. Grace is to be asked to inspect and provide a quote for work which is required.

Salt Bin

During the bad weather it was found that the salt bin by the Post Office could not supply enough grit for the whole of the Tye footpath. It was suggested that a salt bin near Scarles Croft would help and mean less carrying of grit for the groundsman. To be investigated for the next Meeting.

Bus Timetables

Timetables are constantly being destroyed in the Windmill bus shelter. The installation of a timetable box is to be considered at the next Meeting. E.C.C. can no longer supply them.

Chevrons - Butts Green

The Chairman is to report the damaged condition of the chevrons.

Creep hedge Lane Junction

Another car has gone into the ditch opposite Creep hedge Lane. All the permissible warning signs have already been installed, so no further action can be taken.

S Bend - The Common

The horizontal telegraph pole is almost off its pegs. It appears to have been hit by a vehicle. The Highway Authority has already said that it is not on highway land, so no action can be taken.

Moor Hall Lane

At the lane's junction with Bicknacre Road there is a great deal of loose gravel on the road surface. This is particularly dangerous at a junction. Clerk is to inform Tech. Services.

South Gibcracks, Bicknacre Road

A protective fence has been installed along the full length of the property, beside the road. This was done with the permission of the Highway Authority, but at the expense of the owner.

March Meeting

The March P.C. Meeting is scheduled to take place on 28th. March, but four of the councillors said that they would be unable to attend on that day. The Meeting will therefore take place on 21st. March subject to accommodation being available.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.43 pm.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 21st. March, 1991 at 8.03 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

It was agreed that Mr. Plumridge should act as Clerk for the Meeting in the absence of the Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Parker, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Holland and the Clerk.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Condition of the Tye - Eastern Electricity

The Clerk has asked Eastern Electricity for a site meeting to discuss reinstatement, to take place once digging has been completed. Further excavations had taken place since the last Meeting.

Additional Street Lighting

The two columns have been installed but are not yet connected to the supply.

Gypsy Caravan Site

The site is off Woodham Road, Rettendon. Mr. Pye has been informed.

Bus Service 11

Mr. Burd apologised for problems experienced by Mr. and Mrs. Simpson during the bad weather. A copy of his letter and the two enclosed rover tickets have been forwarded to Mrs. Simpson. A letter of thanks has been received from Mr. and Mrs. Simpson.

Essex County Council Transport Conference

Mr. Jacklin attended on behalf of P.C. The Minutes are awaited.

Village Tidy-up

Mrs. Taverner has agreed to a later date of 25th. May. The School has already been asked to be involved in an environmental clear up and this will take place on the School premises during April.

Essex Euro Week

Clerk will not be attending the reception at County Hall on 10th. April. The Chairman will try to attend.

Bus Shelters and Seat

Mr. Grace has been away so the Clerk has been unable to deal with this matter, but has left a letter at his house.

Salt Bin

Clerk has asked County Supplies for information. Clerk suggested that a bin in the Village Hall Chase as well as by Scarles Croft might be a good idea. This was agreed, and Clerk is to investigate cost and siting.

Golf Control Byelaws including Poop Scoop and Dogs on Leads

In view of the advice by the Home Office that all interested parties should be consulted, the Clerk suggested that Hanna's Field Charity should be informed officially of the proposals at their A.G.M. and the Football Club and anyone else likely to be concerned should be informed and consulted.

As not all the councillors had been able to study the proposals it was decided to leave the discussion until the next Meeting. Mr. Jacklin would bring the proposed changes to the notice of the Charity.

Essex County Council Public Transport Plan 1992/93

P.C. had no comments to make.

Old Church Road - Builders Plant

The plant is still there. A reply is awaited from C.B.C.

CORRESPONDENCEProvision of Civic Amenity Site, South Woodham Ferrers

C.B.C. Administration Dept. is unable to arrange the meeting between the M.P., C.B.C. and local parishes until after the forthcoming elections.

Elections 1991 - Let's Get It Right

This is an E.A.L.C. Useful Topic Note. The first P.C. Meeting after the election must take place during the period 6th.-20th. May. This means that the planned date for the May Meeting is not suitable. The Meeting will have to take place on 16th. May, one week earlier than the usual fourth Thursday of the month. This was agreed.

As the March Meeting was also a week earlier than usual the Clerk suggested that the April Meeting be brought forward a week to the third Thursday of the month. This was found not to be possible because H.F.C. would be using the Hall for their A.G.M. on that date. It was decided that the next Meeting should take place on 25th. April as originally intended.

Mid Essex Community Health Council Meetings

Mrs. Chadwick's report had been circulated. P.C. agreed that it was a good report and very valuable, and P.C. wishes Mrs. Chadwick to continue to attend on its behalf.

Village Magazines Advice Evening

The Editor is to be asked if she wishes to attend.

Council for the Protection of Rural Essex.

P.C. does not wish to become a member.

Parish Council Elections

Nomination forms were given to councillors who had not already received them.

Milcot Garden Services

This Company offers a wide range of services. Clerk has passed the letter to H.F.C. who are seeking a quotation from Milcot for levelling of the field.

Living in a Conservation Area

It was agreed that mention of the availability of this information from Planning should be made in the next Newsletter. The Clerk will keep the information available for residents.

FINANCE

The following cheques were signed. They had been prepared before the books went to the Audit.

E.P.F. & C.P.A.	£10.00	Annual Subscription
K. Plumridge	£247.47	Clerk's salary & reimbursements not including telephone
Eastern Electricity	£376.00	Installation of street lights

E.C.C. Transport Conference

It was agreed that a cheque for £5 should be made out to D. Jacklin, for the conference fee, once the cheque book was returned from the audit.

Clerk's Telephone

It was agreed that a cheque for £33.56 should be signed for the Clerk's telephone expenses once the cheque book had returned from the audit.

Village Magazines Advice Evening

It was agreed that the fee for the advice evening should be paid by P.C., should the Editor wish to attend.

Annual Audit

The audited books are to be collected by the Clerk on Wednesday, 27th. March.

PLANNING

No planning applications had been received from C.B.C., and P.C. had no planning matters which it wished to discuss.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSHanna's Field

Mr. Range asked if anything could be done about the mound behind Nicholson Place. Mr. Jacklin replied that H.F.C. keeps it tidy with a strimmer. In the longer term it might be possible to landscape it, but it is not high on the list of priorities.

Recycling

The Chairman reported that he had attended the previous evenings Environmental Health Meeting, and was pleased to report that the initiative on recycling had come to fruition. Village recycling centres are to be set up in association with Pharoah at Boreham. Initially they will be for bottles, three colours collected separately, and cans, steel and aluminium together. Danbury will be the nearest village centre.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.50.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 25th. April, 1991 at 8.10 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Holland.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Old Church Road - Builders' Plant

The Clerk has written to Planning and the Chairman has contacted Highways and Housing about the builders' plant on the verge.

Golf Control Byelaws including Poop Scoop and Dogs on Leads

As this was Mrs. Brooks' last Meeting she was asked to comment on the byelaw proposals. She said that the proposals were positive and that the poop scoop section should be incorporated in the byelaws. It would also be a good idea to have poop scoop byelaws for the Tye but more information was needed about this and should be sought.

Clerk is to have the proposals copied so that they can be studied by the Charity's committee members.

Elections 1991

The agreed date for the May Meeting would not be possible because the Hall was already booked for another meeting. It was decided to hold the first Meeting after the election on 9th. May, and this would be the Annual Parish Council Meeting. The Meeting on 23rd. May would then be a normal P.C. Meeting with an adjournment for the Annual Parish Meeting at 8.15.

Additional Street Lighting

Clerk had contacted Eastern Electricity to find out why the lights had not been connected to the supply. The Accounts Dept. had not told the Supplies Dept. that the work had been paid for. The work should be carried out shortly.

Bus Shelters and Seat

Mr. Grace has repainted the bus shelter and revarnished the seat.

Recycling

Further to last month's report the Chairman said that West Hanningfield was also to have a village recycling centre.

CORRESPONDENCE

E.A.L.C. Membership

A new scale of membership fees has been adopted. This year's membership will cost £12 less than last year's.

Winged Fellowship

This is a charity asking for financial assistance. No action to be taken.

Provision of a Civic Amenity Site in South Woodham Ferrers

Rettendon P.C. has written to C.B.C. asking for an early meeting to identify potential sites.

Bus Service 11

County Councillor Paul White has written to confirm that the County Public Transport Sub-Committee has decided to retain the Sunday Service.

Old Church Road

Mr. Rackham wrote outlining a dispute which has developed between neighbours living at 5 & 6 Old Church Road. To discourage parking on the verge a lady had planted low growing trees and shrubs in front of her hedge. The neighbour parked on the verge destroying the plants. The police were called to get the neighbour to remove his vehicle, but the police advised the lady to give him reasonable time to remove it even though it was untaxed and therefore should not have been parked on the highway. Clerk is to send a copy of the letter to Housing and Highways. Highways is to be asked specifically to deal with the untaxed vehicle which is causing an obstruction on the footpath and damaging the verge.

Planning Together for Community Care

Essex County Council Social Services ask for representatives to attend consultation meetings. Clerk to ask Susan Chadwick if she would be interested.

R.C.C.E. Survey of Village Services

Clerk has completed and returned the questionnaire.

Summer Holiday Playschemes

C.B.C. has asked for dates for playschemes. Clerk hopes to book the halls for the week beginning 19th. August, but as yet has been unable to contact the long term booking secretary.

Clerk reported that she had attended the playschemes course which has been interesting and helpful.

Clerk had also attended the playdays during the Easter holidays. These had been very well attended and were very successful.

Garden Bonfires

Environmental Health Dept. can take action against nuisance caused by the emission of smoke. The information is to be circulated.

Municipal Mutual Annual Report and Group Accounts 1990 - Notice of Meeting

The information is to be filed.

Al30 Bypass - Al2 to Al32

A public meeting was held at Rettendon on 17th. April. C.B.C. presented its position to the meeting. There was a lot of constructive response from the public. The motion put to the meeting covering all the aspects of dissatisfaction with the plans as they stand was carried. The meeting agreed that a working party should be set up.

Clerk is to write to County Councillor and M.P.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed:-

R. Harvey	£26.64	Groundsman
Jack Stock/Essex Fencing	£3.70	Hayter parts
Inland Revenue	£8.88	R. Harvey's Income Tax
K. Plumridge	£35.08	Clerk's telephone
D. Jacklin	£5.00	Conference fee
Eastern Electricity	£432.40	Installation of street lights

It was noted that the cheque to Eastern Electricity signed at the March Meeting had been cancelled. New legislation coming into force on 1st. April required VAT to be charged on the street lights. The amount agreed at the March Meeting for the Clerk's telephone was incorrect, so the cheque was not signed between Meetings.

Newsletter Income

£6 Newsletter income has been received.

Precept

The first instalment has yet to arrive. Clerk to find out if there is to be a delay and exercise her own judgement as to whether it is necessary to transfer funds from the P.O. savings.

Annual Audit for year 1989/90

This has been completed. Auditor commented that the groundsmens books were not present. Clerk was able to assure the auditor that this problem would not arise in the future.

Audit for year 1990/91

The audit will take place on 4th. June.

PLANNINGAppeal - Land Adjacent Salesfrith Farm

An appeal has been made following the refusal of planning permission for a stable block and hay barn.

434/91 Rowan Cottage

There were no objections to the proposed single storey pitched roof kitchen to replace existing single storey flat roof kitchen.

405/91 Cornerways Cottage

P.C. objected to the proposed front and rear and garage extensions. The dwelling is outside the defined settlement boundary and has already been extended to provide adequate modern facilities. Further extensions would be unnecessary development in the countryside.

CRIME - INDUSTRIAL ESTATE

Recent incidents at the industrial estate have included broken windows, break-ins and burglaries, vehicle fuel lines being cut, children on roofs, damage to toilet block roofs, sawdust sacks damaged and car windows broken. There is some incident almost every weekend. When called the police take at least 25 minutes to arrive.

Clerk is to write to police expressing concern on behalf of the business community, and to ask for an increase in police visits on a random basis, and any other action the police can take to improve the situation.

ELECTION - PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES

The following persons have been elected without contest, Parish Councillors for East Hanningfield;

A.G. Dixon, Rails Farmhouse, Old Church Road,
S.G.McK. Gordon, The Limes, The Tye,
A.H. Holland, The Ridings, The Common,
D.W.G. Jacklin, Whitewebbs, Old Church Road,
D.G. Parker, 3 Bridon Close.

There remain two vacancies which can be filled by co-option within seven weeks of the election date. Enquiries are to be made to find parishioners willing to be co-opted.

ANY OTHER BUSINESSVillage Hall Chase

A lady drove into the ditch trying to avoid driving over the speed humps. H.F.C. to be asked to look into ways to discourage people from trying to drive around the humps.

Old Church Road Junction

There was an accident on 23rd. when a car coming out of O.C.R. was hit by a car coming from the Rettendon direction. The skid marks would seem to show that the car coming from the south was travelling at high speed.

Drain Cover beside the Shop

Mr. Grace is to be asked to replace the cover as a matter of urgency as it has been broken into pieces small enough for a child to lift. An alternative material is to be looked into, possibly sheet steel.

Fatal Accident

There has been a succession of accidents on the road between the village and Butts Green. P.C. would like Highways to investigate ways to make the road safer. Clerk to write to Highways when details of the accident are known. Clerk also to ask the arboriculturist whether the tree which the car hit can be saved as it was badly damaged by the fire.

Best Kept Village Competition - Tidy-up

A leaflet is to be prepared for the children, to be given out at School.

Dead Hedge - Bicknacre Road

The Chairman believes that the field beside Highfields Mead belongs to a Mrs. Mossman of Little Baddow.

Moor Hall Lane

The Chairman is to inform Highways about the branches which have been damaged by large vehicles and left in a dangerous condition.

Retiring Councillors

The retiring members were thanked for their service over the last four years.

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