

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held in the Village Hall at 8pm on Thursday, 24th. February, 2005.

PRESENT

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllrs. Amos, Harris and Mrs. Tilby.
Borough Cllr. Saunders, the Clerk and four members of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Palmer and Williamson.
The Chairman had sent a message that his arrival would be delayed.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 27th. January, 2005.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27TH. JANUARY 2005

Footway Beside Horseshoes Garden (MA p.388)

Cllr. Amos advised that some cutting back of the earth at the base of the hedge had been done, and that due to the Highways changes from Borough to County it was probably best to leave the matter for the time being.

Traffic Calming Post Mortem (p.391)

It was noted that some signs were still not illuminated, and that Cllr. Saunders had undertaken to investigate.

There had been no response to the Clerk's letter from C. Cllr. Bass. The Clerk undertook to write to the County Council invoking the Freedom of Information Act.

Hanna's Field Charity (MfRa p.392)

The date of the Art Exhibition had been changed to Saturday, 16th. July.

CORRESPONDENCE

a). Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill

The letter from Alun Michael Minister for Rural Affairs and Local Environmental Policy outlining the measures in the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill was noted.

b) Mayor's Community Evening

The Clerk was delegated to deal with a request from the Mayor's Parlour to nominate someone to attend the Community Evening on 28th. April.

c) The Bungalow/Bramley House

It was noted that CBC has sent notification that the proposed name for the new house on the site of the Bungalow, The Tye, is Bramley House.

d) Civil Emergency Planning

It was noted that the Emergency Planning Officer at CBC had given notice that there will be changes due to the Civil Contingencies Act 2004 which comes into force on 1st. April. and he would be available to talk to PC nearer the time. Also, a website has been created specifically for giving out local emergency information at www.chelmsfordresilience.info and there will be a helpline manned in an emergency situation on 606909.

It was agreed that Cllr. Williamson should be asked if he would be prepared to be the local emergency contact.

FINANCEa) World Scout Jamboree 2007

It was agreed not to make a contribution towards the sponsorship of Scouting 2007, the World Scout Jamboree to be held at Hylands.

b) ETP Roles and Responsibilities Course on Thursday, 28th. April

It was agreed not to be represented on the course.

c) Urgent Repairs

It was noted that the Clerk had arranged for the repair of the post and rail fence that had fallen into the ditch as an emergency for safety reasons, and the reinstatement of the hardwood posts on the Tye. Total cost of both jobs £134.96.

At this point the Chairman arrived and assumed the Chair. He apologised for his late arrival and thanked the Vice Chairman for chairing the Meeting to that point.

d) Payments:

The following direct debits were noted:

To	Date	Amount £	Explanation	Power
Public Works Loan Account	11/03/05	415.31	Hall loan	LGA 1972 Sch 13 S1b
Public Works Loan Account	11/03/05	2376.45	Extension loan	LGA 1972 Sch 13 S1b

The following cheque signed between meetings was noted:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Printing Place	101426			206.00	Spring edition of News	LGA 1972 S142

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity	101424			7.50	Rent for Meeting 27/01/05	LGA 1972 Sch 12 S10
LCR	101425			13.00	Annual subscription	LGA 1972 S111
See above	101426					
D. Wybrow	101427			134.96	Repairs to fence & replace & paint posts, the Tye	Open Spaces Act 1906 S10b
K. Plumridge	101428			572.74	Feb. salary, Office allowance, B/band 13/2-12/3, Postage.	LGA 1972 S112

The following bank charges were noted:

Account	Amount £	Explanation
Current 11/01/05	8.00	Stopped cheque (D. Sherry)
Deposit 11/01/05	5.00	Withdrawal fee (transfer to current account)

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

05/00153/OUT Land adjacent 19 Ashley Green (erection of bungalow and detached garage, including details of siting and access).

There was no objection to the proposal.

Cllr. Amos declared a prejudicial interest in the following two planning applications in that part of the site was visible from his house. He left the Meeting.

05/00156/FUL Barn adjacent Highfields Farmhouse (erection of two garden sheds, one greenhouse and boundary fence and gates).

There was no objection to the proposal.

05/00163/FUL Barn adjacent Highfields Farmhouse (outbuilding for garaging vintage cars and bikes).

There was no objection to the proposal.

Cllr. Amos returned to the Meeting

b) Appeals to the Planning Inspectorate:**APP/W1525/A/05/1173499 & Valley Park View, Old Barn Lane, Rettendon**

Common (appeal against refusal of planning permission application no. 04/02261/FUL Site for 3 caravans, day room and hard-standing).

This was noted.

APP/W1525/A/05/1173503 & Valley Park View, Old Barn Lane, Rettendon Common (appeal against refusal of planning permission application no. 04/02360/FUL Site for caravans, out-houses and hard-standing).

This was noted. It was agreed that the Chairman should represent PC at any public inquiry for the Valley Park View sites.

c) Tree Works

It was noted that CBC has no objection to the proposed works to trees in the Conservation Area as follows:

Species	Location	Specification
Walnut	Front garden, Walnut Tree Cottage	Crown reduction by 30% (3.5-4m) maximum and leave natural outline. Ensure that the telephone cables have at least 1m clearance. Work to be carried out July/August. Cuts should be made to suitable growing points.
Willow	Rear garden, Walnut Tree Cottage	Crown reduction by 20% maximum (2-3m) and clean out deadwood. Cuts should be made to suitable growing points.
Willow	Rear garden, Redcroft,	Clean out deadwood and hanging storm damaged branches. Remove 2 small limbs extending towards silver birch tree. Crown reduction by maximum of 20% (2m) and balance, cutting back to suitable growing points.
Eucalyptus	Front boundary, Redcroft	Fell to ground level and kill stump.

d) Hyde Hall:

The following was noted:

- the planning application was granted by the Planning Committee Meeting on 1st. February;
- South Woodham Ferrers Town Council is asking for the application to be called in,
- the written response from Mark Francois MP.

It was agreed that no further action was required at this point.

APPLICATION FOR TRANSFER OF JUSTICES' LICENCEa) Windmill Public House

There was no objection to the application by Michael Kirkham of High Oaks, Creephedge Lane and Roy Steven Liddiard of 4 Ashley Green to apply to the

Magistrates on 14th. March for a licence to sell by retail intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption on or off the premises known as The Windmill Tavern. The licence is presently held by Mr. Phil and Mrs. Julie Cavill.

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

a) Officer Presentation

It was agreed not to take up the offer by Derek Stebbing of CBC Planning to visit PC (or the parish meeting) to explain progress in the development framework process. It was noted that the consultation begins on 1st. March and lasts for 6 weeks.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

a) Format and Date.

It was agreed that arrangement should be made for the APM to take place on Thursday 19th. May. That all groups in the parish should be invited to participate and that refreshments similar to last year's would be provided.

DIVERSION OF OVERHEAD LINE, THE TYE.

a) Bramley House

A proposal had been received from EDF Energy to remove an electricity pole from in front of the new house next to the Old Post Office. This would require undergrounding of cables and telecom wires, and the removal of a bracket lamp which would need to be replaced with a lamp column.

It was agreed that PC had no objection in principle to the removal of the column, and that EDF should be asked to arrange a site meeting with the Chairman and a Highways officer as soon as possible.

It was also agreed that the bracket lamp should be required to be repositioned on the pole standing on the Green.

2005 CALOR ESSEX VILLAGE OF THE YEAR/BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION

a) Entry to the Competition.

It was agreed that in view of the changing criteria the Competition was becoming less relevant for local priorities and therefore the village would not be entered this year.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

a) Naming of the Development

Mr. Chennells has responded that he would be honoured for the Chennells name to be used for the Affordable Housing Scheme and suggested Chennells Way or Chennells Chase. It was agreed that the Clerk should forward these proposals to Colne Housing.

CHURCHYARD TIDY-UP

a) Publicity

The date Saturday 19th. March had been publicised in the Newsletter, and posters would be displayed.

b) Risk and Health and Safety

In view of the risk created by the presence of power tools the following actions were agreed:

- i) Mrs. Julia Harris and the Clerk were identified as first-aiders;
- ii) Cllr. Amos was nominated to carry a mobile phone;
- iii) any children at the site must be supervised by their adult carer.

CONSULTATION: ECC – STREET LIGHTING PRINCIPLES DOCUMENT

a) Response to the Document

It was agreed that no response should be sent to the document.

CONSULTATION: ECC – TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT STRATEGY FOR ESSEX

a) Response to the Strategy

Concern is to be expressed about the designation of Creephedge Lane as a Priority 2 Link Road and of the main Road through the village as a Secondary Distributor which would mean that traffic has priority over cyclists and pedestrians and would require it have white lines contrary to the traffic management scheme.

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT: ODPM – VIBRANT LOCAL LEADERSHIP

a) Procedure for Response.

It was agreed that the document should be circulated.

DISCUSSION DOCUMENT: ODPM – CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES: WHY NEIGHBOURHOODS MATTER.

a) Procedure for Response.

It was agreed that the document should be circulated.

HANNA'S FIELD CHARITY/PC LIAISON**a) Next Meeting**

Arrangements are being made to meet with the youth workers on a Wednesday in March.

b) Play Area/Youth Project Funding Analysis.

HFC had provided the following update on funding applied for and received:

GRANT AWARDS				
Grant Aid Contribution	Youth Facility- Requested	Awarded?	Play Area - Requested	Awarded?
Chelmsford Borough Council	£8,100	Waiting to hear		
Essex High Sheriff's Award Scheme	£1,000 (Max)	£800		
Essex Community Foundation	£5,300	Waiting to hear		
Lottery-Awards For All	£5,000 (Max)	£5000		
Local Network Fund			£7,000 (Max)	£7,000
BBC Children In Need			£7,300	Waiting to hear
BIFFA			£5,000	Waiting to hear
TOTALS	£19,400	£5800	£19,300	£7,000
EHPC/HFC CONTRIBUTION				
	Youth Facility	Play Area		
Hanningfield Wives		£3000		
Parish Council	£1000 (+£1000 CCTV)	£1524		
HFC	£500	£500		
TOTALS	£1,500	£5,024		
EHPC & HFC + GRANTS TO DATE Totals	£2,300	£12,024		
BUDGETED COSTS				
	Youth Facility	Play Area		
Cost inc VAT	23,605.74	16,301.88		

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Walks Leaflets

The Chairman presented the final version of the Walks Leaflet that would be printed shortly.

b) Closed Circuit Television

This is to be an Agenda Item for the March Meeting.

c) J. Daldry

Cllr. Harris informed PC that he had asked J. Daldry to act on his behalf on a planning matter related to land in the village.

d) Pan Lane

Damage to the chevrons was noted.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.18.