

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24th. January, 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllrs. Applegate, Harris, Kibble and Lees.
The Clerk was in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Howe and Williamson. Cllr. Draper 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 13th. December, 2007.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH. DECEMBER

EALC Councillor Training Day 2 (Fa p.66)

Cllr. Lees had attended.

Planning Enforcement (MfRa p.68)

An enforcement notice had been issued for the removal of the bund to the rear of Chestnut House but the owners had appealed against this notice. This appeal had only just come in and PC receive notification shortly. It is now a question of waiting for the appeal to take its course and a decision to be issued. This may take somewhere in the region of 6/9 months, but is beyond CBC's control.

Footpath at Paprills (MfRb p.68)

Shirley Lucas Public Rights of Way Officer said the fingerpost should have been installed. She was going to inspect the site, possibly the next day, and get it installed immediately.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Manned Refuse Vehicle 2008

It was noted that the manned refuse vehicle would be visiting the Village Hall car park on 16/2/08. CBC is currently reviewing the service and will inform PC in February about the programme for the 9 months from April.

b) Summer Play Day

It was noted that a Summer Play Activity Day had been arranged for Wednesday 6th. August. Clerk was in the process of arranging dates for sports coaching in the Easter and Whitsun holidays, and was in communication with Woodham Ferrers and Bicknacre Parish Council about mutual publicity.

c) Village Tidy-up

It was noted that CBC has offered the loan of the equipment for the village tidy-up again this year. The Tidy-up was to be an Agenda item for the February Meeting in order to agree a date.

d) Mobile Library

It was noted that ECC had confirmed the mobile library visits to the village are to continue on Thursday 14.50-15.30 at Bridon Close and 15.35-16 at Abbeyfields. This information had been included in the Village Diary on the website.

FINANCE**a) Neighbourhood Watch**

Consideration was given to the NW request for financial support. It was agreed that PC should fund up to £120 for new NW signs, and to budget an amount for NW in the next precept.

b) Balances

The following account balances as at 18th. January 2008 were noted:

National Savings Account	Deposit Account	Current Account
£18,594.57 (interest for 2007 yet to be credited)	£6549.11	£2658.02

Also, it was noted that it will be necessary to transfer funds from the Deposit Account to the Current Account before the end of the financial year.

c) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity ⁽⁵¹⁾	101644	11.25 6.00		17.25	Meeting Rent, Dec PC, NAP	LGA 1972 S143, LGRA1997 S31
E.A.L.C ⁽⁵²⁾	101645			50.00	Councillor Training Day	LGA 1972 S111
K. Plumridge ^(p11)	101646			761.63	January salary, office allowance, B/band → 12/1/08, Reimbursements	LGA 1972 S112
D. Wybrow ⁽⁵³⁾	101647			40.00	Groundwork	OSA 1906 S9

The following receipts were noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
Hanningfield Motor Co	Current	40.00	News Ads Sept & Dec 07
Essex County Council	Current	11.00	News Ad Dec 07

PLANNING

a) Response Sent

07/02386/FUL Barnards Farm, Southend Road CM3 8EE (Refurbishment of existing dilapidated Essex barn for residential use).

It was agreed that the comment previously sent to CBC Planning should be withdrawn.

b) Planning Applications

07/02439/MOD106 Huntingdons Farm, Back Lane CM3 8BL (Revocation of Section 52 agreement attached to Huntingdons Farm ref CHL/887/79).

No comment.

07/02477/FUL Hanningfield Service Station, Southend Road CM3 5EE (Demolition of car sales building and station canopy. Removal of hard-standing and erection of 6 new houses).

No objection, but would wish to see the recreational contribution from the Section 106 agreement, or equivalent, being spent within the parish.

Cllr. Draper arrived at this point.

HIGHWAY SAFETY MATTERS

a) Outstanding Highways Issues

See item c) below.

b) Community Speedwatch

Cllr. Lees had received a letter from Adam Pipe which said that there had been 25 fixed penalty notices for East Hanningfield but many more for Howe Green, where the Police carry out their speed gun training. The last speed trap in the village had been carried out by the PCSO without reference to PC. It took place near the Bicknacre Road junction where the traffic has to slow down.

Community Spedwatch is recording speeding including repeat offenders. Speed is constantly raised at NAP meetings but nothing has materialised. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Traffic Superintendant to ask for static speed checks in the village drawing attention to the presense of the school and mentioning Cllr. Lees as contact for Speedwatch.

c) ECC Three Year Rolling Programme

It was agreed to send the following list, which, it should be noted, are the essential requirements from a longer list.

	Problem	Scheme Proposal
1.	The footpath beside the Horseshoes garden is sub-standard and dangerous in its current condition. We need a proposal from ECC to improve pedestrian safety. A large number of school children from Highfields Mead use this path daily as a route to school. It needs urgent attention and should be our number one priority. East Hanningfield Primary School is trying to encourage more children to walk to school and this is a major impediment to achieving this aim.	Raise kerb and widen path beside Horseshoes garden.
2.	The verge north of the Abbeyfields junction with the Common is being eroded, kerbing would protect it but a footway would help pedestrians in this area because they have to walk in the road.	Install kerb and construct footway north of Abbeyfields on verge.
3.	There is speeding along the Common, between the mini-roundabout and the S bend, which makes it particularly dangerous for pedestrians as there is no footway north of the Abbeyfields junction. As yet no-one has been able to come up with a solution.	As above plus additional scheme for rest of Common.
4.	Opposite the Old Church Road junction with the Main Road, the traffic calming has made the situation more dangerous for pedestrians walking south away from the village centre, especially those pushing prams etc.	Footbridge over ditch?
5.	There is erosion of the verge between the Old Church Road junction and the village gateway.	Extend kerbing towards gateway
6.	There has been a number of reports of vehicles overtaking on the bend where the main road through the Tye follows on into Old Church Road , with accidents only narrowly avoided. Some parishioners have suggested that double white lines, in the centre of the roadway, should be introduced, similar to East Hanningfield Road at Howe Green where it joins the old A130. (This would counteract the intention of the traffic calming design that fewer road markings make drivers drive with more care and attention).	Improved white lining?

HFC/PC LIAISON

a) Community Suite Project

It was noted that Big Lottery Funding had not been forthcoming, but the Charity was to continue to look for sources of funding for the required £215,000. This would probably be Lottery sourced and possibly also from Essex Environmental Trust.

b) HFC's Grant Funding Priorities for 2008

Grant Funding Priorities for 2008 were agreed at special HFC meeting on 9/1/08 (pump primed using up to £2,000 of HFC 2007 fundraising money and up to £3,000 EHPC contribution).

Priority	Project	Approx. Cost	Grant Body
1.	<u>Village Hall</u> Replace sports hall floor, Replace store room ladder with stair, Convert shower room to store	£10,000 & VAT	Essex CC - CIF
2.	<u>Play Area</u> 2 additional park benches, Litter bin, Safety surface under slide and T bar swing	£3,170 & VAT	CBC
3.	<u>Youth</u> Extend sports wall each side, New 5-a-side nets & goals & 2 new sets tennis nets & posts,	£2,678 & VAT £1,600 & VAT	Lottery - Awards For All
4.	<u>Sport</u> Investigate best option for of sports court surfaces with regard to longterm durability and maintenance with a view to resurfacing in 2009.		Investigate funding sports sources in 2008

Income from HFC's own fundraising activities would be spent as follows:

Funding source	Project	Cost £
Using 2007 fundraising	Replace sports hall doors with same style as on small hall.	500
Using 2008 fundraising	Purchase new furniture for first floor meeting room.	1,800

c) Sport Facilities Regeneration

This item is to be kept under review.

d) Village Hall Break-in Wednesday 16/1/08

It was noted that the break-in appeared to be an attempt to gain access to the shop.

COMMUNITY LED PLANNING

a) Initial Meeting 22nd January

Stella Meesters from RCCE had introduced and explained parish planning and Jenny Robinson from CBC Planning explained Village Design Statements. The meeting was undecided as to which to go for, and Stella advised that consultation with residents would soon show what issues were of most concern and therefore whether a VDS or PP was most appropriate. The meeting had been well attended and the participants enthusiastic.

b) Action Required

It was agreed that the Clerk should ask Stella Meesters to come back for another meeting to help set up a separate committee with a constitution, officers and bank account. The Clerk should also ask for more residents to become involved through the next edition of the EH News. The need to get the business community and the school involved was noted.

CONSULTATION ON ORDERS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS IN ENGLAND

a) Response

It was agreed that PC was not in a position to comment.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2008

a) Dates for PC Meetings

It was agreed that Meetings should be held on the following Thursdays:

28 February (4 th . Thursday of month)	22 May (4 th . Thursday of month)	21 August (3 rd . Thursday of month)	20 November (3 rd . Thursday of month)
27 March (4 th . Thursday of month)	26 June (4 th . Thursday of month)	25 September (4 th . Thursday of month)	11 December (2 nd . Thursday of month)
24 April (4 th . Thursday of month)	24 July (4 th . Thursday of month)	23 October (4 th . Thursday of month)	22 January 2009 (4 th . Thursday of month)

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2008

a) Action Required

It was agreed to postpone the decision about the date and format of the APM until the February Meeting.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Local Area Agreement

Cllr. Lees had attended a meeting on the LAA. Money is to be available for projects in the communities. This is to be an Agenda item for the next Meeting in order to identify suitable subjects for engaging 'facilitators'.

b) Neighbourhood Action Panel

The next meeting would be on 6th. February.

c) Groundwork

The shrubs on the far side of the step down valve need cutting back so that walkers can use the verge down to the Paprills footpath.

d) Local Burglaries

It was noted that there had been several thefts from outbuildings and garages.

e) Clerk's Contract

Clerk advised that her contract was over 20 years old and was out of date in many respects. She had obtained a copy of the latest model contract and asked whether anyone could look at it with a view to advising PC on its acceptability.

The Chairman undertook to read it.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.38pm.