

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 4th. January, 2007 at 8.04pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllrs. Draper, Harris, Palmer and Williamson.
The Clerk and Borough Cllr. Poulter were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Lees and Mrs. Williamson.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 23rd. November, 2006.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD. NOVEMBER 2006

Budget & Precept 2007/8 (Fb p.506)

CBC had amended the Revenue Support Grant to £2,125, an addition of £5.

Payments (Fd p.506)

MD Landscapes have undertaken to continue the next season at last season's prices, but suggest Tye would look better if strimming done every time it is cut rather than every other time. Grounds matters would be an Agenda item for the next Meeting.

COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH (p.509)

Leaflets have been distributed to Councillors in preparation for the Agenda item at the next Meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) World Scout Jamboree 29th. July to 6th. August

EHPC considered a request to host a community action project during the World Scout Jamboree between. It was agreed that the information should be passed to the church, and to propose that inspecting the parish footpaths would be a suitable project.

b) Manned Refuse Vehicle

It was noted that the dates for the visits of the Manned Refuse Vehicle during 2007 are as follows: 17th February, 23rd. June, 6th. October & 17th. November. They have been posted in the Village Diary on the website, and on the noticeboards.

c) Road Closure

It was noted that notice has been received from ECC that in order to avoid the risk of danger during resurfacing East Hanningfield Road would be closed to traffic from a

point 700m west of its junction with Butts Green Road to a point 250m south of its junction with Back Lane, East Hanningfield. The closure was to start on Monday 8th. January and would continue for two weeks. The diversion route would be via Southend Road, East Hanningfield Road Rettendon, Rettendon Road East Hanningfield, The Tye, East Hanningfield, The Common East Hanningfield, Chelmsford Road East Hanningfield and vice versa.

d) Parish Council Election

It was noted that information had been received from CBC regarding the forthcoming parish elections and copied to councillors. Important dates are

Notice of Election Monday, 26th. March,

Nomination period closes noon on Tuesday, 3rd. April,

Polling Day is 3rd. May.

The Clerk was asked to enquire what could be done about the nomination of a candidate who would be away during the nomination period.

FINANCE

a) Payments

The following payments between meetings were noted:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Graphic Impressions	101564			402.00	Print Winter News	LGA 1972 S142
D. Sherry	101565			42.80	Reimburse Editor	LGA 1972 S142

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity	101566	197.77			2/3 Preschool rent Nov-Dec 06,	LG(MP)A 1976 S19, LGA 1972 S142
		10.50		208.27	Rent Nov Meeting	
East Hanningfield Parochial Church Council	101567			101.00	Residue of budget for Churchyard at end of mowing season	LGA 1972 S124(6)
Post Office Ltd.	101568	194.00			PAYE & NI Oct-Dec 06	LGA 1972 S112
		279.75		473.75		

The following receipts were noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
Barclays	Deposit	34.79	Quarterly interest for period to 1/12/06

Baddow Plumbing Services Ltd	Current	21.00	News advertising Sept & Dec 06 editions
Hanningfield Motor Co	Current	38.00	News advertising Sept & Dec 06 editions
HM Revenue & Customs	Current	313.70	Refund for overpayment for year 2005/6. (£58.72 PAYE overpaid, £250 for on-line annual return & £4.98 interest)
RCCE	Current	1000.00	Grant for Transport Consultation

PLANNING

a) Responses sent to Planning Applications

Responses were sent to the following applications by the Clerk in consultation with Councillors as comments were required before the date of this meeting.

CC/CHL/156/06 East Hanningfield C of E Primary School (continued use of the relocatable classroom until 30 September 2007 without complying with condition 1 (time limit) attached to planning application CC/CHL/169/06)

PC support.

06/02284/FUL Barnards Farm, Southend Road CM3 8EE (demolition & replacement of existing house, partial demolition and recladding of Essex barn and demolition of asbestos field shelters).

PC has no objection to the proposed development subject to every care being taken to establish whether there are bats in any of the buildings, and that no nesting birds are disturbed during the works.

b) Planning Applications

06/01741/FUL Rough Hill Farm, The Tye CM3 8BY (non compliance with Condition 8 of planning permission 05/01741/FUL external storage of timber and related products in defined compound).

There was no objection to the proposed external storage of timber related products in the way that it is presently taking place, and therefore no objection to the application, but PC would not support any relaxation in the measures presently in place to control noise: there should be no manufacturing or other activity other than storage outside in order to keep the generation of noise under control.

06/02296/FUL Chestnut House, Old Church Road CM3 8BG (demolition of swimming pool and associated adaptation of existing building, reconstruction of part of existing rear wall and fenestration amendments).

No objection.

06/02332/FUL Chestnut House, Old Church Road CM3 8BG (retention of bund to rear of property).

No objection.

06/02410/OUT Fairlawns, Bicknacre Road CM3 8AN (erection of a detached house and garage).

There was no objection to the proposed infill.

06/02477/FUL Highwater Farm, Main Road CM3 8AH (retrospective change of use of land to an educational and historical use including the retention of existing structures).

The Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed development. Museums and educational facilities require suitable access/services which this site does not have, and to provide them would compound the problem of unsuitable development at this site in the open countryside in the Danbury Ridge conservation Area.

06/02495/FUL Cornerways, The Common CM3 8AH (single storey side extension).

No objection.

c) Hanningfield Water Development

A letter from the Property Manager at Essex & Suffolk Water concerning the development of the proposed new Operations Centre Building was noted.

In answer to the assumption about increase in traffic on the Southend Road, they have as part of their Green Travel Plan analysed existing and predicted future traffic movements. The conclusion is that the scheme will have a very small increase in road travel but this will be removed once the first set of initiatives in the Green Travel Plan are implemented which will be within the first year of the completion of the development. He offered to attend a meeting with PC.

d) Essex Minerals and Waste Development Framework

Notice had been received from ECC that the first consultation of the Essex Waste Development Document will take place during February and March.

HFC/PC LIAISON**a) Shop Lease**

Signing of the lease was imminent as it was in the post, the copy of the Surrender document had already been received and the Post Office audit prior to transfer was expected on Friday 5th. or Monday 8th.

b) Community Suite Project

The Liaison Meeting was to take place on Wednesday, 10th. The Charity had reacted positively to the proposal at its last meeting.

c) Other Liaison Matters

There were no other matters.

COLNE HOUSING SCHEME OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

All houses had been completed but some of the shared ownership housing was not yet occupied due to the time being taken for mortgages to be finalised.

The Clerk was instructed to contact CBC to ask for information about the criteria used for allocating the housing.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

a) East Hanningfield News

As no volunteer had come forward to take on the editorship, it was agreed that the Clerk should edit the forthcoming edition and be paid overtime for the hours taken. It was agreed that the News should be an Agenda item for the next Meeting.

b) Web Site

Web site statistics for 2006 up to 27th. December were noted. Hits per month varied between 1516 in January and 6078 in November. In December hits per day varied between 7 on 8th. and 235 on 17th, averaging 79.68. Record of search words and phrases enabled the Clerk to identify information that users had tried to find and to add it to the website.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Sign – Creephedge Lane

It was noted that Borough Cllr. Poulter was investigating the status of an agricultural supplies sign.

b) Give Way Sign

The give way sign beside Rails is parallel to the road and not facing on coming traffic.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.08.