

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 28th. February, 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

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

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted for Cllrs. Kibble and Williamson.

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 24th. January, 2008.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH. JANUARY

Footpath at Paprills (MA p.69)

The fingerpost had been installed. It appeared to show that the footpath is impeded by a barbed wire fence. Cllrs. Applegate and Lees undertook to inspect the path to determine the correct route.

Summer Play (Cb p.70)

Two sports coaching sessions had been booked for the Easter holiday for the mornings of 4th. and 11th. April.

Groundwork (MfRc p.74)

The Clerk had yet to give the Groundsman the additional instruction.

FINANCE

a) External Auditor

It was noted that Alun Williams of the Audit Commission's Limited Assurance Specialist Unit has been appointed by the Audit Commission as the Parish Council's external auditor for a period of five years commencing with the 2007/8 accounts. The fees for the basic audit in the £25,001-£50,000 band will be £285.

b) Transfer

It was noted that £4,000 had been transferred from the deposit to the current account.

c) Payments

The following direct debit was noted:

To	From	Principal due £	Interest due £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Public Works Loan Account 11/3/08 ⁽⁵⁶⁾	Current Account	952.32	1,424.13	2,376.45	Loan for Village Hall extension	LGA 1972 Sch 13 S1b
Balance outstanding at 12/3/08 - £60,631.54						

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity ⁽⁵⁴⁾	101648	214.00 8.00 10.00		232.00	Rent Preschool 1 st half term, NAP & PC Jan	LG(MP)A 1976 S19, LGRA 1997 S31, LGA 1972 S Sch1 S143
Graphic Impressions ⁽⁵⁵⁾	101649			350.00	Print Spring 08 EH News	LGA 1972 S142
K. Plumridge ^(p11)	101650			838.83	Feb salary & 7 hours for Newsletter, Office allowance, Expenses B/band 13/1-12/2/08, Postage	LGA 1972 S112

The following receipt was noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
National Savings	Investment Account	399.77	Interest for 2007

PLANNING

a) Planning Application Response

The following application consultation period ended before the date of this Meeting.

07/02449/FUL 4 Industrial Estate, Old Church Road CM3 8AB (Installation of roller shutter)

No comment.

b) Planning Applications

08/00217/FUL Redcroft, The Tye CM3 8AA (Two storey side and rear extensions and pitched roof over front bay).

No objection.

08/00252/FUL Kincorth, The Tye CM3 8AD (Porch replacement, remodelling of first floor extension & single storey rear extension)

No objection

08/0295/CLEUD Highwater Farm, Main Road CM3 8AH (Use of two mobile homes for temporary accommodation (2-3 days per week) in connection with agricultural business)

There are currently three mobile homes on the site none of which were there ten years ago. CBC's urgent attention is needed to remove them.

It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm the dates when the mobile homes were installed before informing CBC.

08/00296/FUL Rough Hill Complex (Change of use of building to incorporate swimming pool for private swimming lessons.)

Although PC has no objection to the proposed use of the building for a swimming pool for private lessons, there is concern about the safety of the access across the Tye (village green). The footway along the Tye runs close against the hedge to the north of the access and close to a fence to the south of the access. This means that drivers approaching the Tye from the Rough Hill Complex cannot see pedestrians on the path. People walking on the footway do not sense that they are approaching a crossing because there is no kerb and the path is continuous. PC therefore proposes that either as a condition of planning permission or as a S106 agreement the path should be raised where the access crosses it. This would ensure that approaching traffic would slow down and indicate to pedestrians that they need to be alert to crossing traffic.

08/00192/FUL New House Farm Old Barn Lane CM3 8HA (Extension to garage stable)

No objection

c) Appeal

It was noted that an appeal had been made to the Planning Inspectorate in respect of Chestnut House. The appeal follows the decision of CBC to issue an Enforcement Notice in relation to unauthorised development, the appeal is to be decided on the basis of an exchange of written statements by the appellant and the Council and a site visit by an inspector appointed by the Planning Inspectorate.

It was agreed that the Clerk should send a comment to the Planning Inspectorate that the appellant's statement was incorrect where it was stated that there were no neighbour objections.

d) ECC Consultation

It was noted that ECC was consulting on the introduction of the National Standard Planning Application Form and Local Validation Check Lists – requirements for supporting information submitted with applications for planning permission. The consultation would end on 27th. March. The proposed draft Validation Checklists could be viewed on the ECC website www.essexcc.gov.uk/planning .

HIGHWAY SAFETY MATTERS

a) ECC Highways

It was noted that Samir Pandya of ECC Highways and Transportation had confirmed he would be attending the next Meeting. Clerk was asked to include the list of highways issues in the Agenda.

b) Community Speedwatch

There had been no speed checks during the preceding month. Cllr. Lees was trying to find out if anything was happening about the data sent to Adam Pipe. Pc Paul Freeman had asked for information about the repeat offenders in order to carry out checks. The Chairman reported that Perry Land at the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting had confirmed that data is being followed up and that he is prepared to visit local repeat offenders.

Cllr Harris reported that in his capacity as Borough Councillor on the Local Strategic Partnership he had suggested to the Police that volunteers should be used to assist in the administration of the community speedwatch data, and that this suggestion had been treated with interest.

HFC/PC LIAISON**a) Liaison Meeting**

The next meeting was to take place on Wednesday 12th. March at Cllr. Applegate's house.

COMMUNITY LED PLANNING**a) Next Meeting**

It was noted that a meeting had been arranged for Tuesday 18th. March with the purpose of setting up the East Hanningfield Parish Planning Committee.

VILLAGE TIDY-UP**a) Date**

It was noted that the tidy-up would take place on Saturday, 3rd. May at 9am. The Clerk is to book the litter pickers, gloves and sacks.

CLERK'S MODEL CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**a) Chairman's Report**

The Chairman and Clerk were to go through the model contract and then circulate it.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**a) Date and Format**

It was agreed to postpone the decision on date and format until the next PC Meeting as it might be a suitable vehicle for a parish planning event. The APM must be held between 1st. March and 1st. June.

LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT

a) Issues for 'Facilitation'

It was agreed that Cllr. Lees should contact Angie Balcombe at ECC with a view to the Highways issues being suitable for facilitation.

NEXT MEETING

a) Date and Time

It was noted that the next meeting, on 27th. March, would be attended by Samir Pandya and would begin at 7.30pm.

CONSULTATION ON PROPOSALS TO CHANGE FLIGHT PATHS

a) Consultation

It was noted that the consultation would run until 22nd. May and that the proposals included increased flights over East Hanningfield down to 4000ft. The question was raised as to why the stacks could not be over the sea instead of over residential areas.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Three Horseshoes

It was noted that it had opened as a restaurant. The Clerk was asked to pull together the history of the byelaws and various agreements with tenants.

b) Concessionary Bus Passes

It was noted that as from 1st. April bus passes can only be used between the hours of 9.30am and 11pm. Previously they could be used from 9am. Essex County Council has offered to negotiate with the bus operators on the local District Authorities behalf to accept passes before 9.30 on particular services. Basildon, Chelmsford and Epping Forest have indicated that they do not wish to take up this offer, while Braintree, Brentwood, Colchester, Tendring and Uttlesford have done so.

c) SWF Community Safety Forum

Cllr. Lees had attended. There was to be a Community Safety Day on 30th. August from 10am to 4pm at the Fire Station. SWF is setting up community speedwatch.

d) Police Matters

The next visit of the Mobile Police Office would be on 6th. March from 1-3pm. The Clerk was asked to send PC meeting and Village Fete dates to Pc Simon Corker.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.30pm.