



Three Horse Shoes

The Chairman and Vice Chairman visited the new incumbent at the three horse shoes in order to explain the problems of the Tye. He had not received this information from his employer. He appeared very receptive. The sign has since been removed from the grass island. The Chairman has arranged for Planning staff to call on him to explain the rules about advertisements.

Water Board Stop Cock

The broken plastic cover was replaced by a similar plastic cover which is standing proud of the ground surface and is not fixed. Mr. Jacklin has asked for the cover to be changed, but there has been no response. Clerk is to write to ask for a metal cover to be permanently fixed at ground level.

Overhead Lines - The Tye

Mr. Gordon has counted 82 poles within the Tye Conservation Area, and 33 of those carry electricity and telephone lines.

Village Tidy-Up

Mr. Applegate thanked everyone who had supported the tidy-up. More people than usual had helped this year.

Crime Prevention Road Show

The Crime Prevention Road Show went ahead as planned. The Mayor and Mayoress attended. Mr. Parker thanked Mr. Philpott for his enthusiasm and energy and Mr. Stannard for his influence gaining exhibitors. Clerk is to write to Mr. Stannard to thank him for the work he did in preparation for the Road Show.

Footpath 16

The fabric of the bridge is decomposing and could soon be in a dangerous condition. Clerk is to write to Highways to inform them of the condition of the bridge.

HGV Ban

The Chairman received a visit from Constables Sexton and Morris to discuss the HGVs driving through the village. It has been found that Rose Hill has had an operator's licence since September. The Chairman has asked for an investigation at C.B.C. to find out why Planning did not know about it. The licence is for six vehicles. The Police are now unable to do anything about these vehicles in the HGV ban area. Planning staff may still take enforcement action.

At this point, 8.10 pm, the Meeting adjourned for the Annual Parish Meeting and resumed at 9.30 pm.

A.C.D.P.C. A.G.M. 25th. May

Mr. Jacklin and the Clerk attended the A.G.M. which was very poorly attended. There was an interesting talk by Mr. Prewer of the Essex Wildlife Trust. He is based at Hanningfield Reservoir. Mr. Jacklin is to contact Mr. Prewer to find out whether he would be able to give a similar presentation to P.C. Chairman is to inform Planning staff about the Trust's activities at the Reservoir because the draft Borough Plan makes no mention of them.

Hyde Hall

The planning application has yet to be determined. Rettendon P.C. is to have two members of the R.H.S. attend their Meeting on 26th. July to discuss the plans for Hyde Hall, and has invited East Hanningfield P.C. to send two representatives to that Meeting. Mr. Gordon and Mr. Range are to attend.

Chairmens Conference

This item is to be brought back to the June Meeting.

Low Flying Aircraft

A reply has been received from the C.A.A. to Clerk's letter. The Court acquitted Mr. Thurston on appeal because it considered the prosecution had failed to establish that the aircraft had flown over East Hanningfield. The judge in the case then went on to discuss whether East Hanningfield was a congested area for the purposes of the Air Navigation Order and expressed the view that it was not. If the Thurston appeal had decided on the basis of the judge's reasoning as to what is and is not a congested area, the Authority would almost certainly have appealed. It would almost certainly appeal in any future case which sought to rely on that argument.

Play Activities for Children

Clerk has confirmed with C.B.C. their play scheme for 23rd. and 24th. August and has booked the Hall. The Hall will not be available for the play scheme to use on the Monday afternoon. Clerk has also booked the small hall and kitchen for the Youth Bus visit on the afternoon of 4th. August. This activity is aimed at 11-14 year olds. It was agreed that Clerk should produce leaflets for door to door delivery to publicise the various events being held in the village for children during the Summer holidays.

Tree Preservation Orders

Clerk has written to Planning asking about the possibility of having T.P.O.s put on the trees beside the Main Road from the Common to Days Hill. A reply is awaited but Clerk has extracted a letter from the file on the subject of T.P.O.s from C.B.C. Planning. This states that it is the practise of C.B.C. to consider T.P.O.s only when a tree appears to be under threat.

Drive Carefully Signs

The correspondence from the file has been circulated. The matter is not to be pursued. Mr. Applegate reported that Mr. Gill had been expected to attend the recent R.S.A.P. meeting but had not done so because he was conducting a traffic census in East Hanningfield. He is expected to attend the meeting in June to discuss traffic calming in villages. A letter from Mr. Hartley to Mr. Range concerning the vehicular use of Creephedge Lane is to be circulated.

Back Lane

There has been no reply to Clerk's letters about the effluent from the horse sanctuary, but the Clerk was able to report that the Sanctuary is hoping to move to Ingatestone in October if funds allow.

Pyracanthas

A list of suitable horticulture contractors has been obtained from C.B.C. and Clerk and Mr. Jacklin are to meet some of them when mutually convenient times can be arranged.

CORRESPONDENCEMid Essex Community Health N.H.S. Trust

An application for the dissolution of the Trust and the establishment of a new trust to include Mid Essex Mental Health Services has been made. Comments are required by mid August. Mrs. Chadwick is to be asked to attend the next P.C. Meeting to give her understanding of the Health Care situation. She recently attended the conference on community care and a large collection of notes from that conference has been circulated.

Goods Vehicle Operators Licences

A letter has been received from Planning saying that that Dept. will no longer be objecting to the granting of licences on amenity grounds. This is to be circulated. Chairman is to take this matter up with Planning and also the matter of the Rose Hill licence which was obtained without Planning being aware of it.

Clerk has already discussed the matter of operators licences with Mr. Richmond of the E.A.L.C. with a view to having the matter discussed at the next A.G.M. He is aware of the problem and feels the time is right to bring it to the fore again. Chairman is to compose an agenda item on the subject and is prepared to speak at the A.G.M.

Amstrad Insurance Plan

It was decided not to subscribe to an insurance plan to cover repair bills for the word processor.

Litter - Review of Zone Categorization

It was decided not to request redesignation of any zones.

C.B.C. Housing Strategy 1994/95

P.C. had no comment to make on the Housing Strategy which has been circulated.

Certificate Course - Local Policy

It is hoped that a fresh intake of students will start the course at Chelmsford in September when the Clerk hopes to be taking the second year of the course. Councillors were not interested in taking the course themselves. The Chairman reported that the Clerk had passed the second set of assignments on the course and had achieved a distinction for the finance section.

Plough and Sail Public House

P.C. had no objection to the transfer of justices' licence from Patrick Dixon and David Matthews to Neil Copping and David Matthews.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed;

Jack Stock/Essex Fencing	£46.21	Brush Cutter Parts
Cornhill Insurance	£143.62	Annual Premium
Hanna's Field Charity	£27.00	Hall Rent/Easter Play Scheme
Assoc. Chelmsford Dist. P.C.	£15.00	Annual Subscription
The Printing Place	£135.00	June Newsletter
Greenbarnes Displays Ltd.	£502.99	Balance of Notice Board
Earth Anchors Ltd.	£1,180.29	Dog Waste Bins
R. Harvey	£137.16	Grounds Work, Petrol & Oil

Annual Audit

Clerk delivered the books to the auditor on 26th. May.

Barclays

Clerk reported that Barclays had charged P.C. £29.38 for this year's audit letter. The audit letter is a printed form which the auditor sends to the bank to have the balance at 31st. March filled in. Clerk has written to the bank saying that this charge was not agreed by P.C. and should be paid back. Clerk noted that Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre P.C. had been similarly charged.

Newsletter

A letter has been received from the editor, Mrs. Seymour, suggesting a rise in the advertisement fees and asking whether neighbourhood watch would be permitted to pay for additional pages. The letter is to be circulated and brought back to the June Meeting for discussion.

PLANNING

93/CHL/0599 Unit 7, East Hanningfield Industrial Estate

P.C. had no objection to the proposed alterations to the front elevation.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

Chevrons beyond Paprills

The chevrons have fallen over and are overgrown with weeds.

Manhole Cover near Smiths Garden

Tech. Services are to be informed that the manhole cover is almost rusted through.

New Street Light - Village Hall Chase

The new light has still not been energised. Clerk to investigate.

Childrens Play Area

The fence has been vandalised and the repair is in hand.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.46.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24th. June, 1993 at 8 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range and the Clerk. Mrs. Warsop and Mrs. Chadwick were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Gordon.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a correct record of the Meeting held on 27th. May, 1993.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Warsop presented a large, framed aerial photograph of the village to the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked her on behalf of the Council for her gift which is to be displayed in the Village Hall once it has been fitted with glass or a suitable alternative.

MID ESSEX COMMUNITY HEALTH COUNCIL

Mrs. Chadwick spoke about her attendance at the M.E.C.H.C. meetings and the matters covered at the meetings and said that she would be unable to attend the next meeting on 12th. July at Braintree.

The M.E.C.H.C. has been objecting to the imposition of parking fees at Broomfield Hospital.

In general, large public objections by the M.E.C.H.C. are usually ignored but there are victories on small matters.

M.E.C.H.C. should be contacted for advice and help with 'assessments'.

Mrs. Chadwick is to write an item for the Newsletter about the C.H.C.

She stated that more caring is being done by the voluntary sector and this is going to increase.

Local Council attendance at C.H.C. meetings has fallen off lately. Clerk is to attempt to regenerate interest through her contacts with other clerks.

Mrs. Chadwick was thanked for her explanation of events and for her continued attendance at the C.H.C. meetings.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Mid Essex Community Health N.H.S. Trust

The application for the dissolution of the Mid Essex Community Health N.H.S. Trust and the establishment of a new Trust to include Mid Essex Mental Health Services is to be circulated. A representation is to be considered at the July Meeting.

Dog Byelaws

The sign forbidding dogs to enter the play area was found to have been removed on 25th. June. It had been in place for five days.

Water Board Stop Cock

The cover has been lowered to the level of the surrounding turf and a concrete surround fitted.

Essex Wildlife Trust

Mr. Jacklin has been unable to contact Mr. Prewer but has left a message with his Colchester base.

Noticeboard on the Tye

The new noticeboard has been installed. Councillors are to consider where the old noticeboard could be installed should it be possible to refurbish it.

Hyde Hall

It was noted that there is now a licence to sell intoxicating liquor on the premises. An increase in the traffic in Buck Hatch Lane has been noticed.

New Street Light - Village Hall Chase

The line has now been connected and the light is working. Councillors are to inspect the Chase to see whether a further light is required.

HGV Ban

Clerk is to write to the owner and the operator of the Creep hedge Lane site to ask them in the interest of safety to consider giving guidance to their drivers to come into the area through the Rettendon Bell junction with the A130.

Clerk is to write to the Director of Technical Services to explain why he did not object to the operator's licence being granted.

Parish Council is to subscribe to the listings of applications.

Clerk is to ask Constable Morris to record incidents involving P&O vehicles.

Chairman is to write a resolution on the subject of operator's licences for the A.G.M. of E.A.L.C. with a view to this subject being taken up by the N.A.L.C.

Chairman, as a borough councillor, is to try to get the Association of District Councils to take up this matter.

Pyracantha on the Tye

Two quotes have been given verbally for the cutting back of the pyracantha. Both contractors advised against cutting back too much because this would make the shrubs look unattractive and would remove the berries. Only one written quote has arrived.

Sportsmobile

C.B.C.'s Sportsmobile is to visit the Village Hall on the mornings of Thursday, 5th. and Monday, 9th. August, from 9.30 until 12.30. Clerk has booked the Sports hall and toilets.

Drainage - Back Lane

Back Lane has been inspected by officers from Tech. Services and Env. Health but was found to be dry at the time.

Three Horse Shoes - Parking

A recent incident of parking on the Tye by pub customers was resolved by the landlady. Tenants of Scarles Croft have been driving across and parking on the Tye. Clerk is to write to the tenants to tell them they have no rights to park on or drive across the Tye.

Clerk is to write to Housing about the Scarles Croft entrance being blocked by the cars of the tenants.

CORRESPONDENCEStreet Light Maintenance

Eastern Electricity has sent details of new addresses to contact about lighting.

Street Lighting Grants

C.B.C. is asking for nominations for grant aid for street lighting. This is to be brought back to the July Meeting.

Playday 93

It was decided to publicise this event at Melbourne Park on 11th. August but not to participate.

Public Rights of Way

The E.A.L.C. is to hold a briefing on this subject on 15th. September. Mr. Parker and Mr. Applegate are to attend.

E.A.L.C. A.G.M. 14th. July

The Chairman and Mr. Jacklin are to attend the A.G.M. at Marks Tey.

R.C.C.E. A.G.M. 8th. July

P.C. will not be represented at the A.G.M.

Special Expense Areas - Survey of Functions

Clerk completed a questionnaire on the activities of P.C. Clerk is to request a copy of the completed questionnaire from Finance Dept.

Scheme of Financial Assistance to Parish Councils

P.C. has no proposal in hand which would be eligible for grant aid.

FINANCEBarclays

In response to Clerk's letter, Barclays has returned the charges and overdrawn amount to the current account, but has made a commission charge of £19.16. Clerk is to tell them to justify the charge or return it immediately.

Newsletter

P.C. agreed to Mrs. Seymour's suggestion that advertising rates should rise to £18 for a full page and £10 for half a page.

There is a possibility that VAT will have to be charged on advertising, so Mrs. Seymour is to be asked to delay sending out invoices until a definite answer is received from HM Customs.

P.C. was also in favour of a discount for payment in advance.

P.C. did not want Neighbourhood Watch paying to take up several pages of the Newsletter because this would create an unbalanced magazine.

Clerk was given delegated power to authorize extra pages for the Newsletter should Mrs. Seymour feel this necessary, on the understanding that printing costs would not be allowed to extend beyond budget.

Annual Audit

The books have returned from the auditor without any problems being identified.

Deposits

£320.00 has been received from Hanna's Field Charity which is the Charity's share of the cost of the new noticeboard. It has been deposited in the savings account.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Galaxy Industrial Services Ltd.	£17.34	Photocopying & supplies
Essex Landscape Services	£219.72	Mowing 24.4 - 26.5.93
Cornhill Insurance	£16.03	Additional premium
K. Plumridge	£490.32	Salary & reimbursements
E.H. Parochial Church Council	£150.00	Churchyard maintenance
Hanna's Field Charity	£30.00	Rent of Village Hall
R. Harvey	£120.57	Grounds work & petrol
E.A.L.C.	£10.00	Public Rights of Way briefing.

PLANNING

0835/CHL/93

*54 Giles Lodge*

P.C. objects most strongly to the proposed erection of ten stables with feed room and tack store. The sight lines from the access are very poor. The proposed development would be an over-development of the site.

Appeal - Bromley Lodge (92/CHL/1345)

This appeal follows refusal of planning permission. Clerk has requested a copy of the inspector's decision letter.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSALS

Clerk is to write to the Boundary Commission objecting to the proposal that East Hanningfield should become part of Billericay County Constituency. East Hanningfield has no links with Billericay and the journey there by public transport is tortuous, so access to M.P.'s surgeries would be almost impossible. P.C. is to suggest that two Chelmsford constituencies be formed instead of sharing out the outer wards to other towns.

MATTERS FOR REPORTAshley Green

Clerk has asked Tech. Services to deal with the hole in the centre of the road by the electricity sub station.

Future of Local Post Offices

Clerk is to write to the M.P. objecting to the present campaign which is attempting to persuade pensioners to receive their pensions by automated credit transfer, because this will reduce the income of sub post offices thereby leading to closure in some cases.

A.C.D.P.C. Annual Conference

Interest was expressed in attending the conference which will be about crime in villages. Clerk is to find out details.

Traffic Census

Equipment has been sited on the Main Road. Clerk is to ask Tech. Services for information and to request a copy of the results.

Speed Checks

These have been taking place in the village and Howe Green.

Seats on the Tye

Mr. Jacklin is to inspect the seats to see whether they need a new coat of varnish.

Road Safety Advisory Panel

Mr. Applegate is to attend the next meeting on 29th. June. He will ask about vehicle operators' licences.

Allotments

Clerk is to ask Mrs. Ireland for them to be flailed.

Old Church Road Footway

The hedge beside the Old School is growing over the footway preventing its proper use. Mr. Parker is to visit the owner.

Clerk's Course

Clerk reported that she had attended the last residential school of the year and would shortly finish the first year of the course.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.40.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 8th. July, 1993 at 8.02pm in the Village Hall.

#### PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Parker and the Clerk. Mr. Range arrived during Public Question Time.

In attendance were County Councillor, Mr. P. White; West Hanningfield Parish Councillors, Mrs. R. Hickman, Mr. D.E. Newman and Mr. C. Jarvis; Rettendon Parish Councillor, Mr. R. Davis; Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Councillor, Mr. R.M. Grimwood, and twenty two members of the public.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Range advised that he would be late in arriving and Mr. Fallows, Chairman of Rettendon Parish Council.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a correct record of the Meeting held on 24th. June.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillors and visiting councillors explained the legislation regarding the setting up of gypsy sites and the Government's intention to change it. Details about the proposed gypsy site at Barnards Farm were discussed. Members of the public expressed their dissatisfaction with the proposal. Visiting councillors and the public were thanked for their attendance.

#### PROPOSED GYPSY SITE AT BARNARDS FARM

The Chairman had learned about the proposed gypsy site from a telephone call he had received from the Essex Chronicle on 30th. June. Clerk had attended the Essex County Council Gypsy Sites Group meeting on 1st. July. Chairman had obtained minutes of the relevant meetings from the Borough and County Councils.

The Parish Council decided to oppose the proposed gypsy site for the following reasons.

1. Barnards Farm is in the Green Belt where there is a presumption against development. The recent Department of the Environment consultation paper on the reform of the Caravan Sites Act 1968 states the intention to update the planning guidance (Circular 28/77) so that gypsies will be subject to the same planning restrictions as the rest of the population and thereby no longer permitted to establish sites in the Green Belt.

2. The D.of E. consultation paper states the intention to withdraw the obligation on local authorities to provide sites and the intention to abandon the 'Designation'scheme.

3. Government grants for gypsy sites are to cease. Therefore the construction of this site must be funded from local taxes.
4. The communities surrounding the site would be swamped by the incoming population and their respective village schools would be overwhelmed by the large numbers of children who would be expected to enrol. These small schools would find it particularly difficult to adjust to the fluctuating numbers of short term attendances.
5. The present A130 is a very busy route between the A127 and the A12. Residents along its length have great difficulty driving out from their properties, and the local planning/highways authority is usually opposed to development beside this road because it does not wish to diminish the road's capacity as a through route. A family dependant on transport for its livelihood would find Barnards Farm very inconvenient for access to the road network. The proximity of a busy road would be a danger to the children living at the site.

During construction of the new A130 and once it is being used, Barnards Farm will be a very noisy place to live with poor air quality. This will be especially so for residents of caravans which are less able to exclude these pollutants than permanent dwellings.

6. The Parish Council is aware of only one reported instance of a single travelling caravan parking in the parish. It would therefore seem to be the case that gypsies do not want to reside in East Hanningfield.
7. Any development on land between the old and new A130s will set a precedent for further development and put pressure on the County and Borough Councils to agree to the removal of Green Belt designation.

The Parish Council is also opposed to the consultation process which the Borough Council and County Council intend to initiate shortly. The changing Government attitude to the provision of gypsy sites makes the Barnards Farm proposal unlikely to succeed. Going through the motions of a public consultation will mean expending money unnecessarily on a project which is against Government policy and therefore ought not to reach completion.

Clerk is to write to MPs Simon Burns and Dr. Michael Clark and the Borough and County Councils explaining P.C.'s opposition to the site. Chairman undertook to examine Borough Council position in regard to Runwell gypsy site and report

A letter to each household is to be delivered with the Summer Holiday activities leaflet drop. Parishioners are to be encouraged to write about their objections to the site rather than just signing petitions.

The Chairman thanked the councillors for reading all the relevant material on the gypsy sites topic so quickly.

#### PLANNING

##### 93/CHL/0871 Rough Hill Farm

There were no objections to the proposed office link.

93/CHL/0888 St. Giles Lodge, Bicknacre Road

There were no objections to the proposed gate to the field bordering the road on condition that the gate is inset back from the road far enough to allow a vehicle to park in the gateway whilst the gate is being opened and closed. This condition is necessary because of the poor sight lines and busy traffic on the Bicknacre Road.

93/CHL/0889 Long Meadow, Back Lane

Parish Council objected most strongly to the proposed four houses with garages. The site is on an agricultural holding outside the defined settlement boundary and no arguments have been given which would justify going against the policies of the Local and Structure Plans. Back Lane is only wide enough for single traffic. It is unsuitable for any further traffic movements and the proposed development could be expected to generate from one to three cars per house.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.05.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th JUNE

It was decided that Mr. Harvey should be instructed to print the minutes of the meeting held on 24th June. Mr. Jackie has arranged for Mr. Fryer to give his talk before the start of the September meeting. Clerk to write to confirm and ask Mr. Fryer to arrive for 7.30pm. The P.C. meeting will start at approximately 8.15pm. Councilors from South and West Hammingfield and Retendon P.C.s are to be invited. Mr. Fryer has been invited. Five of the bins have been installed. The fixtures for lamp posts have been found to be unsuitable so Clerk is to arrange for them to be exchanged for two more posts at an approximate cost of £10 plus carriage. A resident has objected to the proposed siting of a bin by the main entrance. P.C. decided to go ahead with the siting at this particular spot because it was the most suitable site and fulfilled the criteria of being close to a litter bin, accessible by vehicles, close to the highway and advised by the dog warden. Clerk is to write to explain the decision. P.C. has provisionally accepted the application for the dog house. Clerk has to complete some more forms.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 22nd. July, 1993 at 8.02pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The following amendments were made to the Minutes, on page 37 "Mr. Range arrived during Public Question Time." was added to the paragraph entitled 'Present'; "advised that he would be late arriving" was added to the paragraph entitled 'Apologies for Absence'; '31st.' was amended to '30th.' on the second line of the paragraph entitled 'Proposed Gypsy Site at Barnards Farm'. On page 38, "Chairman undertook to examine Borough Council position in regard to Runwell gypsy site and report." was added to the end of the seventh paragraph. The Minutes were then signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 8th. July, 1993.

Clerk reminded councillors that she is able to reprint amended Minutes up to half an hour before the start of a Meeting, and asked councillors to let her know before the Meeting if there are mistakes in the Minutes.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th. JUNE

Pyracantha on the Tye

It was decided that Mr. Harvey should be instructed to prune the pyracantha.

Essex Wildlife Trust

Mr. Jacklin has arranged for Mr. Prewer to give his talk before the start of the September Meeting. Clerk to write to confirm and ask Mr. Prewer to arrive for 7.30pm. The P.C. Meeting will start at approximately 8.15pm. Councillors from South and West Hanningfield and Rettendon P.C.s are to be invited.

Dog Byelaws

Five of the bins have been installed. The fixings for lamp posts have been found to be unsuitable so Clerk is to arrange for these to be exchanged for two more posts at an approximate cost of £10 plus carriage. A resident has objected to the proposed siting of a bin by the Cobb entrance. P.C. decided to go ahead with the siting at this particular spot because it was the most suitable site and fulfilled the criteria of being close to a litter bin, accessible by vehicle, close to the footway and advised by the dog warden. Clerk is to write to explain the decision.

D.of E. has provisionally accepted the application for the dog byelaws. Clerk has to complete some more forms.

Old Church Road Footway

The owner of the Old School has made a start on the cutting back of the overhanging hedge.

Newsletter & VAT

HM Customs has informed Clerk that VAT is not chargeable on Newsletter income, but should the income increase significantly the position might change.

Traffic Census

No reply has been received regarding inquiries about the traffic census on the Tye.

Speed Checks

These had taken place at the wrong times of day and were therefore unlikely to catch the worst offenders.

E.A.L.C. A.G.M. 14th. July

Chairman and Vice Chairman attended. P.C.'s resolution concerning HGV Operators' Licences was carried. The matter is now to be considered by N.A.L.C. The topic has been considered before and was supposed to be considered by Govt. at a suitable time but nothing has happened.

The address at the A.G.M. was by the Director of Social Services who wants his Dept. to liaise more closely with P.C.s.

Sportsmobile & Summer Activities for Children

Clerk has produced a sheet listing events taking place during the holidays. These are to be delivered to each house by councillors.

Clerk's Course

Clerk reported that she had successfully completed the first year of the course and had gained distinctions for her Planning assignment and exam.

Seats on the Tye

Mr. Jacklin has inspected the seats and they do need varnishing. Mr. Harvey is to be instructed to do the work.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 8th. JULY

Mr. Bennett reported that there was a rumour that the proposal for the gypsy site has been abandoned. Chairman replied that the rumour was unsubstantiated and unlikely to be true.

A supportive reply has been received from Simon Burns MP. Acknowledgements of receipt of letters have been received from C.B.C. and E.C.C.

CORRESPONDENCESigning on the Tye

P.C. does not support the C.B.C. proposal to install a larger sign opposite the Village Hall Chase to include the words 'Primary School' and 'Playing Fields'. The sign would not improve traffic safety. Something should be considered which would improve safety which would use proper traffic signs. The Road Safety Working Party is to meet to list suggestions for traffic calming as a whole in the village.

Ditch, Creephedge Lane

Tech. Services are asking for help in identifying the owner of the field on the inside of the bend at the bottom of the hill in Creephedge Lane. Clerk is to advise that it is believed to belong to the Hyde Hall estate and has in the recent past been tenanted by Philpotts of Barleylands.

Police

Thanks have been received for Clerk's letter thanking PC Stannard for his efforts in preparation for the Awareness Day. PC Stannard has seen the letter.

Street Name Plate - The Tye

Tech. Services acknowledges Clerk's letter requesting repairs to the sign and has arranged for the repair to be done.

Clerk is to ask Tech. Services to re-erect the Back Lane sign when Mr. Parker has delivered it to her.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A130 Inquiry

Mrs. Walters of Bennetts Avenue asked if anything more can be done about the A130 Inquiry. She was informed that the inquiry relating to the stopping up of Old Barn Lane and the diversion of St. Peter's Way will be re-opened shortly and that comments on any related matters can be sent.

FINANCE

Essex County Council Commercial Services

VAT will not be charged on orders from 'Supplies' after all.

Newsletter

Mrs. Seymour is suggesting the following advertising rates for the Newsletter;

Full page advertisement	£18 per issue
	£68 per annum if pre-paid
Half page advertisement	£10 per issue
	£37.50 per annum if pre-paid
Quarter page	£6 per issue
	£22.50 per annum if pre-paid
Lineage	50 pence per line per issue.

P.C. agreed to these rates.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed;

E.A.L.C.	£5.00	Chairmens Conference,
Essex Landscape Services	£222.07	Mowing,
J. Crace	£57.00	Noticeboard installation,
Galaxy Ind. Services	£11.57	Photocopying,
R. Harvey	£131.37	Grounds work.

Deposits

The following amounts of Newsletter income have been deposited in the National Savings Account;

Hanningfield Motor Co.	£7.35
Chadwick	£7.35
Hanningfld. Security Services	£13.65

Dog Waste Bins

It was agreed that Clerk should order two posts for the bins which were originally intended to be attached to lamp posts. The cost of the exchange will be approximately £10 plus carriage.

PLANNINGAppeal - Land North of Old Church Road (93/CHL/293)

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State following refusal of planning permission. P.C. is to make no further comment but Clerk is to ask for the Inspector's decision letter.

Crows Heath Farm, West Hanningfield

A recent planning application to use the farm as a microlite air strip has been refused. An appeal has been lodged.

Chelmsford Borough Plan

P.C. has been asked whether it will be represented at the Inquiry. Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman, has replied that the P.C. will confine itself to written representations only.

The Planning Committee has decided to include a reference to Hyde Hall in the Plan.

A130 Inquiry

The Inquiry regarding the stopping-up of Old Barn Lane and the diversion of Footpath 5 is to be re-opened. This topic is to be an Agenda item at the August Meeting.

The Application for the Dissolution of the Mid Essex Community Health NHS Trust and the Establishment of a New TRust to include Mid Essex Mental Health Services

P.C. hopes that the proposed reorganisation will not lead to a diminution of service.

There appears to be no intention to reduce management and administration levels. P.C. sees the proposed reorganisation as an opportunity to reduce management numbers so that resources can be channelled into providing more workers on the ground, that is nurses and others who are directly involved with looking after the patients.

The merger of the two services should not lead to workers who are not suitably trained becoming responsible for the mentally ill patients in the area.

MATTERS FOR REPORTR.H.S. Presentation at Rettendon

Mr. Gordon indicated that he was no longer able to attend. Clerk said that Rettendon P.C.'s Clerk had informed her that any councillors who wished to attend would be welcome.

Chairman is trying to find out whether anything is happening about vehicular access to Hyde Hall.

Seat Opposite Old Forge

This seat is always surrounded with litter. Clerk is to investigate the cost of a bin.

Fish Stall

A mobile fish stall is operating from the Windmill car park every weekend. It complies with the health rules and is not on Highway land, but Planning is investigating it. The trader intends to trade every weekend during the Summer.

Shepherds Cottages, Old Church Road

The vehicular entrance is on the bend. Clerk is to ask whether a sign can be put up.

Road Safety Advisory Panel

Although expected, Mr. Gill did not attend the meeting at the end of June. The road safety activities for pre-school groups have been curtailed. The Stop Watch Theatre Co. is coming to the Chelmsford area in October. The representative from Danbury reported that some of the traffic measures there are not working as well as had been hoped, but the traffic has been slowed down.

Chelmsford High Street is still being used by vehicles and motorcycles although it is now pedestrianised.

The parking fee at Danbury Common is causing vehicles to be parked in the wrong places.

It is generally believed that toll roads would not be used.

The Chelmsford parishes were pleased with the resolution at the E.A.L.C. A.G.M. about HGV Operators' Licences.

Tree Planting

New trees have been destroyed in Back Lane and Rettendon Road. Clerk is to demand their replacement from Highways and Gas Co. who did the damage.

Litter Bins

The Chairman complained to Env. Health that the litter bins were not being emptied. Env. Health denied all knowledge of any bins in East Hanningfield so Clerk sent a map showing where all the bins are sited. Clerk has also sent a map showing the locations of the new dog bins.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.15.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

*(This section contains faint, mirrored text from the reverse side of the page, including the heading 'MATTERS FOR REPORT' and several paragraphs of text.)*

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 26th. August, 1993 at 8.02pm in the Village Hall.

#### PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Parker, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon and the Clerk. Mr. Applegate, Mr. Range and Mr. Larkman, Chairman of the School Governors, arrived after the start of the Meeting.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

On page 41, under the heading 'Matters Arising from the Meeting Held on 8th. July', "for the gypsy site", was added after the word "proposal". The Minutes were then signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 22nd. July, 1993.

Mr. Range and Mr. Applegate arrived at this point.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public in attendance at this time.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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

Mr. Applegate requested a copy of the resolution carried at the A.G.M. to take to the Road Safety Advisory Panel.

##### Road Safety Working Party

The Working Party has not yet met, but Mr. Applegate has produced a plan for consideration.

##### Fish Stall

This is under investigation by the legal department at C.B.C.

##### Essex Wildlife Trust

Mr. Prewer has confirmed that he will give his presentation on 23rd. September, at 7.30pm. Clerk is to invite members of neighbouring P.C.s to attend.

##### Traffic Census

Neither C.B.C nor E.C.C. carried out the census so Clerk has written to the police for information.

##### Old Church Road Footway

The hedge beside the Old School has now been cut back along its entire length.

##### Tree Planting

The Clerk has not yet written to C.B.C. and the Gas Co. about the damage to the tree planting done during grass cutting.

##### Street Name Plate - Back Lane

Mr. Parker has yet to deliver it to the Clerk.

R.H.S. Presentation at Rettendon

Mr. Range reported on the presentation by the Director of the R.H.S., the Local Manager and the Director of Savills which took place on 26th. July. Hyde Hall Garden in its present form cannot take a lot more visitors but it presently covers only 24 acres of the 100 acre site. The R.H.S. is limiting the number of coaches visiting to 3 per day. A new access is being considered which would cross Buckhatch Lane and the fields and join East Hanningfield Road near Inglenook. The estimated cost would be £¼ million. Constructing a road in the opposite direction towards Ilgars was considered unacceptable. Road signing will direct traffic to come from the A130 via the Bell junction. A new visitor centre is planned and a car park for 750 vehicles. Rettendon P.C. and its parishioners are most concerned about the traffic already being generated by the Garden. P.C. expressed general support for the Garden but considerable concern about the traffic problem.

The Application for the Dissolution of the Mid Essex C.H.N.H.S.T. etc.

Clerk's letter was logged as a request for further information and forwarded to the Project Manager who gave some answers to the matters raised by P.C. Clerk is to send a copy of these replies to Mrs. Chadwick and the Community Health Council. It was decided not to communicate further with the Consultation Unit.

Signing on the Tye

In response to Clerk's letter disagreeing with the proposed sign, Tech. Services is proposing a smaller sign which would stand on a single post. The lower case lettering would be 37.5mm and the overall size of the sign 760mm x 290mm. Clerk is to reply that P.C. does not approve of the new sign because it would not do the job for which it is intended which is to improve traffic safety. The new sign would have too many words and would be confusing.

Summer Activities for Children

The Playscheme is taking place this week. Again it is proving difficult to find enough volunteers to meet the minimum requirement of three adults per session.

Runwell Gypsy Site

The Chairman obtained the documents giving the history of the Borough Council's objections to the Meadow Lane site at Runwell and these have been circulated.

Chairmens Conference

The Chairman attended the conference at Hockley. The presentation by Mr. Richmond was valuable and interesting but the other two addresses were not very helpful. Notes from the Meeting are to be circulated.

CORRESPONDENCEDefinitive Map - Public Rights of Way

The County Planner is conducting a review of the Definitive Map, district by district and will be considering Chelmsford in due course. Tech. Services is asking parishes to submit changes which are needed to the map. Clerk is to reply that "in due course" is not good enough, that P.C. is disappointed that there is no time scale and that there should be a greater sense of urgency. P.C. has nothing further to add to the information that C.B.C. has already, but will assist should any questions arise.

C.B.C. Environmental Health Dept.

This Dept. has been disbanded. Cemetery and Crematorium Services have been transferred to the Director of Tech. Services. Refuse Collection and Public Convenience Services are being transferred to the Director of Tech. Services on 1st. September. Environmental Health Services will amalgamate with the Planning Dept. on 8th. September.

The Way Forward for Hospital Services in Mid Essex

This document from Mid Essex Hospital Services NHS Trust has been circulated.

E.A.L.C. Annual Conference - Crime in the Village - 26th. October

The Clerk expressed the wish to attend. It was decided to invite Mr. Philpott to attend and Mr. Gordon also expressed the wish to attend but was not able to confirm he would be available on that day. It was decided to book up to three places at the Conference and to confirm this under Finance.

Special Expenses - Function Performed by Parish Councils

The C.B.C. Finance Dept. has sent a list of functions carried out by P.C. with a view to using this in the calculation of special expenses. Clerk is to ask that the following items be added to the list: tree planting, training and education, archive retention, newsletter publication, holiday playschemes.

Locoscript 3

Clerk has received information about an improved wordprocessing program which would greatly extend the use of the word processor and would be very useful in the preparation of notices. It was decided to order Locoscript 3 at the cost of £29.95 and to confirm this under Finance.

Local Charity

Publication of this periodical is to resume. It was decided to pass the information on to H.F.C.

Parish Paths Partnership

E.C.C. is seeking voluntary works to replace the officially funded works which have been done in the past. The original intentions of the Partnership appear to have been abandoned. Responsibility for the paths appears to have become detached from the finances. P.C. is prepared to get involved but has no financial resources to support the scheme.

E.C.C. Questionnaire on Highway Service Performance

This is to be circulated.

Mid Essex Community Health Council

The A.G.M. is to take place on 6th. September. Mrs. Chadwick is unable to attend and, as this is the same date as the Gypsy Site Public Meeting, no councillors will be available to take her place.

Government White Paper on Police Reform

Essex Police Authority is asking for support for their concerns about the White Paper's proposal that Police Authorities should have five members appointed by the Home Secretary. P.C. supports the present representation on the Police Authorities, although would not necessarily be opposed to increased centralisation of the police forces. Clerk to write to M.P.

Parish Constables

The Home Secretary has announced a competition to find the best 'blueprint' for the position to include specific duties, title and uniform. P.C. does not support the concept. The position would have no legal position or status. The best way forward is to have a resident local Pc with neighbourhood watch and special constables. Clerk to reply.

FINANCECheques

The following cheque was signed between Meetings because a delay would have incurred a charge of additional interest:

Public Works Loan Account	£248.36	Field Loan
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The following cheques were signed at the Meeting:

Public Works Loan Account	£878.91	Hall Loan
Chelmsford Borough Council	£202.91	Street Light, V.H. Chase
Acorn Bookbinding Services	£146.88	Restoration of Minutes
Audit Commission	£117.83	Annual Audit 92/93
Essex County Council	£47.18	Supplies
Printing Place	£141.00	September Newsletter
Galaxy Stationers	£80.25	Photocopying and Printing
K. Plumridge	£30.81	Reimbursements & Expenses
R. Harvey	£139.53	Groundwork & Petrol
Locomotive Software	£29.95	Locoscript 3

E.A.L.C. Conference

It was agreed that a cheque should be signed in favour of the E.A.L.C. between Meetings for places at the conference at £12.50 per place. It was agreed to pay for places for the Clerk, Mr. Philpott and Mr. Gordon should they be able to attend.

Deposits

The following cheques have been deposited in the Post Office Savings

Account:

Chadwick	£22.50	Newsletter Advertising
C. Raine	£22.50	" "
S. Plane	£37.50	" "
K. Bond	£7.35	" "

Newsletter Advertising

The editor has informed the Clerk that there has been a good deal of interest in the reduced advertising rates for payment in advance.

PLANNING93/CHL/1061 Shepherds, Old Church Road

P.C. has no objection to the proposed garden and leisure room at the rear of the property.

93/CHL/1110 Hounds Hill, Leighams Road

P.C. objects to the proposed 22.5m high telecommunications tower and associated apparatus. The site is within the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. There are long views towards the crest where it is proposed to be located. The plans are to be passed to Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre P.C.

CHELMSFORD BOROUGH PLAN - DEPOSIT DRAFT - PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The County Council has asked C.B.C. to include approximately half of the school grounds within the defined settlement boundary. The school governors are not aware of any reason for this. P.C. is wholly opposed to this proposal. It would be an alarming precedent in the light of other sites outside the D.S.B. which are under pressure to be developed. There is a suspicion that there is an intention to sell part of the grounds for development and this would be strenuously resisted by P.C., the governors and parents of the pupils.

PROPOSED GYPSY SITE - BARNARDS FARMMeeting with Gypsy Liaison Officer - 19th. Aug.

Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk had a meeting with Mr. Jones to discuss the forthcoming Public Meeting on 6th. September. Mr. Jones said that the Public Meeting would be the opportunity for P.C. and the public to express their views about the proposed site. These views would be compiled into a report for the Gypsy Sites Group to consider at their next meeting on 16th. September. None of the letters that E.C.C. has received about the proposed site has been seen by members of the Gypsy Sites Group. Rettendon, West Hanningfield and South Hanningfield P.C.s are to be invited to the Public Meeting. Mr. Jones supplied P.C. with copies of the plans which are to be displayed in the Village Hall during the day of the Public Meeting. Mr. Jones offered to take councillors on a tour of some of the gypsy sites in Essex. Chairman and Vice Chairman accepted his offer and arrangements have been made for the Chairman, Vice Chairman, the Clerk, Mr. Gordon and representatives from West Hanningfield and Rettendon P.C.s to visit some sites on 2nd. September.

Public Meeting 6th. September

Chairman is to present P.C.'s case at the Public Meeting which will begin at 7.30pm and end at 10pm. A Parish Council Meeting is to be called for 9th. September to discuss the Public Meeting and possibly prepare a response.

Further Information

Writtle and Little Waltham P.C.s are to be contacted about their gypsy sites to find out if they have experienced problems.

A request is to be made to ask to see the monthly figures of the Gypsy Census for Chelmsford Borough.

MP is to be asked whether there is a timetable for the proposed changes to the Caravans Act.

Simon Burns MP

In reply to Clerk's most recent letter Simon Burns has advised that all interested P.C.s and residents should write to the Secretary of State prior to any decision to seek planning permission asking the Secretary of State to call the application in. He will be away on 6th. Sept. but asks to be informed of the result of the public meeting.

A130 INQUIRY

The Inquiry into the proposed diversion of St. Peter's Way is to be reopened. P.C. has been asked by the Ramblers Association to attend the Inquiry in order to add weight to the argument against the diversion. Chairman is to seek advice from the Technical staff at C.B.C. to find out what P.C. can do to best help the situation.

APPOINTMENT OF P.C. REPRESENTATIVE ON SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

Mr. Larkman was appointed for a further four years to represent P.C. on the School Governing Body.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

Back Lane

One post is missing from the name plate at the Claydons end of Back Lane. There are tyres on the verge opposite the damaged sign.

Creep hedge Lane Street Name Plates

Both have been damaged during grass cutting.

Mole Holes on Hanna's Field

These have become dangerous.

Subsidence - The Tye

Mr. Jacklin is to investigate reported subsidence.

All Weather Sports Courts

The white lining is wearing out, but quotes are presently being sought for resurfacing so lining is not going to be carried out until that has taken place. The boards on the basket ball nets have been smashed.

Speeding

There have been complaints about the excessive speeds used by some drivers on the Ashley Green/Coulde Dennis estates and suggestions made that sleeping policemen would resolve the situation.

Weed Spraying

A contractor has been seen randomly spraying weeds from a moving vehicle. There is considerable concern that the drifting spray will damage garden plants.

Trig Points

Trig points are no longer being used by the Ordnance Survey and are being offered for adoption by responsible individuals or bodies. There is one trig point in the parish which P.C. could adopt. The information is to be circulated for discussion at the next Meeting.

Road Safety Advisory Panel

The next meeting is on 7th. September. Mr. Applegate asked councillors to let him know if they had any issues they wished to have raised.

Traffic Calming

Mr. Applegate has produced some suggestions for consideration. This is to be an Agenda Item at the September Meeting.

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

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 23rd. September, 1993 at 8.31pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 26th. August, 1993.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Locoscript 3

Clerk reported that the word processing upgrade had arrived and was in use.

Simon Burns MP

Simon Burns acknowledges Clerk's letter and will make some enquiries to find out the DOE proposed timetable for reform of the Caravans Act.

A130 Inquiry

The Chairman is to attend to reiterate Parish Council's argument against the proposed diversion of St. Peter's Way.

E.C.C. Questionnaire on Highway Service Performance

The Clerk was delegated to complete the questionnaire in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

Traffic Census

The police reply to Clerk's letter for information was not informative. Clerk is to write to ask for Chief Inspector B.W. Ladd of the Traffic Management Unit to attend the October Meeting to explain the results of the traffic data collection in East Hanningfield.

CORRESPONDENCE

Village Appraisal

Demonstrations of a computer software pack, which can be used to construct a questionnaire individually tailored to a community and analyse the results, will take place on the afternoon and evening of 14th. October. As no councillors are able to attend on that date Clerk is to inform the R.C.C.E. that there would be an interest in a further demonstration on another date. Clerk has already seen the pack demonstrated.

Summer Holiday Playscheme Grant Aid

C.B.C. Leisure Services Department is offering grant aid to Parish Councils for their play schemes. Clerk is to complete the application.

A.C.D.P.C. General Meeting - 14th. October

Mr. Jacklin is unable to attend. No other councillors are available. Clerk will attempt to attend the meeting.

Clerk's Course

Clerk is to attend the first of the two residential weekends which are part of the second year of the course. This will take place from 30th. September until 3rd. October at St. Albans and will include visits to two town councils.

Mid Essex Community Health Council

Mrs. Chadwick has prepared a report of the meeting she attended on 13th. September, which has been circulated. M.E.C.H.C. is about to send questionnaires to parish councils, only three of whom send representatives to the meetings.

Local Government Review

E.A.L.C. has sent information about the review including a document prepared by Durham County Council. This has been circulated.

FINANCE

Cheques

As agreed at the previous Meeting the following cheque was signed between Meetings:

E.A.L.C.	£25.00	Conference fee for Clerk & Mr. Philpott,
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The following cheques were signed:

Galaxy Ind. Services Ltd.	£7.38	Photocopying;
Essex Landscape Services	£222.07	Mowing;
Chelmsford Borough Council	£1.00	Allotment Rent;
E.H. Playgroup Association	£15.00	Equipment for Playweek;
K. Plumridge	£298.32	Salary & Reimbursements;
Hanna's Field Charity	£106.63	Rent of Village Hall for Summer Activities.

PLANNING

93/CHL/1123 St. Giles Lodge, Bicknacre Road

The Clerk responded to this application, in consultation with councillors, between Meetings because C.B.C. required representations to arrive by 8th. September. P.C. objects to the proposed 10 stable block with feed room and tack store. P.C. has recently objected to an application for a stable block on the opposite side of the road and another application for a barn at South Gibcracks. This area of land, which is subject to an Article 4 Direction, is obviously under great pressure to be developed and P.C. wishes to prevent a precedent for development which it believes this proposal would constitute if successful. The site is within the Danbury Ridge Conservation Zone. The proposed development is of a size which would be suitable for commercial use. Bicknacre Road is totally unsuitable for such an enterprise which would attract frequent vehicular movements.

93/CHL/1182 South Gibcracks Farm, Bicknacre Road

P.C. has no objection to the proposed building but wishes to see a condition imposed which would limit its use to domestic and agriculture to prevent its use for business purposes.

93/CHL/1207LB East Hanningfield Hall, Old Church Road

P.C. supports the application for alterations.

Appeal - Land North of Old Church Road

The appeal against refusal of planning permission was dismissed (P.A. 93/CHL/0293/OL).

Chelmsford Borough Local Plan

The programme office for the Inquiry is now in Committee Room 3.

School Playing Field

Clerk reported that she had received a telephone call from the County Education Department asking for information about the possibility of the playing fields being developed. The Education Dept. is not in favour of development and asked for a copy of P.C.'s letter to C.B.C. on the subject. This has been sent.

PROPOSED GYPSY SITE - BARNARDS FARMRunwell - Unofficial Site

The inquiry into some of the unofficial pitches at Runwell took place on 22nd. September. The Inspector's decision is awaited.

Report of the Public Meeting - 6th. September

The E.C.C. account of the public meeting has been received. This will be presented to the Gypsy Sites Group meeting on 1st. October, not on 30th. September as previously intimated.

Clerk is to write to E.C.C., with copies to Simon Burns MP and Dr. Michael Clark MP, pointing out the following points:

- i. The overwhelming view at the public meeting was that the Gypsies should stay at Runwell. This should have been mentioned in the notes.
- ii. The problems at the Runwell site are caused by visitors not residents.
- iii. The question about the verges beside the A130 was in fact asking what is going to happen to the land between the new and present A130s.
- iv. There has been no satisfactory provision made for the management of the field and ditch which the proposed access road will cross.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Mr. Gill attended the September meeting of the Road Safety Advisory Panel. He is prepared to visit parishes to advise on traffic calming. Funds for traffic calming will increase but there is likely to be considerable demand. Clerk is to write to Tech. Services to ask for a site visit by Mr. Gill followed by his attendance at a P.C. Meeting.

TRIG POINT

Clerk is to write to Ordnance Survey to formally request to adopt the Trig Point in the parish, Pillar No. S3873. Maintenance costs are likely to be minimal.

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATORS' LICENCE APPLICATIONSAl Salvage, Morelands Industrial Estate

Mr. R. Carr has applied to use Morelands Industrial Estate as an operating centre for 3 goods vehicles. Clerk is to write to the Licensing Authority to object on the grounds of loss of amenity to the neighbours due to noise, dust and fumes.

Essex Jointers, Unit 21, E.H. Industrial Estate

M, P, & R Savill are applying to replace without change a licence to use the Industrial Estate as an operating centre for 1 goods vehicle. It was decided not to comment.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF JUSTICES' LICENCEWindmill Public House

P.C. has no objection to the transfer of the Justices' Licence to Terence Henry Hill.

The Windmill is to be offered a walnut tree for planting in the garden at the front.

MATTERS FOR REPORTPublic Rights of Way Briefing - 15th September

Due to unforeseen circumstances neither Mr. Parker nor Mr. Applegate were able to attend. Clerk is to find out whether notes can be obtained.

Road Safety Advisory Panel

The item about traffic calming should be in the minutes which are awaited. The next meeting will be on 26th. October.

Subsidence - The Tye

Mr. Jacklin is to inspect the subsidence opposite the Mill. When the identity of the excavator is known, Clerk will write for reinstatement.

Village Hall Chase

The Chase is being used as a race track by people with cars and pick-up trucks who arrive after the Hall has emptied. The high speed skidding is damaging the surface of the Chase and car park. The verges are also being damaged. Attempts have been made to break through the barrier at the end of the car park. These were unsuccessful but damage was caused which has been repaired. The police have been called on several occasions. Insp. Higgs has sent an increased police presence for several nights running.

Public Transport Plan 94/95

A copy of the plan is to be circulated. Mr. Gordon is to attend the Transport Liaison Meeting on 12th. October.

Best Kept Village Competition

Clerk is to ask for East Hanningfield's marks in this year's competition.

Creephedge Lane

Clerk is to inform Tech. Services that the surface is breaking up badly and the verges are being eroded by goods vehicles.

Pan Lane

Chairman has informed Tech. Services about the cracks in the road surface in Pan Lane.

Neighbourhood Watch Calendar

Mr. Philpott is planning to produce a calendar and wishes to use pictures which have been on the front of the Newsletter. Clerk said that he will have to seek the permission of the copyright holders. In most cases this will be the Essex Records Office, but some drawings were produced by John Trussler.

Hyde Hall

A decision is still awaited on the planning application.

Dog Bins

These are being used and on one occasion one had to be emptied by a volunteer because it was overflowing. Clerk is to write to Tech. Services to check that the bins are being emptied regularly.

Roy Barley Memorial

Clerk reported that a collection has been made by the friends of Roy Barley, who lived at Mill House and worked at the Mill, for a memorial seat and is to be given to Hanna's Field Charity to pay for the recently installed seat at the childrens play area.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.27.

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 7th September, 1993.

Mrs. Waseop drew the attention of the Council to the activities of a group called 'Country Fayres' which is holding dog related events on a part of Highfields Farm which is now being called High Water Farm. The group has previously operated in Easton District but Easton Council was able to bring their activities close to a closed access to prevent access through Cheshamford Road but there is nothing to prevent access through Highfields Road. A sign is presently carrying out excavations at the site. Building work appears to be a temporary track. There had blocked the public footpath across the site but have now been removed. Chairman replied that he has followed up the events advertised on the noticeboard at the site and has raised in the Environmental Health Planning and Highway Department at C.B.C. Planning Dept. whether the demolition work has to be done before an Article 4 Direction can be made. C.B.C. would be able to make a temporary Art. 4 Dir. which would last six months. Clerk is to write to Planning, Env. Health and Highway expressing P.C.'s concern, and to Easton District Council's Civil Executive and Clerk asking for information about 'Country Fayres'.

TRAFFIC DATA COLLECTION - MR. B.W. LADD, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, ESSEX POLICE

Meeting  
Mr. Ladd introduced the topic by saying that there are approximately 4,000 miles of speed restricted roads in Essex. The local traffic inspector for this area is based at Cheshamford. In general it there are valid complaints about traffic speed, officers will be sent to check them. If there does not appear to be a problem, data protection equipment is put out usually over a weekend and part of the working week to get an overall view of the traffic numbers and speeds at different times.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 28th. October 1993 at 8.05pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range and the Clerk. Mr. B.W. Ladd and one member of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 23rd. September, 1993.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Warsop drew the attention of the Council to the activities of a group called 'Country Fayres' which is holding dog related events on a part of Highfields Farm which is now being called High Water Farm. The group has previously operated in Basildon District but Basildon Council was able to bring their activities there to a close. Access is presently from the Chelmsford Road but there is nothing to prevent access through Highfields Mead. A JCB is presently carrying out excavations at the site, building what appears to be a scramble track. Tyres had blocked the public footpath across the site but have now been removed.

Chairman replied that he has followed up the events advertised on the noticeboard at the site and has talked to the Environmental Health, Planning and Highways Departments at C.B.C. Planning Dept. advises that demonstrable harm has to be done before an Article 4 Direction can be made. C.B.C. would be able to make a temporary Art. 4 Dir. which would last six months.

Clerk is to write to Planning, Env. Health and Highways expressing P.C.'s concern, and to Basildon District Council's Chief Executive and Clerk asking for information about 'Country Fayres'.

TRAFFIC DATA COLLECTION - MR. B.W. LADD, TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT, ESSEX POLICE

Speeding

Mr. Ladd introduced the topic by saying that there are approximately 4,700 miles of speed restricted roads in Essex. The local traffic Inspector for this area is based at Chelmsford. In general if there are valid complaints about traffic speed, officers will be sent to check them. If there does not appear to be a problem, data protection equipment is put out, usually over a weekend and part of the working week to get an overall view of the traffic numbers and speeds at different times.

Data Collected on the Tye

<u>24 Hour Period</u>	<u>No. of Vehicles</u>	<u>No. of Vehicles Travelling at Over 50MPH</u>
Saturday 31/7/93	2920	22
Sunday 1/8/93	2455	18
Monday 2/8/93	3640	7
Tuesday 3/8/93	3716	2

From these results the Police concluded that very few vehicles were speeding enough to be prosecuted.

Speed in the Village

East Hanningfield does not have an accident/injury problem which is seen as a priority when speed problems are being acted upon. Speed might be perceived to be a problem because the roads are narrow and the hedgerows are close to the road so that traffic passes very close to pedestrians. The County Council does not allow speed ramps and tables to be installed on through routes in villages, but hatching to form 'gates' at the entrance to the village might be possible.

If P.C. could produce data which was vastly different the Police would consider a reappraisal, and would do a repeat data collection if asked to do so. Mr. Ladd offered to advise if any other traffic matters arose.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ladd for coming to the Meeting to explain the results of the traffic data collection.

Further Traffic Data Collection

It was decided that the data collected had not been representative of usual traffic flows through the village because it had been collected during the school holidays and therefore another data collection should be requested to take place during school term time, after the possibility of frosts and fog had passed. It was agreed to request a date during April but after 11th. It was also agreed to ask Mr. Ruffle to carry out his offer of monitoring traffic, to record total volume and speed on a typical midweek day from 6am to 10am and 3pm until 7pm.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGTraffic Calming

Clerk had contacted Mr. Gill's office and found that he would be available to come to a site meeting on 4th. or 5th. November or any day of the following week. Clerk was instructed to ask him to come on 12th. November.

Public Rights of Way Briefing

Clerk has found that notes are not available from the briefing because the intended speaker, Paul Claydon, was unable to attend and the replacement for him, found at short notice, had not prepared hand-outs. There will be another briefing in the Spring which councillors might attend, but Clerk advised that it was possible to purchase Paul Claydon's book on the subject which was considered to be the definitive guide. Clerk was instructed to find out the cost of the book.

Neighbourhood Watch Calender

P.C. has been asked to supply one contact name and number for the calender. It was decided that it would be correct for the Clerk to appear as the P.C. contact.

Best Kept Village Competition

The judge's score sheet has been requested and is awaited.

Hyde Hall

A new planning application has been made, this time for a grain store opposite Ilgars Manor.

Transport Liaison Meeting 12th. October

Mr. Gordon attended the meeting and reported the following points:

- i. The County Council is attempting to improve the standard of vehicles used on contracts.
- ii. E.C.C. has little or no influence over commercial routes. Customers wishing to complain should contact the bus companies.
- iii. The Easybus for the disabled is providing a social/shopping service for the disabled. It will divert off its route to pick up individuals. It does not yet provide a service which could transport people to their work places.
- iv. General concern was expressed that rail privatisation will lead to no county control over the service.
- v. A copy of the minutes is awaited.

Tree Damage

Replies are awaited from the Gas Co. and Tech. Services. Mr. Parker and Mr. Jacklin are to meet Mr. Andrews to discuss the planting which was cut down at the boundary of the Industrial Estate.

Trig Point

An acknowledgement has been received from Ordnance Survey who will now be contacting the landowners.

A.C.D.P.C. General Meeting - 14th. October

Mr. Range attended the meeting. There was an interesting discussion about the document produced by the Finance Dept. on the subject of Special Expenses.

Clerk was instructed to write to Finance, prior to the meeting at C.B.C. on 15th. November, asking for special expenses to be explored further. In particular Parish Council provision of the village hall, the primary use of which is for leisure, footway provision on the Tye and behind the School, extra lighting and the Clerk's clerical services. A copy is to be sent to A.C.D.P.C.

A130 Inquiry

The Chairman attended on behalf of East and West Hanningfield Parish Councils. He reiterated the arguments made before and pointed out that E.C.C. had ignored the environmental survey and had not kept the road as near to ground level as possible. E.C.C. had not considered the occupation bridge to Pattens Farm and argued that no-one uses the footpath.

Since the Inquiry E.C.C. has applied for planning permission to build a footbridge across the new A130 near Runwell Hospital where there is presently no footpath. The Chairman proposed to write to the Inquiry Inspector to inform him about this application which is contrary to the arguments the County Council put forward at the Inquiry. P.C. endorsed this proposition.

Clerk's Course

Clerk visited Swanley T.C. and Dunstable T.C. as part of the residential school activities. Literature from the towns is to be circulated.

Dog Bins

Tech. Services replied that the dog bins are being emptied weekly on Thursdays, and asked for the situation to be monitored in case it becomes necessary for one of the bins to be emptied more frequently.

E.A.L.C. Annual Conference - Crime in the Village

Clerk and Mr. Philpott attended the conference. Notes on Crime Prevention Panels are to be circulated as is a letter of thanks from Mr. Philpott.

Road Safety Advisory Panel - 7th. September

The minutes have arrived and are to be circulated.

Public Transport Plan 94/95

The E.C.C. Plan has been circulated. Clerk is to write to E.C.C. about the lack of policy where rail use and provision is concerned with a copy to E.A.L.C.

Goods Vehicle Operators' Licence Application - Al Salvage

A letter from D.of T. says that representations from parish councils will only be permitted if those P.C.s are owners of property in the vicinity of the proposed operating centre. Clerk is to write to Chief Executive at C.B.C. registering concern that Planning has left these applications for parish councils to deal with but the D. of T. will not accept their representations.

Proposed Gypsy Site - Barnards Farm

The minutes of the Gypsy Sites Group meeting have arrived. The Group decided to apply for planning permission for the site at Barnards Farm and not to wait for the Runwell appeal decision before doing so. Clerk was instructed to write to the D. of E. on receipt of the planning application to ask for it to be called in and to write to Simon Burns at the same time to ask for his assistance. Clerk is to call a special Meeting for the application if necessary.

CORRESPONDENCEControl of Weedgrowth

Tech. Services has taken up the subject of the method of application of weedkiller with the contractors and is to raise the point with E.C.C. with a view to revising methods of application and specification for next year's contract.

General Review of Parliamentary Constituencies - Essex

The Boundary Commission will be holding a local inquiry which will open on 6th. December, 1993 at County Hall. The Boundary Commission has sent a leaflet describing the procedure at local enquiries; a copy of the statement to be introduced formally by the Assistant Commissioner at the opening of the inquiry; a summary of representations for Essex. These have been circulated.

M.E.C.H.C. Parish Council Health Representative Survey 1993

This is to be circulated again so that councillors may record their comments.

Bulk Refuse Vehicle

Clerk has arranged for the bulk refuse vehicle to visit the Village Hall car park monthly during 1994. Apart from the January visit which will be on the 15th. all visits are on the first Saturday of the month.

Street Name Plates - Creep hedge Lane & Back Lane

Tech. Services is to remove the Creep hedge Lane signs and order new ones and to repair the Back lane sign. It was noted that the Back Lane sign had already been repaired.

Festival of the Countryside

E.C.C. Planning is proposing to hold a festival in 1994 and has provisionally chosen June and the first 2 weeks of July or the last 2 weeks of August and all of September. It is asking for parishes to express an opinion about which time should be chosen and also to give notice of events which will be taking place during those six week periods.

Visibility at Shepherds Cottages, Old Church Road

Tech. Services is unable to sign the blind entrance to the cottages, but has arranged for a bend sign and SLOW marking to be provided on the approach to the cottages from the village and a SLOW marking to be provided on the other approach.

FINANCE

Clerk's Salary Review

N.A.L.C. and S.L.C.C. are recommending an increase from £1.23 to £1.25 per name on the electoral register plus 4% for successfully completing the first year of the Clerk's Course as from 1st. July. P.C. agreed to increase Clerk's salary in line with this recommendation.

White Lining

Wilson and Scott (Highways) Ltd. has quoted £200 & VAT to repaint the three parking bays and the KEEP CLEAR sign on the Post Office Chase and the Keep Clear in the School Chase. It was agreed to instruct Wilson and Scott to undertake the work.

Sportsmobile

C.B.C. writes that the Sportsmobile project is showing a deficit and is asking for parish councils to support the scheme next year with a financial commitment by underwriting the scheme. One visit from the Sportsmobile will cost P.C. £60 and two visits will cost £92. P.C. will be able to decide what to charge the children attending. P.C. decided to try this scheme for one year, and to try to improve publicity by specifying what activities will be provided.

Christmas Cover Competition

The Editor is to be allowed up to £20 for the purchase of prizes for the Newsletter Cover Competition.

Brush Cutter

The brush cutter has been repaired. It was decided to consider buying a new heavier version after next season.

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Jack Stock/Essex Fencing	£112.23	Repairs to Brush Cutter;
Galaxy Industrial Services	£14.29	Photocopying;
Chelmsford Borough Council	£27.50	Sportsmobile Subsidy;
Essex County Council	£39.01	Administrative Supplies;
K. Plumridge	£143.16	Course Expenses, Administration Expenses & Back Pay.
Royal British Legion	£39.00	Poppy Wreath.

Receipts

The following amounts have been paid into the Current Account:

Baddow Plumbing Services	£10.00	Newsletter Income;
Hanningfield Motor Co.	£10.00	Newsletter Income;
K.Bond	£10.00	Newsletter Income;
Baddow Plumbing Services	£7.35	Newsletter Income;
Hanningfield Security Serv.	£18.00	Newsletter Income;
Chelmsford Borough Council	£5,347.00	Precept.

The Editor has retained advertisement income of £14 cash towards the cost of the Cover Competition prizes.

Bank Charges

P.C. is now being charged £2 per statement for returned cheques.

PLANNING

Mr. Bennett declared an interest in the following item and retired from the Meeting for the duration of the discussion on that topic.

93/CHL/1346/OL Oaklands, Old Church Road

P.C. had no objection to the proposed alteration to the existing dwelling and erection of two detached dwellings to the rear of the existing house. Clerk is to contact the neighbour of the site to find out whether she would like to see the plans before they go back to C.B.C.

Appeal - Morelands Industrial Estate

An appeal has been made following the refusal of planning permission for use of the land for motor-cross for 14 days per year in addition to the 14 days allowed by the G.D.O. P.C. decided not to write further comments in addition to those written at the time of the planning application.

Mr. Parker left the Meeting at this point.

OLD NOTICEBOARD

No decision was made as to the future siting of the notice board but the Clerk was instructed to get a quote from Mr. Grace for its refurbishment and installation.

MATTERS FOR REPORTHorses - Coude Dennis

Horses have been ridden on the footway in Coude Dennis and have fouled it. Clerk is to write to Highways for advice.

Cobbs

There appears to be development taking place beyond Back Butts which is over and above that permitted by the recent planning consent. Clerk is to write to Planning to ask for an investigation.

Pan Lane Junction with A130

On more than one occasion a four wheel drive vehicle has avoided waiting in line at the junction by driving across part of the field. Clerk is to inform Highways and the landowner, Michael Grey at Link House.

December Meeting

It was agreed to hold the December Meeting on the 16th instead of the 23rd.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 11.23.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 25th. November, 1993 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range and the Clerk.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. Bennett.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 28th. October, 1993.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Special Expenses

Mr. Range attended the consultation evening at Civic Centre on 15th. November. Parish Councils were critical of the Finance Department's proposals. The Finance staff are going to re-examine the criteria for the establishment of special expenses.

Public Rights of Way

The book 'Rights of Way; A Guide to Law and Practice' by Riddall and Trevelyan will cost £12 to purchase. This item is to be considered under Finance.

Goods Vehicle Operators' Licence Applications

A reply is awaited from C.B.C. Chief Executive.

Proposed Gypsy Site - Barnards Farm

The decision relating to the Runwell site appeal is awaited. Clerk reported that E.C.C. is attempting to establish a site in Tendring District.

Tree Planting

C.B.C. Leisure Services Dept. will instruct Mr. Clarke to replant the shrubs and trees which were damaged when the verges were mowed.

The Gas Co. has agreed to pay for the replacement of the hedging around the step down valve. Clerk has instructed Mr. Clarke to replant at a distance of 1.5m from the building, as the Gas Co. contractors mow up to a metre from the building.

Mr. Jacklin and Mr. Parker have discussed the planting at the Industrial Estate. Mr. Andrews has agreed to contribute towards the cost of the replanting and will maintain it. He is to be consulted about the exact position for the replanting because of the sight splay problems at this site.

Mr. Parker is to ask Mr. Clarke to replace the silver birch at Bridon Close which has died. The possibility of planting a different species is to be considered as birches have failed at Bridon Close before, which suggests that the ground is unsuitable.

Traffic Data Collection

Mr. Ruffle's survey is half completed. The equipment cannot collect speed and volume data simultaneously. The speed survey is complete. The speed results agree with the Police survey. The equipment was installed discreetly. The speed survey results are to be circulated with some documents about traffic calming which Mr. Ruffle has supplied.

Pan Lane Junction with A130

Clerk's letter to Tech. Services was forwarded to the Police. Clerk has received a telephone call from Constable Morris asking for more information about the vehicle and the occasions it has been seen driving off the road. Mr. Applegate is to contact Constable Morris.

Horses - Coude Dennis

Tech. Services suggest that a request is put in the Newsletter to ask for information to identify the culprits. As the Newsletter has only just been published Clerk was instructed to write to Hill Farm stables and Buckhatch stables to ask for help to identify the people causing the problem.

M.E.C.H.C. Parish Council Health Representative Survey 1993

The Clerk is to complete the questionnaire with reference to the comments made by councillors.

Cobbs

Clerk has written a letter to C.B.C. Planning and followed that up with a telephone call to Mr. Tokely of Planning Enforcement. Planning Dept. has been told that P.C. is concerned that the building of the new poultry houses at Back Butts appears to involve a considerable expansion of the site beyond that which the planning application appeared to convey. Planning was also asked whether the new drainage, hard standing and out-buildings now under construction between Back Butts and Quilters Farms require planning permission.

The developments at the Cobb site are not in line with earlier assurances given by the Cobb management to P.C.

Road Safety Advisory Panel

Further to the recent announcement that E.C.C. had axed the position of Road Safety Adviser to the under 5s, Clerk informed P.C. that although steps were being taken to instruct playgroup leaders in road safety tuition, there was now no contact with parents of young children to instruct them about in-car safety. In Essex more children are killed inside cars than outside on the roads.

Mr. Applegate stated that the parishes had already expressed concern at the meetings about the loss of the Road Safety Adviser, but that he would take this matter back to the Panel.

Old Noticeboard

The school has expressed a wish to use the noticeboard if it is placed by the school. P.C. felt that a shared noticeboard would not leave enough space for the necessary P.C. notices as the board in its entirety had proved too small. It was decided not to install the board at another site in the village and that perhaps the school would like to have it. It was therefore resolved that, in pursuance of section 137 of the Local Government Act 1972, P.C. shall offer the noticeboard to the primary school as a gift.

High Water Farm (ex Highfields Farm)

C.B.C. has instructed 'Country Fayres' that they may not hold four wheel drive events at the site, they must remove the tyres from the site and must return the land to its condition prior to the excavations. Notices remained advertising a four wheel drive event on Sunday, 28th. November. P.C. is to continue to monitor the activities at the site.

Chairman is to ask Highways to remove the sign concerning the site which is on the highway verge near the Rettendon Turnpike.

CORRESPONDENCEFuture of Orthopaedic Services in North Essex

Clerk is to write expressing concern that transport and accessibility to treatment rely on bus services which cannot be considered reliable into the future because of their susceptibility to re-routing and timetable changes.

Mid Essex Community Health Council

Mrs. Chadwick's report and the minutes have been received. There is presently much concern about the recently imposed changes to the pharmacies remuneration system.

Domestic Refuse Collection

Tech. Services has supplied the dates for refuse collection during the Christmas holiday period and for next year. Clerk has posted copies of the list on the noticeboards. The information is to be circulated.

Reorganisation of Local Government in the County of Essex

A letter has been received from the leader of the Liberal Democrat Group on the County Council asking to meet parishes. Clerk to reply that the approach would be better through the E.A.L.C.

Road Surface - Creephedge Lane

Tech. Services claims that the deterioration of the road surface is due to movement in the road substructure. Mr. Dobinson is to be asked to visit Creephedge Lane for a site meeting.

FINANCECheques

The following cheques were signed;

Galaxy Industrial Services	£4.30	Photocopying;
Printing Place	£141.00	December Newsletter;
R. Harvey	£48.00	Grounds Work;
K. Plumridge	£6.69	Post & Stationary reimbursements.

Newsletter

Cash received as payment for advertising has been used to purchase the Christmas Cover Competition prizes. This was £14 from Phoenix Fitted Furniture and £6 from Hull & Co.

Tree Planting

It was agreed to spend up to £30 on P.C.'s share of the replanting at the Industrial Site.

Rights of Way

Clerk was instructed to order the book at a cost of £12.

Precept 1994/95

It was resolved to precept £10,859 for the financial year 1994/95.

This amount includes the following items which are additional to previous budgets;

Machinery Capital Reserve (e.g. strimmer)	£500;
Parish Council Centenary	£250;
Answerphone	£50;
Photocopier	£500.

It was decided that if P.C. should decide to purchase a combined answerphone/FAX machine or a separate FAX machine that the additional cost of approximately £500 would be taken from reserves.

It was noted that £300 for tree planting and £400 for street lighting remains in the reserves.

PLANNING

Mr. Jacklin declared an interest in the following item and left the meeting for the duration of the discussion about that item.

93/CHL/1410 Unit 8, East Hanningfield Industrial Estate

There were no objections to the proposed raising of the roof and the insertion of a mezzanine floor.

TRAFFIC CALMING

Mr. Gill from C.B.C. Tech. Services met four councillors and the Clerk for a site meeting on 12th. November. He said that P.C.'s proposed mini-roundabouts at Old Church Road junction with the Tye and Bicknacre Road junction with the Main Road were not suitable because of the cost, in the region of £30,000 and because of the unequal traffic flows coming from different directions to the junctions. He suggested that 'village gates' would be more appropriate as a means of slowing down traffic approaching the village centre. A throat would have to be substantial and would be difficult to position. The 'sleeping policemen' proposed for Ashley Green would be possible but would have to part of an overall plan as there are rules about distances of road humps from junctions and from each other.

Mr. Gill suggested that the signing at the School Chase could be better sited and the SLOW on the road could be positioned so that it is not over the brow of the hill where it cannot be seen from a distance.

It was agreed that Clerk should write to Tech. Services asking for East Hanningfield to be considered for a pilot scheme of traffic calming measures.

Byelaws for the Control of DogsDog Bins

The extra posts have been delivered, so that the final two bins can now be installed. It was decided to defer the decision about the siting of the bins until the next Meeting as this Meeting was running late.

Sealing of the Byelaws

It was resolved to affix the Common Seal of the Parish Council to the Byelaws for the Control of Dogs.

Procedures

It was resolved to authorise the Clerk to carry out the necessary procedures and to apply to the Secretary of State for confirmation of the byelaws.

It was noted that the notice advertising the byelaws will be placed in the Essex Chronicle.

PYRACANTHA ON THE TYE

Mrs. Miller of Mullion, Old Church Road has repeated her complaint about the pyracantha bed. She says that the plants have spread, they harbour weeds, collect rubbish and are totally unsuitable for a village green. Mr. Jacklin replied that the bed is now being managed in line with the professional advice Parish Council obtained earlier in the year. It is not a plant which should be neatly clipped to a box shape.

The Clerk reported that a bramble is overwhelming one side of the bed and will kill the pyracanthas unless removed and suggested cutting down the affected plants so that the roots of the bramble can be dealt with. Mr. Jacklin replied that he would look into the possibility of poisoning the bramble with a contact weedkiller as it would be undesirable to cut the pyracanthas down to near ground level.

MATTERS FOR REPORTVillage Ventures Competition

The joint Neighbourhood Watch, Community Care and Youth Club project has come second in this year's Village Ventures Competition. The prize was a plaque which has been mounted in the Village Hall entrance hall and a cheque for £250. Mr. Philpott and Mr. and Mrs. Jacklin took part in the competition and attended the prize giving.

Public Transport

On the 8th. November the fares on E.C.C. controlled services were adjusted to be in line with Eastern National fares.

Fly Tipping

The rubbish by the S bend in Pan Lane has been cleared but there is now some, including a television, at the Road Stone Depot.

Hyde Hall

There is no further news about the Hyde Hall planning applications.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.45.

A Special Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 9th. December, 1993 at 8.05pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range, the Clerk and two members of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

'Community Care' was added between 'Neighbourhood Watch' and 'Youth Club' on page 66 under the heading 'Village Ventures Competition'. The Minutes were then signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 25th. November, 1993.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

PLANNING APPLICATION CC/CHL/24/93 BARNARDS FARM - Proposed Gypsy Site

It was noted that the Chairman has asked for the planning application to be considered by the full Planning Committee at C.B.C. and not the sub-committee. The Clerk has written to the Secretary of State asking for the application to be called in. Simon Burns has also written with this request.

P.C. objects most strongly to the proposed 25 pitch Gypsy Site on the following grounds.

Planning

i) The proposed site would be a prominent visual intrusion in the open countryside. It would be visible from West Hanningfield and the escarpment over which Pan Lane runs from East Hanningfield village. A Gypsy Site at this location would have an adverse impact on the long views across the landscape of the area.

ii) Whilst it is aware that a Gypsy Site is a development which is permissible in the Green Belt as an exception to policy, the Parish Council is concerned that this development will set an undesirable precedent for further development of the strip of Green Belt between the old and new A130s.

iii) P.C. considers that it is improper to include the neighbouring field, through which the access runs, in the application. There is no management plan for this field which could be used for a Gypsy related use in the future.

Absence of Need

East Hanningfield and its neighbouring parishes have had no problems of illegal camping and East Hanningfield has always sent back a nil return to the monthly E.C.C. Census of Gypsy Caravans. The Gypsy representatives who attended the Public Meeting in September stated that they do not want to move to the Barnards Farm Site and, indeed, would move out of the Borough in order to avoid doing so.

Education

The primary schools belonging to the communities which are nearest to the proposed site are small village schools. The number of children living at the largest Gypsy Site in Essex must be high, and the local schools would therefore be expected to absorb large groups of children from the site. These groups would be disproportionately high and it is E.C.C. experience that Gypsy children do not integrate well into schools in large groups, and that they fit in much better when taken into larger schools.

Environment

i) The location of the proposed site would be undesirable for children. The new six lane A130 will be 80m. to the West of the site and the present A130 borders the site to the East. The site plan shows a small play area which would provide facilities for young children. The older children would have nothing, and there would be a dangerous road network between their homes and the outside world.

ii) The environment will be unhealthy for growing children and adults. The environmental study carried out on behalf of E.C.C. for the new A130 shows the highest level of airborne pollution reaching the edge of the proposed site. Experience of the A12 Chelmsford By-pass shows that embanked roads create a greater noise intrusion. The suggestion that a high acoustic barrier might be installed around the site in the Green Belt. There is no satisfactory method established of insulating caravans against noise.

Infrastructure

The remoteness of the proposed site from support facilities such as shops, doctors' surgeries and schools makes it unsuitable for such a development. The access on to the road network via the junction of Church Road with the present A130 is unsafe.

Social Considerations

The proposed Gypsy Site would be the largest in Essex. Yet, E.C.C. experience has shown that concentrating many families on one site is not desirable as it can lead to inter-family conflict.

Conclusion

i) The proposed site falls short of the County Council's own published criteria for choosing a location for a Gypsy Site because it is not "within reasonable distance of a settlement for access to local amenities such as schools and shops"; it will "have a major impact on the appearance of the countryside"; it will not "be capable of merging with the countryside in due course"; it does not have a "safe access to the main road network"; it will not "be one which can be made into an acceptable living environment" and is not "within proximity of an area frequented by gypsies".

ii) P.C. considers that this application is premature because of proposed central government changes in legislation which would render unnecessary the establishment of any new permanent sites; their special status in the Green Belt would be withdrawn and central government funding for them would also be withdrawn.

iii) P.C. sees the situation whereby the County Council is able to award itself planning permission as far from satisfactory, and would not wish to see this application considered by the County council. Given the overwhelming weight of public opinion, as expressed at the Public Meeting called by E.C.C. on 6th. September both by the general public and the Gypsy Community, to oppose the development of Barnards Farm as a permanent Gypsy Site, the County Council would be seen to be acting fairly if the application was considered by an independent body. P.C. therefore requests that, considering the sensitivity of this application, it should be decided by the Secretary of State.

Actions

Clerk is to send the above response to County Planning, Borough Planning, West Hanningfield P.C., Rettendon P.C., South Hanningfield P.C., C.B.C. Planning Committee members & members of the E.C.C. Committee which is to make the decision on the application.

A leaflet is to be written and delivered to every house in the parish. As much as possible of the planning application is to be displayed on the noticeboard on the Tye.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cobbs

Clerk is to ask C.B.C. Planning staff for information about G.D.O.s. A member of the Planning staff is to be invited to the January Meeting to explain them with special reference to the developments at the Cobbs site.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.37

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 16th. December, 1993 at 8.06pm in the Village Hall.

#### PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon and the Clerk.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr. Applegate. Mr. Parker and Mr. Range had indicated that they would arrive late.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 9th. December, 1993.

#### PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 25th. NOVEMBER

##### High Water Farm (ex Highfields Farm)

Gravel/hardcore has been unloaded at the entrance giving the appearance that a track is being constructed. Planning and Highways are to be asked about it. It was noted that the holes which are supposed to have been filled have not been.

Activities at the site are to be monitored from 1st. January, 1994.

Clerk reported that on a recent Sunday signs had been erected directing traffic to enter the site through Highfields Mead. Chairman reported that he had contacted Mr. Pyne the owner of the freehold of Highfields Farm and ascertained that 'Country Fayres' have no right of access through the Farm. Paul White has undertaken to look into possible ways of blocking the access and has asked 'Country Fayres' not to use that access.

The sign near Rettendon Turnpike was on private land and is being investigated.

##### Pyracantha on the Tye

Mr. Harvey has been working on the pyracantha. He has been able to uproot many of the brambles and he has removed a great deal of rubbish. The pyracanthas are to be monitored in the Spring when there might be re-growth of the bramble.

##### Cobbs

Planning Dept. has inspected the new poultry houses and believes the development is in accordance with the planning application. The other site which Clerk asked to be inspected was not inspected, so Clerk has written again.

The Chairman is to ask for a site meeting with Planning staff and to follow this with a meeting with the Cobb management. Previous to the planning application Cobb had assured P.C. that they would contact P.C. and inform it of any planned developments.

It was noted that residents of the P.O. Chase have called out Environmental Services because of the noise coming from the carpenter's shop. Cobbs have been told to sound proof the back end of the carpenter's shop.

Old Noticeboard

Mrs. Hardy, the Head teacher of the Primary School, has declined the offer of the noticeboard. It was decided to look again at the Bicknacre Road corner and to ask Mr. Grace for a quote for refurbishment, installation and paving slabs. Clerk is to check that Highways has no objection.

Special Expenses

C.B.C. Policy and Resources Committee has determined that Special Expenses be determined in principle for 1994/95 on the basis of the report presented and the previous report (meetings 12/10/93 & 7/12/93), both of which P.C. has seen, and 1994/95 Revenue Support be fixed at 90% of P.C.'s 93/94 level. There will be another review before the setting of the 95/96 Council Taxes. P.C.'s Revenue Support for 94/95 will be £1,796 which will be deducted before the amount to be charged in the parish is determined. The documents from C.B.C. are to be circulated.

Road Surface - Creephedge Lane

Clerk has asked Mr. Dobinson to contact the Chairman direct to arrange a site meeting.

It was noted that the corner at the junction of Creephedge Lane with Rettendon Road is being kerbed.

Fly Tipping

There is rubbish at the S Bend again.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 9th. DECEMBERProposed Gypsy Site - Barnards Farm

A letter has been written and distributed to every house in the parish. A copy of the letter written to E.C.C. has been sent to C.B.C. and West Hanningfield P.C. Clerk is to send a copy of the letter to parishioners to W.H.P.C.

E.C.C.'s notice about the planning application has appeared in the Essex Chronicle, 16th. December.

Chairman has taken seven members of the C.B.C. Planning Committee to visit the site.

A letter received from Cliff Walsingham & Co. claims the application is flawed. Clerk is to send a copy of P.C.'s letter to C.B.C. to C.W.& Co.

A letter of support has been received from Michael Clark MP.

A copy of the letter to E.C.C. is to be sent to individual members of the planning committee nearer to the time of the Committee Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCEBTCV

This charity uses volunteers to carry out practical hedge work. The letter is to be circulated.

Village Shops - A Report on Community Action

C.B.C. has sent a report prepared by the Rural Development Commission and is asking for comments. This is to be an Agenda Item for the January Meeting.

N.A.L.C. Raffle

Information about the raffle is to be circulated.

Bulk Litter Containers

Tech. Services has passed on an apology by the refuse vehicle driver who left the Village Hall car park early. Visits from the vehicle will be at different times next year, that is from 8am to 11am.

Service to Charity Trustees

A Local Charities Advice Service by Terry Mason will be available on Fridays at 79 Springfield Road. This information is to be passed to H.F.C.

Rural Helpline for Essex

The Helpline is to be launched officially at Writtle College on 26th. January, 1994. Councillors did not wish to attend but Clerk is to write asking for information and offering to help with publicity.

Local Government Review

E.A.L.C. has sent the minutes of the Executive Committee held on 25th. November which contain the Committee's initial thoughts on the Review; a note prepared by Nick Shuttleworth, Director of the R.C.C.E., of a meeting hosted by the Commission for "voluntary organisations"; an invitation to a Pre-Submission Briefing on 17th. February, 1994; the greater part of the Commission's document 'Procedural Advice on the Preparation of Proposals'.

Clerk is to accept the invitation to the meeting on behalf of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Mr. Gordon is to be first reserve.

The documents are to be circulated.

Local Government Review - Essex

Mr. Manning-Press has written as Secretary of the Conservative Group on E.C.C. asking for P.C.'s views about re-organisation. Clerk to write same reply as to Labour Group.

News from C.B.C.

C.B.C. is to send a weekly summary of press releases to P.C.s. These are to be circulated.

Goods Vehicle Operators' Licensing

The Licensing Authority has concluded that the P.C.'s presentation cannot be accepted.

Clerk reported that she was aware of Case Law, Transport Tribunal 1987 Y12 Mid Suffolk D.C. v. Dowell, Local Councils cannot raise objections, but may as landowners make representations, or give evidence in support of a party if called to do so by that party (at public inquiry).

C.B.C. Chief Executive is investigating the situation.

Mr. Jacklin is to ask at A.C.D.P.C. if the topic has gone forward to National level.

N.A.L.C. Annual Report & Accounts 1992/93

These are to be circulated.

A Heritage Protection Policy for Essex

This document by E.C.C. has been sent by Essex Records Office at the instigation of Ken Hall the new County Archivist. This is to be circulated.

Organisation of Playschemes 1994

Leisure Services is offering various schemes for 1994. Clerk is to apply for a play day at Easter, youth and play bus in the Summer. Clerk is also to ask for organiser for Summer scheme in the next Newsletter.

FINANCECheques

A cheque for £118.44 to Essex Chronicle was signed between Meetings to achieve a time limited discount. This was for the notice concerning the Dog Byelaws.

The following cheques were signed at the Meeting:

A.C.R.E.	£10.00	Ann. Sub. to Rural Viewpoint;
Galaxy Stationers	£48.30	Photocopying & Common Seal;
Earth Anchors	£35.49	Posts for dog bins;
K. Plumridge	£306.31	Salary & reimbursements;
R. Harvey	£72.00	Groundwork.

Receipts

A cheque for £20 has been received from C.B.C. as grant aid towards the cost of the 1993 Summer holiday playscheme and has been deposited in the P.O. Savings Account.

£1,076.74 VAT refund, for the period 1/3/92 - 30/9/93, has been transferred directly into the Current Account.

Mr. Parker arrived at this point.

SITING OF THE LAST TWO DOG WASTE BINS

It was decided to install the bins beside the Coude Dennis litter bin and at the entrance to the footpath between the P.O. and the Old Forge. Clerk is to instruct Mr. Grace to carry out the installation.

MATTERS FOR REPORTPost Office Robbery

The Post Office was robbed during Tuesday night. The safe was taken. The P.O. will be closed until Monday if not longer.

P.C.C./H.F.C. Fete

On finding the 'Country Fayres' intends to hold an event on the same date as the Fete attempts were made to get them to change the date of their event but they refused. The Church/H.F.C. Fete is now being planned for 10th. September.

Replacement Tree Planting

Mr. Parker asked the Clerk to inform Mr. Clarke where C.B.C. is to replace planting and to copy the previous letter about the planting around the Gas step down valve as he does not appear to have received it. Clerk is also to instruct him to replant at the Industrial Estate site splay.

Mr. Clarke is to mark the new planting with yellow topped 2"x 2" posts.

Mr. Clarke has agreed to replace the silver birch at Bridon Close. There is an 80% chance that it will take.

Power Cuts

On Tuesday night there was a power failure for approximately an hour and this evening there was one for nearly two hours. The Chairman was able to get through on the telephone to an engineer at Eastern Electricity who told him that the failure was due to an insulator fault at Hyde Hall Cottage. Clerk is to write to E.E. to ask why the alternative supply from the North was not switched on.

Rose Cottages

Clerk has asked Planning to investigate developments behind Rose Cottages after receiving complaints from neighbours of the site. This site was the subject of a recent unsuccessful appeal against refusal of planning permission.

Street Lights

Clerk has reported the failed light outside Wheatlands and will report the recently failed light beside the telephone box.

Drainage Problems

The road is flooding at the Pan Lane junction with Old Church Road. The blocked cross road drain at Days Hill has been cleared.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.32.

ATTENDANCE AT THE LAST TWO WASTE BINS

It was decided to install the bins beside the Conde Dennis letter box and at the entrance to the footpath between the P.O. and the Old Forge. Clerk is to instruct Mr. Grace to carry out the installation.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

Post Office Robbery

The Post Office was robbed during Tuesday night. The safe was taken. The P.O. will be closed until Monday if not looted.

P.O. & P.C. Pate

On finding the 'Country Payers' intends to hold an event on the same date as the P.O. & P.C. Pate. The date of their event was changed to get them to change the date of their event but they refused. The Church P.C. Pate is now being planned for 10th September.

Replacement Glass Lighting

Mr. Parker asked the Clerk to inform Mr. Clarke where G.B.C. is to replace lighting and to copy the previous letter about the lighting around the bus stop when alive as he does not appear to have received it. Clerk is also to instruct him to replace the Industrial Estate site sign.

Mr. Clarke is to mark the new lighting with yellow topped 7 1/2 foot.

Mr. Clarke has agreed to replace the silver ditch at Bidson Close. There is an 80% chance that it will take.

Power Line

On Tuesday night there was a power failure for approximately an hour and this evening there was one for nearly two hours. The Chairman was able to get through on the telephone to an engineer at Eastern Electricity who told him that the failure was due to an insulator fault at Hyde Hall Cottage. Clerk is to write to E.E. to ask why the alternative supply from the North was not switched on.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 27th. January, 1994 at 8.05 pm in the Village Hall.

#### PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range and the Clerk.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 16th. December, 1993.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Post Office Robbery

It was noted that the trial took place today of the person accused of the armed robbery at the Post Office.

##### Goods Vehicle Operators' Licensing

Bob Richmond at the E.A.L.C. has written to N.A.L.C. to ask if any progress has been made on this matter. A copy is to be circulated.

A reply has been received from C.B.C. Chief Executive to Clerk's letter of 16th. November. This reiterated the points made by Planning when it was decided to stop objecting to applications for licences.

##### Fly Tipping

The rubbish at the Pan Lane S bend has been cleared but more has appeared. There is part of a car at the Common end of Back Lane.

##### Power Cuts

Clerk has received no reply from Eastern Electricity.

##### Cobbs

The Chairman and Vice Chairman are to visit Cobbs on 2nd. February at 10am.

##### High Water Farm

Env. & Planning C.B.C. has replied that the Site Manager has informed them that no more hard core will be deposited on the site. What is there was put down to be able to park a heavy vehicle which delivered plant for clearing and landscaping a pond.

Clerk is to write to Env. & Plan. that the tyres are still there, the holes are still there and a hole is being made into a pond as there is no evidence that a pond existed there before.

##### Old Noticeboard

Tech. Services has agreed to the noticeboard being sited on the verge at the Bicknacre Road junction and asks to be informed when it is to be installed.

Mr. Crace has quoted £100 to repaint the noticeboard, fix new posts and install with six paving slabs. This item to be considered under Finance.

##### Organisation of Playschemes 1994

C.B.C. Leisure Services will provide a staffed Play Day at the Village Hall on Thursday, 31st. March. A key holder is asked to meet the team at 9am and 5pm at the Hall. Clerk and Mr. Jacklin to arrange to cover this.

Siting of the Last Two Dog Waste Bins

Mr. Grace has been instructed to carry out the installation. The Byelaws have been returned to the Department of the Environment to await the signature of the Secretary of State.

Replacement Tree Planting

The planting in Back Lane, Old Church Road and Rettendon Road has been carried out and marked with 2"x 2" posts. The replacement silver birch for Bridon close is on order. Clerk is to write to the Gas Co. and Tech. Services informing them about the planting.

Rose Cottages

Env. & Plan. has replied that the activities behind Rose Cottages are legal. The owners of October Lodge have bought some of the land to enlarge their property. Clerk is to ask Env. & Plan. what the owners of October Lodge could do as General Development on the site.

Street Lights

Tech. Services has acknowledged Clerk's letters about failed street lights. If the failures are caused by defective service cables, Eastern Electricity will be instructed to carry out the repair. E.E. gives low priority to street lighting. Clerk to write to E.E.

Traffic Management, The Tye

The traffic calming scheme has been added to the Minor Scheme Database for allocation of a working priority at the March C.B.C. Highways Committee meeting. Clerk is to ask what the likely timetable is.

It was noted that the School sign by the Old Post Office was to have been moved nearer to the School but a junction sign has appeared at that spot. Clerk is to ask why.

Traffic Survey

The independent survey substantiated the police survey. It was a useful exercise and will be of value when responding to complaints about traffic speed.

Local Charities Advice Service

The Service will be launched at Boreham on 15th. February. The information is to be passed to H.F.C.

Reorganisation of Local Government

A letter has been received from the Liberal Democrat Group at E.C.C. Clerk is to politely decline.

Chairman and Vice Chairman are to attend the meeting at C.B.C. on 31st. January.

Proposed Gypsy Site - Barnards Farm

A letter was received from the Department of the Environment stating that E.C.C. had been instructed not to grant planning permission without the authorization of the Secretary of State.

Circular 1/94 stated that with immediate effect: no funding would be available from central government for gypsy sites; gypsy sites no longer have special status in the green belt; councils are no longer required to provide sites.

All members of the C.B.C. Planning Committee were sent copies of the submission to the County Planner, Circular 1/94 and letter from D.O.E. All Committee members visited the site.

C.B.C. Planning Committee voted in favour of the site. C.B.C. officers are strongly in its favour because it is a means to end the Runwell site.

Chairman said that P.C. had made the best effort possible but had not succeeded.

Clerk is to circulate press cuttings about the site, let Simon Burns know latest developments, and also put latest developments in the Newsletter.

The County Councillor is to be asked what is happening. Members of the Committee considering the application should be lobbied if it is still going ahead.

The next lobbying exercise to E.C.C. is to be drafted.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

##### Mid Essex Community Health Council

The minutes and Mrs. Chadwick's notes have been circulated.

##### Clerk's Course

The next residential school will take place in the Forest of Dean, beginning on 17th. March. It will be shorter than planned, lasting three instead of four days.

##### Back Lane

Mrs. Chadwick has written about the flooding of the road. Clerk is to ask Tech. Services to inspect the ditch behind the Filliol Close houses. Env./Planning is to be asked to remove the accumulated rubbish in the ditch. Mrs. Chadwick is to be informed.

#### FINANCE

##### Old Noticeboard

Mr. Crace has quoted £100 to refurbish the noticeboard and install it with 6 paving slabs in front. It was agreed that Clerk should instruct him to undertake the work.

##### Mowing

Clerk had obtained three quotations for mowing. It was agreed that the Essex Landscape Services quotation was the most favourable, and therefore Clerk was instructed to inform E.L.S. that their three year contract has been accepted.

##### Litter Bin

The litter bin beside 2 Ashley Green is life expired and needs replacing. It was agreed that a replacement should be sited on the Tye beside the pyracantha, because of the rubbish which accumulates at that point and the questionable ownership of the verge at the end of Ashley Green.

Clerk is to find prices of timber clad bins and was instructed to order a bin if the price plus carriage is under a limit of £150.

##### Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Essex Landscape Services	£148.05 Mowing;
Cheltenham & Glouc. College	£375.00 Course Fee;
Society Local Council Clerks	£29.00 Annual Subscription 1994;
Galaxy Stationers	£82.04 Photocopying;
Public Works Loan Account	£248.36 Field Loan;
J. Crace	£19.50 Repair of Bus Shelter;
Essex County Council	£25.03 Office Supplies;
K. Plumridge	£60.25 Reimbursements;
R. Harvey	£30.00 Grounds work.

Tree - Ashley Green

A newly planted tree in Ashley Green has had its crown broken off. Clerk is to find out prices of replacements with a view to planting a stronger tree. Clerk was instructed to order the replacement from D. Clark should the cost be under a limit of £50.

PLANNING93/CHL/1545 East Hanningfield C. of E. Primary School

Clerk responded to this application in consultation with councillors. There was no objection to the proposed 20'x 10' storage shed.

94/CHL/0025 & 0026LB The Windmill P.H., The Tye

There was no objection to the proposed demolition of the shed and erection of a bottle store.

Appeal - 93/CHL/1123 St. Giles Lodge

An appeal has been lodged against the refusal of planning permission. The inspector's decision letter is to be requested.

Appeal - 93/CHL/173 Al Salvage, Morelands Industrial Estate

An appeal has been lodged against refusal of planning permission. The inspector's decision letter is to be requested.

Appeal Decision - 93/CHL/0889/OL Long Meadow, Back Lane

The appeal against refusal of planning permission to build four houses with garages has been dismissed.

Chelmsford Borough Local Plan

Representation 892 - Failure to include R.H.S. gardens at Hyde Hall in the Plan.

Response - The Inspector is requested to recommend that the Proposed Change No. 92 as set out below be incorporated into the Plan.

"The Borough Council supports the Royal Horticultural Society's development of Hyde Hall Garden, Rettendon through the provision of new facilities and expansion of the garden area within a wider landscaped setting, including planting of areas of new woodland, in accordance with a comprehensive master plan for the site. Any proposals will be considered in the context of the general planning policies affecting the area and especially having regard to traffic impact, routing and access."

Representation 893 - Main Road from Cornerways Cottage to Dayes Hill is a protected lane and should be included in the Proposals Map.

Response - The map in the ownership of the P.C. is in error. It is requested that no change be made to the Protected Lanes notations.

Representation 894 - P.C. supports the Danbury Ridge Conservation Zone but wishes to see it extended to the defined settlement boundary.

Response - The Inspector is requested to support the boundary of the Danbury Ridge Conservation Zone as defined on Insert Map 14.

Representation 895 - P.C. wanted the second sentence in Paragraph 4.23 to read;

"The Borough Council is committed to urging British Rail to increase the capacity of the rail network and improve its rail service including the provision of a new station in the vicinity of Springfield and an additional line."

Response - The Inspector is requested not to accept this representation.

Representation 898 - P.C. supports policy REC 13 which seeks to increase access for walkers and riders in the countryside, but asks for the definitive map to be updated.

Response - The Inspector is asked to note the support for REC 13 and to refuse to include reference to the updating of the definitive map.

The UK Environmental Foresight Project

Clerk is to attempt to obtain or borrow a copy of Volume 2 'Road Transport and the Environment: The Future Agenda in the UK'. The purchase price is £43.

VILLAGE SHOPS

After studying the Rural Development Commission's report P.C. concluded that there should be a mandatory rate relief for village shops and that farm shops should be strictly controlled to prevent them selling imported goods. Without such control, farm shops can create unfair competition for village shops because they do not pay the same rates.

P.C. is to meet the shop keeper to ask whether he has any additional points.

AIRCRAFT

There appears to be a new air lane above East Hanningfield crossing South to North. The Chairman recently witnessed what appeared to be a near miss. One aircraft was travelling East to West and the other South to North. The aircraft travelling from the South appeared to dive to avoid the other aircraft. Clerk is to ask the C.A.A. whether there has been a near miss recently and what rules there are governing lanes crossing.

RECYCLING CENTRE

Councillors are to seek to identify sites in the village. It was noted that there is no space available in the Village Hall car park.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

Parish Council Centenary

This is to be an Agenda item in February. A working party may be formed.

Pan Lane Finger Post

The concrete post by the S bend has been broken. Tech. Services is to be informed that P.C. has a spare post.

The Tye Footway

The footway is frequently flooded. This is because it is lower than the road. A gully has been dug to drain it, but the problem can only be dealt with properly when the footway is resurfaced at some time in the future.

The Main Road

At a point opposite the Bicknacre Road junction, the surface of the road has broken away revealing a previous surface. Tech. Services to be informed.

During the holiday the Main Road flooded at the end of the Village Hall Chase. C.B.C. emergency team were called out to deal with it. Problem will repeat if no action taken. Clerk is to suggest to Tech. Services that either a wider diameter pipe is installed under the road or a grill is put on the present pipe to stop debris entering it and suggest site meeting.

Verge Opposite Bicknacre Road Junction

The Water Company has agreed to turf the area as soon as the weather permits. Tech. Services is monitoring the situation.

Three Horse Shoes Public House

The pot holes have not been repaired. P.C. is not aware of the present ownership of the P.H. Clerk is to write to the live in manager to tell him about the responsibilities of the lessee.

Old Church Road/Pan Lane Junction

The road is still flooding at this point.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.25.

AGENDA

There appears to be a new air lane above East Handfield crossing South to North. The Chairman recently witnessed what appeared to be a near miss. One aircraft was travelling East to West and the other South to North. The aircraft travelling from the South appeared to dive to avoid the other aircraft. Clerk is to ask the O.A.A. whether there has been a near miss recently and what rules are governing lanes crossing.

RECYCLING CENTRE

Councillors are to seek to identify sites in the village. It was noted that there is no space available in the Village Hall car park.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

Parish Council's Agenda

This is to be an Agenda item in February. A working party may be formed for Lane Lane Foot. The concrete post by the 2 head has been broken. Tech. Services is to be informed that P.C. has a spare post.

The Footway

The footway is (repeatedly) flooded. This is because it is lower than the road. A gulley has been dug to drain it, but the problem can only be dealt with properly when the footway is resurfaced at some time in the future.

The Main Road

At a point opposite the Bicknacre Road Junction, the surface of the road has broken away revealing a previous surface. Tech. Services is to be informed.

During the holiday the Main Road flooded at the end of the Village Hall. Clerk, O.B.C. emergency team were called out to deal with it. Problem will repeat if no action taken. Clerk is to suggest to Tech. Services that either a wider diameter pipe is installed under the road or a gully is put on the present pipe to stop debris entering it and suggest also meeting

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24th. February, 1994 at 8.04 pm in the Village Hall.

#### PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Applegate, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range and the Clerk.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The following amendments were made to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th. January, 1994:

- i. Page 76, under the heading 'Reorganisation of Local Government', the sentence beginning "Clerk has booked a place" was deleted.
- ii. Page 79, under the heading 'VILLAGE SHOPS', the second sentence was amended to read "Without such control, farm shops can create unfair competition for village shops because they do not pay the same rates."
- iii. Page 79, under the heading 'Parish Council Centenary', in the second sentence "is to" was replaced by "may".

The Minutes were then signed as a true record of the previous Meeting.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Old Church Road/Pan Lane Junction

Clerk has reminded Tech. Services about the flooding.

##### Traffic Management, The Tye

The Chairman has spoken to Mr. Gill about the proposed scheme. Mr. Gill intends that the scheme should attain a high enough priority to be carried out in the 94/95 financial year and hopefully in the Autumn. Mr. Gill is also arranging for the School traffic sign to be moved on to the post which now holds the junction sign. The SLOW is to be painted in the new position, but when this will happen depends on the white lining company.

Clerk is to ask about a new design for the sign pointing to the Village Hall Chase.

P.C. wishes to be consulted about the design of the proposed 'village gate'.

##### Post Office Robbery

It was noted that the accused was found guilty and sentenced to eight years imprisonment and that the three child witnesses received rewards.

##### Fly Tipping

A car dumped into a field south of Willis Farm, was dragged out on to the verge by the farmer. The Police are aware and Tech. Services will be removing the car shortly.

##### Three Horse Shoes Public House

Clerk is to write to the publican about the condition of the car park, which has not been repaired, and to send a copy for the management.

The turf on the island where the pub sign stands has been badly damaged by vehicle tyres. It was decided that the grass needs protection by immovable posts or bollards. This matter is to be considered under finance.

Cobbs

On 2nd. February, the Chairman and Vice Chairman had a meeting with the Cobb management. It was ascertained that the Back Butts developments are in accordance with planning permission, the temporary road has gone and planting will take place in the Autumn. There are no new developments planned at the moment. The sound proofing of the carpenters' workshop is in hand and goes beyond the Borough Council's requirements. The drilling which had taken place on Saturday afternoons could not have been done while normal work was in progress. Ch. & V.Ch. suggested that when such work is to be done neighbours should be given warning, as they should when the generator is tested. Cobb is looking to buy Sovereign Farm, which would provide another access, but it is not presently for sale. It was noted that people using the public footpath through the site usually do not follow its true course, but this is not a problem. The incinerator is now out beyond Back Butts. There is still an extant planning permission for an extension to the main hatchery.

Reorganisation of Local Government

Mr. Jacklin and Mr. Gordon attended the E.A.L.C. meeting on 17th. February. Two commissioners who were present summarised the situation. The government cannot instruct the commissioners to reject the status quo and the commissioners are not able to discuss or decide the role of parish councils. Mr. Adcock spoke on behalf of E.C.C. and Mr. Plumridge spoke on behalf of the districts. The districts are to meet on 10th. March in order to agree a policy.

The following points were concluded from the meeting:

- i. It is very important for parish councils to make submissions;
- ii. It is very important for parish councils to submit a reaction to the consultation paper;
- iii. Submissions must be short and to the point;
- iv. The Commission has an open mind;
- v. It will be possible to submit representations even later;
- vi. Some strategic services could stay county wide without a county council;
- vii. There is general acceptance of the role of parish councils.

At the Chelmsford Borough Council meeting with parish councils at South Woodham Ferrers there was a review of where the districts stand. C.B.C. could be a unitary authority in its own right because of its population but Maldon is smaller and not able geographically to join with other districts so is quite likely to join with Chelmsford. Brentwood District Council does not wish to be grouped with any of its neighbours but might join with Chelmsford. There would be more electors per unitary authority councillor than there are presently per Borough councillor.

This is to be an Agenda item for the March meeting.

The documents are to be re-circulated.

It was decided to consult the community after the first phase when there will be some proposals for them to react to.

Power Cuts

Mr. Catchpole has offered to attend a P.C. Meeting to answer questions about the electricity supply. Clerk is to invite him to attend the April Meeting.

Byelaws for the Control of Dogs

The byelaws have been endorsed on behalf of the Secretary of State and are to come into force on 1st. April. Clerk is to produce a publicity package for a leaflet drop and inspect posts for suitability for the byelaw signs.

Proposed Gypsy Site, Barnards Farm

The Clerk has spoken to the Deputy County Planner who gave her the following information:

i. A more detailed application, including the warden's accommodation and sewage plant, is to be advertised for consultation;

ii. The Gypsy Sites Group is being advised that the County Planner will be unable to support the application because it is in the Green Belt;

iii. The Gypsy Sites Group, at the meeting on 3rd. March, might decide to continue with the planning application because Circular 1/94 is a planning matter and will therefore be taken into account by the Development Control Committee;

iv. E.C.C. is waiting for the outcome of the Runwell appeal and the Criminal Justice Bill;

v. The Deputy County Planner is to send P.C. a copy of the Agenda for the Gypsy Sites Meeting, which covers the C.J. Bill, Circ. 1/94 etc.

Clerk is to write to the members of the Gypsy Sites Group about P.C.'s objections to the site including the now legitimate green belt objection.

Clerk is to ask the D.o.E. to keep P.C. informed.

Clerk is to write to Simon Burns, MP to keep him informed.

West Hanningfield has asked the University of London whether it would be able to carry out a pollution survey with projections for the new A130. The University says that it cannot provide projections and would have to take readings at a location considered to be equivalent to the future A130. West Hanningfield P.C. is asking P.C. to jointly fund the testing. Clerk is to decline W.H.P.C.'s offer because it is not possible to identify a comparable site for testing and the result would not be clear cut.

E.A.L.C. General Meeting

The Minutes of the Executive meeting held on 27th. January have been circulated.

The Tye Footway

The gulleys by the telephone box are not working so road water runs on to the Tye. Tech. Services is to be informed.

Drainage on the Tye is to be an Agenda item for the March Meeting. A drainage consultant is to be consulted about drainage in front of the Post Office Stores.

Clerk is to write to Essex Water Co. repeating the request for a comprehensive plan for the renewal of the water main. Water Co. staff observed that the main is very old. Other mains in the village have not burst.

CORRESPONDENCERoad Safety Advisory Panel

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th. December have been received. Mr. Applegate reported that he was advised that P.C. should write to the Police at South Woodham Ferrers to report the problem about cars parking on the double yellow lines in front of the garage beside the Rettendon Bell. Clerk is to do this. It was also reported that Mr. Killick, the Road Safety Officer, is retiring shortly.

Mayor's Parlour

The Mayor is inviting councillors to apply for tickets for a fund raising evening in aid of the Chelmsford Hospice.

A.C.D.P.C.

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th. October and the Agenda for the meeting on 3rd. March have been received.

Cornhill Insurance

A claim form has been received from Cornhill so that Clerk can make a claim for the stolen Hayter. The hayter was found to have disappeared from the container by the tennis courts on Sunday, 30th. January. The padlock was also missing from the container. The incident was reported to the Police by Mr. Plumridge who gave a statement on 31st. January. Mr. Jacklin is to obtain three quotes for a replacement before the Clerk makes a claim on the insurance. It was decided that the replacement hayter will not be kept in the container.

R.C.C.E. Conference - "Hold Very Tight Please"

This conference about care in the community is to take place at the Essex Show Ground Pavilion on 26th. April. Mr. Gordon expressed interest and will inform the Clerk if he is able to attend.

The Future of Plastic Surgery and Burns Services

P.C. supports the proposed move to Broomfield Hospital where supporting specialist services are available.

Best Kept Village Competition

It was decided to enter again this year. Clerk is to contact Mrs. Gordon for advice about the application.

FINANCE

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Public Works Loan Account	£858.75	Hall Loan;
D.F. Clark Contractors	£82.25	Replacement Planting;
R. Harvey	£15.00	Grounds Work;
K. Plumridge	£4.35	Reimbursements.

Deposits

The following cheques have been deposited in the P.O. Account:

Baddow Plumbing Services	£10.00	Newsletter income;
Hanningfield Motor Co.	£10.00	" "

Replacement Tree, Ashley Green

Mr. Clark has quoted £36 to replace the tree with a similar size, 10-12cm, mountain ash, £43 for 12-14cm and £59 for 14-16cm. It was decided to order the 12-14cm tree at £43.

Litter Bin

In accordance with instructions given by P.C. at the previous Meeting, Clerk ordered a timber slatted bin from Neptune Outdoor Furniture at a cost of £116 & VAT. The price includes carriage. It will require a chain to attach the liner to the bin.

Wooden Stakes - The Tye

Prices are to be sought for the installation of stakes around the grass island near the Three Horse Shoes P.H.

PLANNING94/CHL/0124 Highfield Cottage, Highfield Mead

There were no objections to the proposed single storey extension.

Chelmsford Borough Local Plan

Representation 896, P.C. supports Paragraph 5.26 but wishes to see active encouragement of recreational uses of Hanningfield Reservoir, as it is an under-utilised resource.

Response,- The Inspector is requested to have regard to the sensitive nature of Hanningfield Reservoir and not recommend any modification to the text of paragraph 5.26 of the Deposit Draft.

Representation 897, P.C. supports the retention of the defined settlement boundary.

Response, - The Inspector is requested to support the defined settlement boundary as shown on Proposals Map Inset 14.

VILLAGE SHOPS

Clerk is to respond to C.B.C. as decided at the January Meeting. Chairman and Vice Chairman are to ask the shop keeper if he has any further comments. Clerk is to refer to the recent edition of Rural Viewpoint.

PARISH COUNCIL CENTENARY

Mr. Range, Mr. Applegate and Mr. Bennett are to form a working party to consider ways of marking the centenary. The Parochial Church council and H.F.C. are holding a joint fund raising fete on 10th. September and has invited P.C. to be involved.

RECYCLING CENTRE

This item is to come back to the next Meeting.

MATTERS FOR REPORTHighfields Numbering

The cul-de-sac where the odd numbers from 1 to 15 are situated often receives delivery vehicles which are intending to deliver to the even numbers. Clerk has written to Tech. Services on this subject before, and is to write again to request that a sign is installed indicating that there are only odd numbers in the cul-de-sac.

Speed Limit Signs

The 30mph signs at the entrances to Ashley Green and Highfields Mead have lost their red colouring through weathering. Clerk is to inform Tech. Services that the signs are life expired.

High Water Farm

Clerk is to inform Planning about the sign which is permanently at the entrance, publicising an event in May.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.39 pm.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24th. March, 1994 at 7.35 pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Parker, Mr. Range and the Clerk. Mr. Triggs of Chelmsford Borough Council Planning Department and Mrs. Warsop were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Applegate.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 24th. February, 1994.

Mr. Parker arrived at this point and apologised for his late arrival.

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs. Warsop told P.C. about an event which is being advertised in a nationwide magazine and which is to take place at 'High Water Farm' on 1st. & 2nd. May. She asked to whom she should be writing to report events taking place at the site.

Chairman replied that the footpath and verge problems should be reported to C.B.C. Tech. Services. Residents are asked to record all events, including dates and other details, and report them to C.B.C. Planning.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cobbs

Mr. Gordon asked for information about the outstanding planning permission with regard to Cobbs. This was granted in 1991 and was to enlarge the accommodation at the main building.

It was agreed that P.C. should be more positive about making arrangements for meetings with the Cobb management.

The Tye

Mr. Crace has quoted for the installation of posts on the Tye, on the grass island. This item to be considered under Finance.

Insurance

Clerk has returned the completed claim form with three quotes for replacement of the hayter. Cornhill has instructed P.C. to replace the mower.

Parish Council Centenary

The Essex Records Office has offered to lend P.C. a mobile display about the centenary. Clerk is to apply to borrow the display for the fete on 10th. September.

The Centenary Working Party has produced a list of possible ways of celebrating or marking the Centenary and is to investigate the costs of the various options and bring the results back to the April or May Meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Working Party for their efforts.

At this point, 8.05 pm, the Meeting adjourned for a presentation by Mr. Paul Triggs, Development Control Manager C.B.C. on the subject of General Development Orders, and re-convened at 9.04.

#### Tree Planting

Mr. Clark has replaced the mountain Ash in Ashley Green but not the silver birch in Bridon Close. He has assured Mr. Parker that the silver birch will be planted before the end of March which is the end of the planting season. Clerk reported that C.B.C. contractors, Richard Chapman, had been pruning the trees in Ashley Green this week.

#### High Water Farm

C.B.C. Planning has sent a map showing that the pond has been in existence for some considerable time.

The signs which are at the entrance are permitted and in addition on the 14 or 28 days when the land is in lawful use up to 4.6m square of free standing advertising or advertising on the perimeter is permitted without prior consent.

#### Eastern Electricity

Mr. Catchpole is to attend the next Meeting which will start half an hour earlier than usual at 7.30 pm.

#### Drainage Back Lane & Old Church Road

Tech. Services replies that problems are due, in the main, to lack of hedge and ditch maintenance. These matters are being taken up with the land owners concerned, but in the meantime some work will be carried out by C.B.C.

Clerk is to remind land owners through the Newsletter that they have a responsibility to maintain roadside hedges and ditches.

#### Flooding, Main Road, The Tye

Tech. Services does not want to enlarge the culvert, but says that a grill would be possible. Clerk to arrange a site meeting with Mr. Dobinson or Mr. Gordon as soon as possible.

#### Traffic Calming

The traffic gateway scheme was to be submitted to the Highways committee on 17th. March. The school sign is now closer to the school entrance.

#### 30 MPH Signs

The signs are to be replaced. Clerk is to ask for the faded sign at the Old School end of Back Lane to be replaced as well.

#### Highfields Mead Numbering

The odd numbers are to be marked with a sign.

#### Aircraft

Clerk's letter to the C.A.A. was passed on to the Joint Airmiss Section. There has been no report of a near miss in the area of East Hanningfield since August 1989. The reply confirms the existence of the East West flight path but says that aircraft flying South North are light aircraft skirting the eastern edge of the London Movement Area.

Clerk is to write again because the aircraft seen flying S.N. are not light aircraft.

#### Proposed Gypsy Site, Barnards Farm

Clerk attended the Gypsy Sites Group Meeting on 3rd. March. The Group agreed to continue with the proposed site.

A letter has been received from Simon Burns about a question he asked the Secretary of State in the House of Commons. The application before the D.O.E. will be determined under the existing system.

The determination of the appeal regarding the Runwell site is awaited.

Byelaws for the Control of Dogs

Clerk has received a Good Dog Campaign package from Pedigree Petfoods and is to send for leaflets and posters which are free of charge. Clerk is to order two more signs, one for the car park area near the Village Hall and one for the entrance to the Tye from the Rettendon direction.

CORRESPONDENCEMid Essex Community Health Council

Mrs. Chadwick's notes and the minutes of the meetings have been circulated.

National Spring Clean 94

The Spring Clean takes place 15th. - 24th. April which is too early for the Best Kept Village comp. tidy-up. It was decided to have the tidy-up on 7th. May when the bulk refuse vehicle will be present to take away the litter collected. Mr. Applegate has offered to make the arrangements for the tidy-up.

Clerk is to produce leaflets.

Application for Transfer of Justices' Licence - Plough and Sail

P.C. has no objection to the transfer of licence to David John Matthews and Nicholas Edward Hearfield at the Transfer Session on 14th. June, 1994.

Youth Bus

Clerk has booked the Village Hall for the Youth Bus on 16th. August and is presently making arrangements for the two Sportsmobile visits.

Mayor's Parishes Evening

P.C. is asked to nominate four people from the parish. Mr. Gordon as Parish Councillor and Mrs. Gordon as Church Warden and Local History Recorder are to let the Clerk know as soon as possible whether or not they are able to attend. Clerk is to ask Mr. Larkman as Chairman of the School Governors whether he would like to attend.

Association of Chelmsford District Parish Councils

Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd. March have been received and are to be circulated.

Locomotive Software

Clerk has received information about two further sets of fonts which are available for Locoscript 3 users. P.C. decided not to purchase these.

FINANCECheques

Between Meetings the following cheque was signed:

The Printing Place                    £141.00    March Newsletter.

The following cheques were signed:

Neptune Outdoor Furniture    £136.30    Litter Bin;

Galaxy Ind. Services                    £13.16    Photocopying & stationery;

J. Grace                                    £143.00    Installation of bins etc.;

K. Plumridge                            £383.15    Salary & reimbursements.

Bank Charges

Barclays debited £6 from the Current Account on 6th. March for returning cheques.

Interest

The National Savings Account earned £542.19 in interest during 1993 and the Deposit Account earned £10.17 in the second half of 1993.

Posts on the Tye

Mr. Crace has quoted £125 to install seven 4"x 4" posts. He is to be asked to quote for oak posts and to proceed with the installation if the quote does not exceed £200.

Replacement Mower

Cowies have quoted £880 & VAT for a replacement Osprey Hayter. This is the lowest of the three quotes and therefore Cowies are to be asked to supply the new mower.

Signs

Clerk is to order two 'Clean it up' signs for the dog byelaw areas. The cost is £11.75 & VAT from Key Industrial Equipment Ltd. Clerk is to look for a suitable replacement 'RAMP' sign to stand beside the P.O.

Office Equipment

Clerk had found out that if the P.C. was to buy a FAX machine it would have to be the first item of equipment on the line, which would mean installing it in her bedroom which she felt was not a suitable place. There was also the problem that a line supports 4 REMs and her line is already using 4. The answer would be either to drop the idea of a FAX or to install another line for P.C. use. P.C. decided to abandon the idea of a FAX and instructed the Clerk to seek prices for a suitable answerphone.

Council Tax

Mr. Range commented that although there is a real reduction in the parish rate it was not apparent from the literature sent out by C.B.C. to council tax payers.

PLANNING94/CHL/0206 St. Giles Lodge, Bicknacre Road

Clerk responded to this application in consultation with councillors, as a response was required by 9th. March.

There was no objection to the proposed fence but P.C. is concerned about the proliferation of such fences and would resist any further segmentation of the area.

Appeal Decision - 93/CHL/1123 St. Giles Lodge

The appeal against refusal of planning permission for a stable block has been dismissed.

Chelmsford Borough Local Plan

Rep. No. CG54 - P.C. objected to the proposed change to the Defined Settlement Boundary to include more than half the school grounds and the Village Hall Chase.

Response- Inspector is requested to retain the D.S.B. as in the Deposit Plan.

REORGANISATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Clerk is to send the following comments to the Commissioners:

1. The Parish Council is sceptical about the benefits of reorganisation and is of the opinion that there should be no changes made without it having been satisfactorily demonstrated that they would result in greater efficiency and lower costs.
2. The Parish Council is concerned about the future of county wide services, which for practical reasons need to serve a large area.
3. The Parish Council is looking for an enhanced role with requisite funding for those local councils who want it.

RECYCLING CENTRE

This Item was postponed until the next Meeting because the Meeting was running late.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

Service 11

There appears to have been an alteration to the timetable, so that the bus taking school children to Chelmsford now leaves at the earlier time of 7.37am arriving in Chelmsford at 7.58. This matter is to be investigated and new timetables sought from E.C.C.

Hyde Hall

Planning permission for a grain store opposite Ilgars Manor has been granted. The Royal Horticultural Society is going about the development of Hyde Hall piecemeal, but there is nothing that can be done about it.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.59.

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 28th. April, 1994 at 7.35 pm in the Village Hall.

The Chairman asked for it to be minuted that a typographical error had caused the Meeting to be advertised as Thursday, 29th. April instead of 28th. On seeking advice from E.A.L.C. it was decided to proceed with the Meeting because it would not be reasonable for anyone to think that the Meeting was to be held on the following day, bearing in mind that P.C. Meetings are always held on the fourth Thursday of the month and anyone in doubt about the date of the Meeting could have asked for it to be confirmed.

#### PRESENT

Mr. Dixon in the Chair, Mr. Jacklin, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Gordon, Mr. Range and the Clerk. Mr. Applegate arrived later. Mr. Hill of Eastern Electricity was in attendance.

#### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. Applegate had informed the Clerk that his arrival would be delayed.

#### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 24th. March, 1994.

The Meeting adjourned at 7.40 for a presentation by Mr. Hill of Eastern Electricity Plc. who described the circumstances which led to the December power cuts and how the various lines come into the village, the local maintenance programme and E.E. policy regarding undergrounding of lines. He invited members to visit Chelmsford or Ipswich to see E.E. operations.

The Meeting resumed at 9 pm with Mr. Applegate present.

#### MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

##### Parish Council Centenary

The exhibition is already booked for a period covering 10th. September. Clerk is to find out who has booked it so that they can be asked whether they are using it on that day.

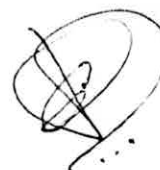
##### Posts - The Tye

Mr. Crace's quotation for the installation of oak posts was less than £200 so he was instructed to proceed and the posts have now been installed.

##### Replacement Mower

The new hayter has been delivered and security marked. A copy of the invoice has been sent to Cornhill Insurance. Cornhill imposes an excess of £250 if a mower is stolen within twelve months of a previous theft and recommends storage at private premises.

It was noted that the lock which replaced the missing lock on the storage container has been destroyed.



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Service 11

The bus company originally said that the timetable change had not caused a cut in service but this was found to be incorrect. The 7.37 am bus for Chelmsford is too early for the school children because they have a long wait in Chelmsford before they can go into school, so a new service is to start for them which will leave at 7.50 or 7.55. This will begin on 9th. May if permission can be obtained from the Traffic Commissioners. New timetable leaflets which include the Sunday Service are to be requested.

Tree Planting

The silver birch has been replaced at Bridon Close. Clerk reported that two oak saplings near Cornerways Cottage are dead. Mr. Parker is to investigate.

Dog Byelaw Signs

Permission has been received from BT for the fixing of byelaw signs to their poles, but only if they are poles which do not carry electricity.

Local Government Commission

The Commission has acknowledged receipt of P.C.'s representation.

Drainage Back Lane & The Tye

The Chairman, Mr. Jacklin and the Clerk met Mr. Dobinson and Mr. Gordon of C.B.C. Tech. Services for a site meeting on 18th. April. Tech. Services is to consider piping the water from the ditch in front of the P.O. garden across in front of the Old Forge, whereas at the moment it is carried along the ditch behind the Old Forge. The culvert under the road near the School Chase is to be cleared and a grill put in front of it on the Lawns side to prevent debris from the ditch entering it. Ponding alongside kerbs will be cleared by jetting drains. Chairman took Mr. Dobinson and Mr. Gordon to see South Gibcracks corner. Works in Back Lane and Old Church Road have been done since the site meeting.

Mr. Parker reported that on Friday, 15th. April, drainage pipes had been deposited on the green at Bridon Close, but had been removed at his request.

High Water Farm

A flag pole has appeared on the site, but C.B.C. Planning say that it is permitted because it flies the Union Flag and not an advertisement. The mud carried on to the road from the site is a police matter.

CORRESPONDENCERAYNET

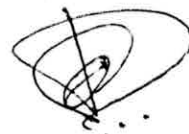
The Chelmsford District Group of RAYNET is offering its services for use in emergencies. Mr. Gordon is to contact Kelvin Ward at C.B.C. to find out more.

Mayor

The Mayor Elect has invited the Chairman to attend the Mayor's Enclosure at the Essex County Cricket Club on 5th. June. The Chairman and Vice Chairman are to discuss this in time to respond to the Mayor's Secretary.

Sportsmobile

Clerk has booked the Village Hall (in case of rain) for the Sportsmobile visits on Thursday, 4th. August 1.30-4.30pm and Thursday 11th. August 9.30am-12.30pm. It was decided that children should have free entry to the coaching sessions, so that no-one should be discouraged from joining in because of cost.



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Three Horseshoes P.H.

Clerk wrote to Intreprenuer asking to whom she should be writing about the Three Horseshoes because the matter of the condition of the car park had not been resolved. A reply was received from Grand Metropolitan Estates saying that a surveyor was to be sent to investigate. It was noted that the pot holes have been filled.

St. Peter's Way

County Council Planning has asked for the names of the owners of land through which St. Peter's Way passes. Mr. Parker has compiled a list which the Clerk will forward to E.C.C.

N.A.L.C. Consultancy Services

This information is to be retained on file.

E.A.L.C.

The adjourned Special General Meeting is to take place on 4th. May. The subject is to be the Affiliation Fees.

Clerk noted that a small increase in the size of the Electoral Register means that East Hanningfield has moved up one place on the fees scale.

The Chairmens Conference is to take place on 14th. May.

The N.A.L.C. Briefing on Rural Telephone Services is to take place on 25th. May.

Police Organization

A letter has been received and circulated explaining the Operational Divisional Management Teams.

Goods Vehicle Operators' Licensing

P.C. has been informed as a interested party that a Public Inquiry was to take place at the Miami Hotel on 22nd. April regarding Al Salvage at Morelands Industrial Estate.

FINANCE

Cheques

The following cheques were signed:

Galaxy Ind. Services	£3.11	Photocopying;
D.F. Clark	£50.53	Replacement sorbus tree;
J. Grace	£150.00	Posts on Tye & fix signs;
Cowies Eastern Tractors	£1,034.00	Replacement Hayter mower;
Cornhill Insurance	£194.62	Renewal;
K. Plumridge	£48.68	Reimbursements;
Hanna's Field Charity	£39.40	Rent for play scheme;
R. Harvey	£69.32	Grounds work & petrol.

Deposits

The following amounts have been deposited in the National Savings Account:

British Gas	£47.00	Tree planting compensation;
Baddow Plumbing Services	£10.00	Newsletter income;
K. Bond	£10.00	Newsletter income;
Hanningfield Motor Co.	£10.00	Newsletter income.

The Accounts

The Chairman signed the completed accounts for the year 1993/94.

Office Equipment

Messrs. Range, Bennett and Gordon are to form a working party to look at the photocopier and telephone answering machine which the Clerk is recommending for purchase. A decision is to be made at the May Meeting.

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Signage

C.B.C. is to be asked whether it is necessary to mark a speed ramp with a sign.

Although it was agreed to order a set of glass reinforced plastic byelaws for the back of the Tye noticeboard, Clerk was instructed to wait until it was decided whether to order a similar set for Hanna's Field. Clerk is to find out whether or not it would be permissible for the byelaws to be on display on the inside of the Village Hall front window.

PLANNING94/CHL/0470 2 Highlands Cottages, Southend Road, Rettendon

There were no objections to the proposed single storey extension.

94/CHL/0377 Little Claydons Farm, Old Southend Road

As comment was required by 19th. April, Clerk responded to this application in consultation with councillors. There was no objection to the proposed removal of existing 587sqm buildings and erection of a new 840sqm turkey breeding and preparation building.

94/CHL/0394 10 Clinton Close

As comment was required by 21st. April, Clerk responded to this application in consultation with councillors. There was no objection to the proposed conservatory.

94/CHL/0341 Highlands Farm, Southend Road, Rettendon

As comment was required by 7th. April, Clerk responded to this application in consultation with councillors. P.C. objects most strongly to the application to use the poultry house for Class B2 general industrial use for a temporary period of 3 years. Should this application be successful it would set a dangerous precedent for the many other agricultural buildings in the countryside beyond the green belt and especially for those beside the A130. The intention of the Local Plan and County Structure Plan is that industrial activities should be confined to pre-set areas. If this application and the application for a certificate of lawful use for a neighbouring building on the site are successful a new industrial centre will have been established contrary to the Local Plan.

CLEUD/CHL/0003/94 Highlands Farm, Southend Road, Rettendon

As comment was required by 7th. April, Clerk responded to this application in consultation with councillors. The document given as evidence of use of the building for restoration and storage of agricultural machinery by Mr. Waskett is not on headed paper and is not signed, and is therefore not considered to be conclusive proof in its own right. Is there further supporting documentary evidence such as rent books etc.? P.C. was not aware of this activity taking place and had it been aware would have asked enforcement staff to investigate, as the Council does not wish to see agricultural buildings being used for industrial purposes without planning permission and is anxious that no precedent should be set for such development.

Proposed Gypsy Site - Barnards Farm

The appeal against enforcement has been upheld at the Runwell site, so E.C.C. has abandoned its plan to develop the proposed site at Barnards Farm. Clerk is to announce this in the June Newsletter and to write to Simon Burns thanking him for his interest and involvement.

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RECYCLING CENTRE

P.C. has been unable to identify a suitable site for a recycling centre but is to give the Road Stone Depot some thought. Clerk is to find out sites of nearest recycling centres for parishioners' information.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

P.O. Chase KEEP CLEAR

The repainting is awaited.

P.O. Chase Ditch

The ditch at the far end of the Chase is blocked and there is a pool of stagnant water. This is the responsibility of the land owner. Possibly Chennells or Cobb.

30MPH Sign

The sign just North of the Cornerways bend has fallen over. The nearby village sign needs cleaning.

Cobb Award

Congratulations are to be sent should it be thought appropriate when details of the award are known.

The Tye

The Water Co. has re-turfed near the telephone kiosk. Bollards are to be placed on the corner to protect the turf.

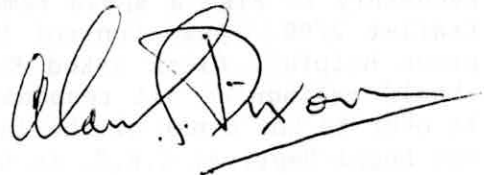
Village Hall Car Park

Quotes are being sought by H.F.C. for repairs.

Village Tidy-Up

Clerk is to obtain sacks and those storing litter pickers are to bring them to the tidy-up on 7th. May.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.55.



Chairman

26<sup>th</sup> May 1994