

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. February, 2007 at 8.04pm in the Village Hall.

## **PRESENT**

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

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Mrs. J. Williamson.  
Cllrs. Draper and E. Williamson had sent messages that their arrivals would be delayed.

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup>. January, 2007.

## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>TH</sup>. JANUARY, 2007**

### Parish Council Election (MA p.6)

The Clerk had received nomination forms from CBC and made them available at the Meeting. Cllr. Palmer reported that he would not be standing for election.

### Affordable Housing (Map.6)

Notification of a definite date for the opening ceremony had yet to be received.

### Just Bin it Campaign (Ca p.7)

The Clerk had enquired about the length of presentation on litter/recycling and had been told that it could be tailored to meet the requirements of the meeting attended. The Clerk would therefore proceed to book a presentation for the APC and a visit to the depot for councillors.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

### a) Cathedral Service for Local Government 27<sup>th</sup>. April

The Chairman and Cllr. Lees undertook to let the Clerk know whether they and their wives would be available to attend. The Clerk would then make the appropriate booking.

## **FINANCE**

### a) Payments

The following receipts were noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
Prajk Ltd	Current	40.00	Newsletter income
D. Rowan	Current	6.00	Newsletter income
National Savings	National Savings	264.94	Interest 2006
P. Probert	Current	12.00	Newsletter income
HM Revenue & Customs	Current	504.93	VAT refund 1/1/06 -31/12/07

The following Cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity	101573	7.50 203.70		211.20	Rent for Meeting 25/1/07, 2/3 Preschool rent half term	LGA 1972 S142, LG(MP)A 1976 S19
Graphic Impressions	101574			319.00	Print Spring News	LGA 1972 S142,
K. Plumridge	101575			791.75	Feb salary & 5 hrs, Office allowance, B/band → 12/2, Reimbursements	LGA 1972 S112

The following direct debit was noted:

To	Principal due	Interest due	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Public Works Loan Account 11/3/07	909.76	1466.69	2376.45	VH Extension loan repayment (6 monthly)	LGA1972 Sch13 S1b

## **PLANNING**

### a) Planning Applications

**07/00157/FUL 12 Highfields Mead, CM3 8XA (erection of front porch & two-storey side extension.**

No objection

**07/00239/AG Highlands Farm, (diversion of access road)**

As long as the public footpath would be able to continue along its present route along the present access road and not be obstructed, PC has no objection to the proposed diversion of the access road.

b) 06/02477/FUL Highwater Farm

It was noted planning application was refused. CBC has notified the owner that unless he intends to appeal against refusal of planning permission the buildings and fencing must be removed within three months.

c) Planning Application Lists

The Clerk was asked to investigate whether PC could receive the lists being sent to the Ward Cllrs.

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

It was noted that a date for the proposed meeting is awaited.

b) Community Suite Project

Notes from the recent Liaison Meeting were noted. A return form had been printed on the back page of the Newsletter for residents to record their support of the project in order to demonstrate community support for the grant application. The date of the next Liaison Meeting would be timed to coincide with the return of the forms. Cllrs. would knock on doors to encourage returns.

c) S106 Colne Housing Recreational Contribution

CBC had asked for bank account details for transfer of the S106 recreational contribution of £5219. It was not known whether the transfer had taken place.

**COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH**a) Update

It has been confirmed that East Hanningfield is eligible for training and a call for volunteers has been included in EH News. Six volunteers had come forward but another four were awaited before arranging the training. Three are needed on duty at a time. This item is to stay on the Agenda in order to keep PC updated.

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

**DEFRA CONSULTATION ON THE PROTECTION OF COMMON LAND IN ENGLAND (THE COMMONS ACT 2006)**a) PC Response

The Clerk was instructed to respond that PC is concerned that there should not be de-registration without exchange, and there should be a bar to repeated de-registration to prevent piecemeal de-registration accumulating into larger areas. Two hundred square metres can be a large proportion of a small green.

**Cllr. E. Williamson arrived at this point.**

## **DCLG CONSULTATION ON AMENDMENTS TO THE MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS**

### **a) PC Response**

The Clerk was instructed to respond that the proposed Code is too long and complicated and the language too legalistic. A simpler version should be prepared for parish councils in plain English.

## **DTI CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE OF THE POST OFFICE NETWORK**

### **a) PC Response**

It should be recognized that the Post Office supports the viability of the village shop. Businesses that rely on having a Post Office nearby could not operate here without it. It is very important part of the infrastructure of village life. Policy therefore needs to distinguish between the service provided by a rural post office and that provided in urban areas.

The provision of a post office within three miles of most residents is about right, but any further would generate a lot of traffic.

Question 5. All banks should allow cash withdrawals at post offices. Services should not be taken away from post offices such as TV licences and electricity tokens. The removal of electricity tokens had caused hardship for some residents.

Question 7. The village post office should be a privately owned business. The subsidy was not unreasonable.

## **COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS**

### **a) East Hanningfield News**

It was noted that the clerk had edited the Spring edition as agreed and it was being delivered by the volunteer distributors. Fliers giving information about shop opening times and services, provided by the shop, had been slipped into each copy. The Chairman and Cllr. Palmer undertook to deliver to the Coude Dennis estate as the usual distributor was unwell.

A new Editor, Brenda Cottey, had volunteered to take over from the next edition.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

### **a) Annual Parish (Electors') Meeting**

Consideration was given to the date and format of the APM with regard to the Election on 3<sup>rd</sup>. May. It was agreed to hold the Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup>. May in the same format as 2006, with the addition of the litter presentation.

### **b) Annual Parish Council Meeting.**

It was agreed that this should take place on 17<sup>th</sup>. May.

**TYE BYELAWS**

The Clerk was instructed to write to the Horseshoes about the Village Green Byelaws and the agreement allowing one A-board on the green. Cllr. E. Williamson undertook to provide the correct contact details for the letter.

**MATTERS FOR REPORT****a) Parking Old Church Road**

Cllr. Williamson reported that the poor visibility caused by parking on both sides of the road beside Chestnut House and Poppies was causing dangerous traffic conditions. Also, the verges were seriously damaged by being driven over.

**b) Potential Electoral Candidate**

Cllr. Lees reported that a resident who is considering standing for election would attend the next Meeting.

**c) HFC Executive**

The Chairman reported his attendance at the recent meeting. Booking had improved year on year. The hire rates were being adjusted annually which meant that rises were lower than in the past when they had been left for a few years.

The being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.35.