

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 27th. September, 2007 at 8.04pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllrs. Howe, Kibble and Lees.
The Clerk was in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the meeting held on 23rd. August, 2007.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 23RD. AUGUST, 2007

Public Transport Liaison MA p.43

Service 35 has been run by Crown Coaches since 3rd. September. There were several complaints about the non-appearance of buses which left children stranded in Chelmsford and Great Baddow after school, but the service seems to have settled down to being more reliable. Notices about how to complain have been posted in the bus shelters. It was agreed to resume the delivery of timetables house to house the next time the timetable changes.

Cllr. Harris arrived at this point.

Highways Safety Matters (MA p.43)

The Chairman had received notice of the next two Neighbourhood Action Panel meetings from Insp. Kilgallen on 15TH. October, at Woodham Ferrers Village Hall and 6th. December at East Hanningfield Village Hall, and undertook to write to her to ask for data on the speed traps held in Howe Green and East Hanningfield. Cllr. Harris in his capacity as borough councillor was still waiting for a meeting with Norman Hulme.

Public Rights of Way (MA p.43)

It was noted that the fingerpost has yet to be installed near Paprills.

Sustainable Transport Conference (Fc p.44)

Cllr. Lees found that he was available to attend after all.

After consulting the Clerk he paid on the door and submitted a claim for refund. He gave a brief verbal report and has put information into circulation.

Play Area Fence (Fd p.44)

The fence was installed in time for the Fete on 15th. September. CBC has been sent a copy of the invoice and has written in reply that clause 3.6 sub-clause 4.1 of the S106 agreement has now been discharged.

The chains and swing seat missing from the play area were found in a residents' garden on their return from holiday.

Highwater Farm (Pa p.45)

Cllr. Draper has spoken to the officer dealing with the enforcement matters. She thinks that the appeal is likely to be concluded by Christmas. It seems a new mobile home was brought on to the site replacing the caravans that had been removed. She has informed the owners that they require planning permission for this.

Music Night 15th. September (p.46)

Cllr. Draper was unable to secure a band for the evening.

Community Speed Watch (MfRa p.46)

Representatives from Danbury Parish Council are to come to the village tomorrow to observe how it is done.

Recycle Bins, Village Hall Car Park (MfRc p.46)

The Clerk had reported the condition of the bins again. Cllr. Harris in his capacity as Borough Councillor undertook to follow this up.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Post Office Closures

It was noted that the consultation on post office closures in Essex will start in early October. A briefing paper prepared by the Essex Rural Partnership has been in circulation and has been posted on the website.

b) Review of Polling Places

CBC has completed its review of polling districts and polling places. No change is proposed for East Hanningfield.

c) Code of Conduct

It was noted that CBC had published the notice of adoption of the Code of Conduct in the 20th. September edition of the Essex Chronicle, including all the town and parish councils in the Borough. CBC has met the total cost of the notice.

d) Local Strategic Plan

It was noted that the consultation to review the Plan is underway. Cllrs. were informed of the online survey.

FINANCE

a) RCCE Transition Essex Event 24th. October

It was agreed that Cllr. Lees should attend at a cost of £35.

b) Payments

The following cheque signed between meetings was noted:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Graphic Impressions (29)	101615			214.00	Autumn Newsletter	LGA 1972 S142

Cheques to be signed

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
A. Lees (30)	101616			30.00	Sustainable Transport Conference fee	LGA 1972 S111
Group Property Maintenance (31)	101617	6,926.00	1,211.00	8,131.00	Supply & install play area fence	LG(MP)A 1976 S19
Chelmsford Borough Council (32)	101618			130.00	Holiday sports coaching	LG(MP)A 1976 S19
D. Wybrow (33)	101619			24.00	Groundwork August	HA 1980 Ss 43 & 96(5)
Post Office Ltd (P11)	101620			450.27	PAYE NI July-Sept 07	LGA 1972 S112
K. Plumridge (P11)	101621			739.32	Sept salary, office allowance b/band 13/8-12/9 postage	LGA 1972 S112
Hanna's Field Charity (34)	101622	9.37 21.00		30.37	Rent Aug Meeting & Playscheme	LGA 1972 S111, LG(MP)A 1976 S19
RCCE (35)	101623			35.00	Transition Essex Event	LGA 1972 S111

The following receipts were noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
Barclays	Deposit	44.24	Interest 2/6-31/8/07
Hanningfield Motor Company	Current	40.00	Newsletter, full page ad. Spring & Summer 07
Baddow Plumbing Services	Current	22.00	Newsletter, half page ad. Spring & Summer 07.
Prajk Ltd.	Current	44.00	Newsletter, half page ad. Autumn & Winter 07, Spring & Summer 08.

Clerk's Salary

It was noted that the pay scales due to be in place from 1st. April 2007 were still awaited.

PLANNINGa) Planning Applications Comments Sent

Comments on the following application were required before the date of this Meeting, so the Clerk prepared a response under delegated powers in consultation with cllrs.

07/01666/FUL Barne Meade, Old Church Road CM3 8BH (construction of an outdoor riding arena with surrounding timber fence for private use).

PC had no objection to the proposed arena providing the integrity of the public footpath around the site was maintained.

b) Planning Applications

07/01726/FUL 13 Abbeyfields, CM3 8XB (two storey side extension).

No objection.

07/01749/FUL Timber Mill, Rough Hill CM3 8BY (enclosure of canopy area).

No objection.

07/01692/CLEUD Gatecraft, Lodge Farm, Old Church Road CM3 8BH

No comment.

07/01721/FUL Chestnut House, Old Church Road CM3 8BG (Replacement of brick piers and erection of entrance gates).

No objection.

07/01830/FUL Barne Meade, Old Church Road CM3 8BH (Construction of an outdoor riding arena with surrounding timber fence for private use only).

No objection providing the integrity of the footpath on the site is maintained.

c) ECC Statement of Community Involvement.

The consultation document is to be circulated.

HIGHWAY SAFETY MATTERSa) Locations for a Traffic Count.

It was agreed that the counts needed to take place in the same locations as before in order for the data to be meaningful. The paperwork with the previous figures was in circulation. ECC is to be requested to carry out the count once Creephedge Lane has re-opened.

b) Speed Watch

The Community Speed Watch Group had done the Tye and the Common beside the mini-roundabout during September. The resulting reports had been sent to the police.

HFC/PC LIAISONa) Village Fete

It was noted that the profit from the Fete was approximately £2000 to be shared between the Village Hall and the Church. This is the best result to date. The future of the Fete is to be discussed at next Liaison meeting for which the date is still to be set.

b) Community Suite Project.

The Big Lottery Fund is to conduct a telephone interview with the HFC Treasurer.

ESSEX STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Cllrs. undertook to respond as individuals.

COMMUNITY LED PLANNING

It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the field officer at RCCE and the people who had volunteered with a view to arranging an introductory meeting.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

The Clerk reported that the pyracanthus bed was causing problems, it was over-run with bramble and too deep to manage effectively. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the mowing contractor for a site meeting with a view to the removal of enough of the plants to make the remainder manageable but to prevent the riding of bicycles beside the hedge of Poppies (formerly Smith's Garden), which was the original reason the Pyracantha were planted.

DECEMBER MEETING

It was agreed to hold the Meeting on 13th. December and to review the dates of the 2008 Meetings at the Meeting in January.

MATTERS FOR REPORT**a) EALC AGM 15th. September**

The Chairman reported that he had attended the AGM. He asked the Clerk to obtain copies of the winning village magazines and Annual Report competitions that had been announced at the AGM. It was noted that the subscription would be rising in line with inflation. Papers from the AGM are to be circulated including the list of training events to take place in 2008.

b) Site Allocations Consultation

Clerk reported that she had missed the start of the CBC Site Allocations Consultation because she had confused it with the previous site allocations consultation that PC responded to recently. Although there was a minor change to the defined settlement boundary in that gardens in Bicknacre Road that had previously been divided by the boundary were now to be completely within it, the point of concern appeared to be the absence of the Conservation Area. She had emailed CBC to find out where the conservation area was to be recorded in future. She reported that the document was quite difficult to navigate on screen because it was in several separate files. She was asked to try to obtain a paper copy.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.34.