

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>. January, 2007 at 8.08pm in the Village Hall.

## **PRESENT**

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Lees, Palmer and E. Williamson.  
The Clerk was in attendance.  
(Cllrs. Draper and Harris arrived later, see below).

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

A letter regarding future absence from Meetings was read from Cllr. Mrs. J. Williamson. Her reason for absence was approved by the Council under the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 S85.  
Cllr. Draper had sent a message to inform PC that his arrival would be delayed.

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup>. January, 2007.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup>. JANUARY, 2007**

### Parish Council Election (Cd p.2)

The information in the letter from CBC had been amended. The Notice of Election will be published on 27<sup>th</sup>. March and the nomination period will run from 28<sup>th</sup>. March to noon on 4<sup>th</sup>. April. With regard to candidates who will be away during the nomination period, it is suggested that they complete their forms in advance. Forms will be available before the Notice is published.

### Affordable Housing (p4.)

(i) Colne/Iceni is planning an official opening during the week 24-30 March, and asks for PC nominations for invitations. This would be at mid day. Due to the Village Hall being used at that time the Hanningfield Visitor Centre might be used for the reception.

It was agreed that Parish Councillors, except Cllr. Palmer who would not be available, the Clerk, Mr. Chennells and Borough Cllr. Poulter should be nominated to attend. The Clerk was asked to check the availability of the Village Hall.

(ii) CBC has provided data on applicants for the housing: In total **101** applications were received of which **73** households applied for affordable rented accommodation, **8** for shared ownership and **20** applied for either. **7** applications were withdrawn at applicants' own request for various reasons. 49 had no local connection and 15 were from neighbouring villages. There remained 30 local households from which the successful applicants were chosen.

Sign Creephedge Lane (MfRb p.5)

Cllr. Poulter reports that it probably is within the size limit and therefore does not need permission.

**Cllr. Draper arrived at this point.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**a) Just Bin It Campaign 2007

It was agreed that the Village Tidy-up would be on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup>. May at 9am and pickers and gloves would be borrowed from CBC.

It was agreed to consider a presentation on litter at the next Meeting. It might be an appropriate item for the APM.

b) Government Proposals for the Post Office Network

The Clerk was asked to find out when the consultation ends and email the document to councillors.

**FINANCE**a) Village Hall Hire Rates

It was noted that the new rates were:

Meeting Room £3.75 per hour,

Small Hall for an evening £22,

Pre-school 2/3 per half term £203.70.

b) EALC/ETP The Funding Game & How to Win It

It was agreed not to be represented at the briefing session.

c) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity	101569			7.00	Rent for Meeting 4/1/07	LGA 1972 S142
Hanna's Field Charity	101570			152.50	50% contribution to litter picking	LG(MP)A 1976 S19 (3a)
Post Office Ltd	101571			100.00	Inland Revenue penalty	LGA 1972 S112
K. Plumridge	101572			878.03	Phone 9 mths, Jan. salary, Tax overpaid 05/6, Office allowance, B/band -12/1/07, Reimbursements, Expenses,	LGA 1972 S112

## **PLANNING**

### **a) Planning Applications**

**06/02531/FUL 5 Rough Hill Farm Cottages, The Tye CM3 8AA (Replacement two bedroom bungalow).**

PC supports the proposal

**06/02508/FUL Hanningfield Water Treatment Works, Middlemead, South Hanningfield**

**CM3 8HS (Erection of replacement operations centre building within Hanningfield treatment works site [offices to replace existing operations centre on site and remote facilities at Hall Street, Chelmsford and at Vange treatment works site] for Essex and Suffolk water.**

PC has no objection to the proposal as long as no other companies use the site, and the operations on the site are directly related to the treatment and management of water.

**07/00060/FUL The Cabin, Bennetts Avenue CM3 8EF (installation of dormer to side elevation).**

PC was very critical of the plans provided for this application. Several items were marked as 'new' on the plans but seem to have been the subject of previous applications. Cllrs. were relying on their memories to determine what the application was or was not about. PC was of the opinion that the application should not have been accepted by the planning authority.

PC's comment was that if the application was for the dormer with its window in its roof then there was no objection.

## **HFC/PC LIAISON**

### **a) Shop Lease**

It was noted that the lease had been signed, and the shop transfer completed on 8th. January. The solicitor had provided a certificate for signature. This was to certify that no Land Transaction Return was required under the Finance Act 2003 S79(3). The certificate was signed at the Meeting by the Chairman and Vice Chairman. HFC had asked for there to be an informal meeting between PC, HFC and Sithic Abdul Rahman, the new tenant, probably on a Saturday at closing time. It was agreed that this should take place as soon as possible.

### **b) Community Suite Project**

A Liaison meeting had taken place on 10<sup>th</sup>. January and another was scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup>. February to proceed towards constructing a bid for Lottery funding.

### **c) Other Liaison Matters**

(i) News was awaited on the S106 contribution from Colne Housing. The play area fence that is going to be replaced using the contribution was recently vandalised and had to be repaired which had been an unforeseen expense for the Charity. This matter is to be kept on the Agenda so that PC can monitor progress of the payment.

(ii) The total cost of litter picking at the playing field for the year 2006 had been £305. PC's contribution was therefore £175 and was within budget.

## **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**

Cllr. Lees reported that funding was currently available to train a team of at least six volunteers in the village. He had already made contact with some residents who were keen to participate, but needed a few more.

There was some doubt as to whether East Hanningfield could apply for the free training as the publicity seemed to imply that there had had to have been local fatalities.

It was agreed that Cllr. Lees should seek confirmation that the training would be available to East Hanningfield, and then a call for volunteers would be included in the forthcoming East Hanningfield News.

**Cllr. Harris arrived at this point.**

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

### East Hanningfield News

It was noted that there had been no offer to undertake the editing, so the Clerk would be doing it for the Spring issue as agreed at the previous Meeting.

This item was to be kept on the Agenda, and samples prepared for the next Meeting. The Chairman asked for the number of copies allocated to him for delivery to be reduced by 5.

## **GROUNDWORK**

The Groundwork Schedule was confirmed. It was agreed that the strimming along the Tye should continue to be done every other time it is mowed. Cllrs. are to report to the Clerk when they see any work that needs to be done, so that she can instruct the Groundsman. John Cousins will undertake the groundwork as and when instructed.

## **MATTERS FOR REPORT**

### a) Mayor's Communities Evening

Cllr. Lees reported his attendance at the event and thanked PC for nominating him.

### b) Planning

Cllr. Harris undertook to report to the next Meeting on the planning events he had attended.

The Clerk undertook to write about community led plans for the next EH News.

### c) Missing Signs

The Clerk undertook to report the following missing signs:

Pan Lane - chevron at S bend & righthand bend sign coming from Southend Rd,  
Bicknacre Road – lefthand bend sign coming from Bicknacre to Gibcracks corner,  
The Common – 30mph sign and de-restriction sign opposite village gate.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.17.