

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall at 8.20pm on Thursday, 27th. January, 2005.

PRESENT

Cllr. Draper in the Chair, Cllrs. Applegate, Amos, Harris, Palmer, Mrs. Tilby and Williamson. Borough Cllrs. Poulter and Saunders, the Clerk and five members 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 6th. January, 2005.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH. JANUARY 2005

Footway Beside Horseshoes Garden (MA p.382)

Cllr. Amos had spoken again to the officer at CBC to find out when the work would be done, and no date had been fixed. The Clerk had sent a fax to CBC concerning the same problem in Old Church Road.

Payments (Fa p.383)

The cheque was cancelled and the replacement cheque has been forwarded to Mrs. Sherry with a copy of the bank statement showing the cancellation fee.

Bus Shelter (Fb p.383)

The insurance company has asked for two quotes. D. Wybrow has been asked for one. The Clerk was seeking an appropriate contractor to provide the other.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Diamond Service

Miss Stafford Smith had copied a letter to PC that she had sent to First Bus concerning the poor time keeping of the bus and its occasional non-appearance. The Clerk has already replied advising that in the event of an unsatisfactory response from First Bus Miss Stafford Smith should write to the Traffic Commissioner giving details of the service failures. It was noted that the bus had been seen bypassing the village when it was late.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to First Bus asking whose responsibility it was to decide to miss out the village when the service was running late.

b) Footpath 20

It was noted that the report resolving the matter of the anomalies on the Definitive Map has been received from ECC and was in circulation.

c) Manned Refuse Vehicles

It was noted that the visits to the Village Hall car park would take place on the following Saturday mornings: 19th. February, 25th. June, 8th. October & 19th. November.

d) Just Bin It Campaign

It was agreed that the Village Tidy-up should take place on Saturday, 7th. May, and that the Clerk should order the litter-picking equipment from CBC.

e) Parish Paths Partnership

It was noted that ECC is asking for an update on P3 activities. The Chairman reported that the leaflets would be completed by the end of the financial year, and that he needed to take a fresh cover photograph.

FINANCEa) Mowing & Strimming

MD Landscapes had quoted for some work additional to the regular grass cutting. It was agreed that MD Landscapes should cut the Churchyard every time the Tye is cut. This would cost £20 per cut if there was a minimum of 11 cuts and £17 per cut if there were at least 15 cuts.

It was also agreed that MD Landscapes should strim the Tye every other time the Tye is cut. This would cost £30 each time.

b) EALC Chairmen's Day: 24th. March

It was agreed that Cllrs. should contact the Clerk to let her know their availability, and that she was authorised to book up to two places at £41 each.

c) ETP Finance Course: 9th. March

It was agreed that Cllrs should let the Clerk know whether they are available, and that she was authorised to book one place at £41.

d) ETP *You Can Plan for the Future of Your Village* Course: 1st. March

No one was available to attend.

e) Payments

The following receipts were noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
Countryside Agency	Current	1526.08	Village Hall Extension Grant
D. Rice	Cash	.20	Copies of minutes
	2 x 2 nd class stamps	.42	

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity	101421			5.25	Rent for meeting on 6/1/05	LGA 1972 Sch 12 S10
Heelis & Lodge				110.00	Independent internal audit & expenses	Account & Audit Regs. 2003
K. Plumridge	101422			567.42	January salary, Office allowance, B/band 13/1-12/2, Postage, Expenses.	LGA 1972 S112

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

05/00137/FUL Silver Ash, Southend Road (single storey flat roofed side extension of dining room (amendment to 04/02450/FUL))

This minor amendment was noted as not requiring comment.

b) Appeal: Plot 5, Valley Park View, Old Barn Lane

It was noted that an appeal had been lodged following refusal of planning permission for use of the land for stationing of one static caravan and two touring caravans, associated hard-standing, dayroom and retention of access.

c) Hyde Hall

It was noted that the application was on the Planning Committee agenda for 1st February. During the previous few days the traffic assessment and road plan had been received.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Chief Executive of CBC, copying to the Head of Planning, asking for the decision to be deferred to give the surrounding communities time to respond to the new information. She was to refer to the inconsistencies, contradictions and flawed conclusions in the traffic assessment and the incomplete condition of the road plan, and that PC would consider seeking a judicial review if the decision were not deferred.

It was also agreed that councillors should call at houses on the Tye, The Common and Bicknacre Road to encourage residents to attend the Planning Committee meeting.

It was agreed that the Chairman should speak on behalf of PC at the Planning Committee meeting.

CONSULTATION: EAST OF ENGLAND REGIONAL ASSEMBLY: DRAFT EAST OF EANGLAND PLAN (RSS14)

a) Consultation Period

It was noted that responses have to be returned by 16th. March.

b) ECC Consultation

Cllrs. were reminded that those who had not returned their questionnaires to the Clerk for compilation should do so soon.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

a) Primary Authorisation

It was noted that under the Act the Secretary of State has authorised the Clerk to the Council of Parish and Town Councils as the Primary Authorisation for the purposes of section 36 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In the absence of the Clerk responsibility falls to the Chairman. S36 provides for information to be exempt from disclosure where that information would, or would be likely to, inhibit:

- the free and frank provision of advice, or
- the free and frank exchange of views for the purposes of deliberation, or
- the effective conduct of public affairs.

TRAFFIC CALMING POST MORTEM

a) Update

It was noted that the report has yet to be prepared and sent to the Highways Authority as councillors reports are incomplete, and that B. Cllr. Ron Saunders is looking into the non-completion of the work on behalf of PC. It was also noted that the Clerk has yet to write to C. Cllr. Bass.

COUNTY COUNCIL WORKING WITH THE PARISHES

a) Procedure for Preparing a Response.

It was agreed that the Clerk should be delegated to respond.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

a) CBC Planning Committee 11th. January.

The Chairman had attended on behalf of PC. The Committee had reconfirmed planning permission

b). Information from Colne Housing

The land purchase was scheduled for completion and the S106 agreement to be signed on 7th. February. Construction would be delayed in case Smart Planning tried for judicial review, but the funding from the Housing Corporation would be secure. Colne asked for PC to propose a new name for the development.

c) Action to be Taken

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mr. Chennells to find out whether he would be agreeable to the development being called Chennells or Chennells Close.

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Colne with a view to arranging a ceremonial turning of the first sod, with the intention of inviting the Mayor.

CHURCHYARD TIDY-UPa) Arrangements

It was noted that a date has been arranged for Saturday, 19th. March and will be publicised in the Newsletter. Volunteers are asked to provide their own gloves, and gardening equipment.

MATTERS FOR REPORTa) Hannas Field Charity

Cllr. Applegate reported the following dates: AGM, 23rd. February, Village Fete, 17th. September and Art Exhibition, 23rd. July. The next liaison meeting with PC would be in March before the week of the PC Meeting.

b) Website

It was noted that the Clerk had set up a website where PC Agenda and Minutes were available on-line. It is to be found at www.thelocalchannel.co.uk/easthanningfield.

c) Village Hall Car Park

It was noted that vandalism to cars belonging to Hall hirers had been reported to the Police.

d) Telegraph Pole

The Clerk reported that she had been contacted by EDF with regard to a proposal to remove a pole that supported a PC lamp bracket, and that the matter would be on the next Agenda.

e) Street Furniture: The Tye

The Clerk would be seeking quotes for various repairs.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.35pm.