

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 23rd. August, 2007 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllrs. Harris, Howe, Kibble and Lees.
The Clerk, Pc. Simon Corker and one member of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr. Williamson.
Cllr. Draper had sent a message that his arrival would be delayed.

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. Kibble declared a personal interest in planning application 07/01478/FUL Highwater Farm.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 26th. July, 2007.

Cllr. Draper arrived at this point.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26TH. JULY, 2007

Highways Safety Matters MA p.37)

The updated list has been passed to Cllr. Harris. A Highways representative was due to attend the Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting but failed to arrive. Cllr. Harris was waiting for that meeting before putting together a report for Norman Hume (ECC portfolio holder). The footway opposite the numbered houses in Old Church Road has been extended.

Public Transport Liaison MA p.37)

The Regal service timetable has been supplied by ECC so it is now on the website and posted in the bus shelters.

Public Rights of Way MA p.37)

This issue has already been investigated by ECC. The landowner was previously unaware of the footpath but has applied for a diversion around the reservoir and will provide a permissive path until the diversion is completed.

The landowner is waiting on the installation of a fingerpost at the road before he makes a path through the fence (so he puts it in the right place). This fingerpost should be there in the next week or so.

Footpath/reservoir problems are going to take some years to complete satisfactorily, so ECC asks for patience and help in relaying to the public that they are doing as much as they can, as fast as they can.

Sports Coaching (MA p.38)

Well attended on 1st. August, but two children, were so badly behaved they were sent home.

About thirty attended the Playscheme in the morning and 15 in the afternoon.

With the Mobile Skate Park about 12 stayed there the whole time. All young, they were not the ones asking for a skate park!

Play Area Fencing (Fc p.39)

The fencing has been ordered and should be installed towards the end of September.

Traffic Census (MfRa p.41)

Figures that could be found have been put into circulation. It was thought that new counts should take place and this would therefore be an Agenda item for the next Meeting in order for locations to be agreed. It was acknowledged that traffic numbers would change following the Creephedge Lane improvements. Cllr. Lees undertook to try to organise a count before the Lane reopens.

Vandalism (MfRe p.42)

Further to what was reported at the last Meeting, chains have been removed from one of the items of play equipment at the play area and a swing seat has been removed. They could not be found so were reported to the Police as theft. One of the chains has since turned up.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) EALC AGM & Making the Links Event 19th. September

The Chairman to attend the AGM and to confirm with the Clerk whether or not he will attend the afternoon event.

b) ECC Essex Rail Seminar 5th. October

There was no interest in attendance.

FINANCE

a) EALC Councillor Training Day 18th. October

It was agreed that Cllrs. Howe, Lees and Kibble should attend at the cost of £50 per delegate.

b) Neighbourhood Action Panel

Following a request from Neighbourhood Watch it was agreed that PC should pay the rent for two NAP meetings per year that are held in EH Village Hall.

c) Sustainable Transport Conference 12th. September

There was no interest in attendance.

d) Play Area Fence

The fence has been ordered and should be installed before the end of September.

e) Post & Rail Fence, The Tye

Two posts and three sections of rail had fallen into the ditch. The Clerk arranged for its repair using delegated authority.

f) Payments

The following cheques were signed

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
D. Wybrow (24)	101609			97.25	Repairs to Tye fence	LGA 1894 S6(c)
Hanna's Field Charity (25)	101610			11.25	Rent for July Meeting	LGA1972 S111
Cancelled	101611				Miswritten	
MD Landscapes (26)	101612	92.40 132.60 30.00 51.00	53.56	359.56	Mow Tye x 3, Mow HF x 3, Strim Tye x 1, Mow ch'yard x 3	LG(MP)A 1976 S19, OSA 1906 S9(b)
K. Plumridge (P11)	101613			748.14	August salary, Office allowance, B/band 13/7-12/8 Postage	LGA 1972 S112
EALC (27)	101614			150.00	Councillor training	LGA 1972 S111

The following direct debit was noted:

To	From	Principal £	Interest £	Total £	Explanation	Power
Public Works Loan Account 11/9/07	Current Account	930.80	1,445.65	2,376.45	Hall extension loan	LGA 1972 Sch 13 S1b

PLANNINGa) Planning Applications

Cllrs. Draper and Kibble declared an interest in the following application and took no part in the discussion.

07/01478/FUL Highwater Farm, Main Road, The Common CM3 8AH

PC accepts the need for a barn but questions the size of this barn in relation to the size of the agricultural holding. PC does not accept that it is justified in agricultural terms. PC wishes to see the Essex barn which received planning permission rather than the steel frame barn as it would be more appropriate at this location. Should CBC grant planning permission PC would wish to see a condition requiring the barn to be used solely for the agricultural uses of the holding.

HFC/PC LIAISON

a) Update

The Liaison meeting scheduled for 6th. August was postponed due to absence of PC representation. A new date is to be arranged from mid September. The application to the Big Lottery Fund is one of 545 remaining from the original 1600. Due to the high number of applicants the next stage has been put back from September until December.

MUSIC NIGHT 15th. SEPTEMBER

a) Arrangements to Date

HFC applied for the Temporary Event Notice for 15th. September from 7.30-11pm. Cllr. Draper was in contact with a band and was awaiting their confirmation that they would play the booking and he had made attempts to speak to the Windmill management about providing the bar.

b) Band

It was agreed that up to £400 could be allocated to the cost of the band for the evening. Should the band confirm Cllr. Draper was to make every effort to speak to the Windmill management, and there would be a leaflet drop to publicise the event.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Community Speed Watch

There had been more speed events. Old Church Road by Ashley Green had been found to be acceptable, but 10 vehicles had been caught speeding on the Tye by the Windmill in a period of 30 minutes.

At the Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting the Police had volunteered to hold a speed trap on the Tye.

Cllr. Draper proposed that there should be speed checks at the village gateways.

b) Digital Bus Sign

Cllr. Howe undertook to check the sign for the East Hanningfield bus.

c) Recycle Bins, Village Hall Car Park

The Clerk undertook to report that the lids are still missing.

d) Criminal Activity

Recent local crimes included the theft of a catalytic converter from a car, Fordham's on the industrial estate had been rammed and wire taken and a vehicle had been stolen from Pan Lane.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.24pm.