

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Room in the Rodings
on Wednesday 18th October 2017 at 8.00 pm.

Present

Councillors: Mr B Stratton (Chairman)
Mr A Parmenter (Vice-Chairman)
Mr R King
Mr C Metson
Mr I Milligan
Mr D Mapes

Mrs M McEwen EFDC and ECC

Parish Clerk Karen Weare

3 members of the public

79/17 Chairman's Welcome

80/17 Apologies for absence
Cllr Mrs P Lawrance.

81/17 Minutes of Last Meeting
Cllrs approved the minutes of meeting July 12th 2017 which were signed by Cllr Stratton.

82/17 Declaration of interests in Agenda Items
None.

83/17 Public Representation
Mrs Salter, representing the residents near the Corn Barns development, presented a letter and petition in support of traffic calming measures. Cllr McEwen gave her approval as District Cllr for the application to proceed to the Local Highways Panel and agreed to attend the panel meeting to represent the Parish Council. The Parish Council resolved the application should proceed.

84/17 Report from District and County Cllr

1. Cllr Mrs McEwen reported on the EFDC Local Plan to go in before 31 March 2018 to keep new housing to 14,000. Most of this would be the new garden villages at Sheering, Epping Upland and Churchgate Street plus development at Fyfield and Shelley.
2. At County level the hospitals were being reorganised into specialist units. Broomfield with Basildon and PAH with Herts. A&E would remain open at each location but if you required an ambulance it would take you direct to the specialist hospital.
3. The Parish Council was alerted to the Local Services Fund.

85/17 Clerk's Report

1. The Clerk reported on Cllr Barker's Strategic Parish Meeting on Highway Rangers and Local Highway Partnership.
2. PKF Littlejohn had finished the external audit.
3. Cllrs should be aware that new General Data Protection Regulations were coming in April 2018. The Clerk thought the Parish Council would not have to take any compliance action but would attend training if required.

86/17 Traffic Calming

1. Corn Barns area see 83/17.
2. The Clerk had established that the Police would carry out speed checks on 60mph roads. Clerk to request for Corns Barns and Butt Hatch areas.

87/17 Planning and Enforcement

1. New applications considered between meetings,
 - a. EPF/0202/17 Elms Farm – plans substantially revised
 - b. EPF/1855/17 5 Frayes Chase – extension – no comments
 - c. EPF/1380/17 Longbarns Farmhouse, double garage - comments
2. New applications for discussion at meeting
None.
3. Technical applications for information only
 - a. EPF/2360/17 Bumble Bee Barn – approval of detail
 - b. EPF/1520/17 Field 4898, The Asses - approval of conditions application EPF/1293/16.
 - c. EPF/2233/17 The Manor House, Abbess – TPO
 - d. EPF/1534/17 Field 4898, The Asses – approval of conditions
4. EFDC Decisions
 - a. EPF/1855/17 5 Frayes Chase – permission granted
 - b. EPF/0752/17 Brick Kiln Cottage—permission granted
 - c. EPF/1347/17 Nether Street Farmhouse - LBC granted
5. EFDC Decision awaited
 - d. EPF/0875/17 Elms Farm mobile home
 - e. EPF/1477/17 The Depot, Anchor Lane
6. Planning Enforcement
ENF/0302/Bumble Bee Barn -residential caravan – no breach

88/17 Highways

1. B184/School Lane, Beauchamp fingerpost 2528361 ongoing. Ringway Jacobs did not have resources in 2016-2017. Not suitable for Highways Rangers. In 2018-2019 programme but not considered important.
2. B184 flooding. No water on road at time of Highway's inspection. Clerk to report specific drain and obtain photos when flooded. Cllr Stratton to speak to landowner.
3. Cllrs reported some areas had passing places created when the road was resurfaced. Cllr McEwen to arrange for Cllr Stratton to attend a surgery with Portfolio holder.
4. Cllr Stratton reported vandalism to the signpost at Birds Green. Clerk to report to Highways with Cllr Stratton's photo of damage and Mr Markey's photo pre damage.

89/17 Horsecroft

1. Cllr Parmenter confirmed his inspection. He had removed wood (no bricks found) and there was no further deterioration.
2. Cllr Stratton reported that EFDC's latest revision to the contract was still too onerous and EFDC would not carry out inspections. Cllrs resolved that Cllr Stratton should offer to return responsibility to EFDC.

90/17 First Aid Initiative

Cllr Stratton will finalise the publicity this month.

91/17 Emergency Plan

Clerk to collate responses.

92/17 Finances

1. The Clerk reported income received since the previous meeting-
 - a. EALC Transparency Fund grant £144.00
 - b. HMRC VAT refund q/e 30/6/2017 £136.60
 - c. ECC Verge contract £1,723.83
2. The Clerk was given authority to pay -
 - a. LJ Richardson internal audit £25.00 579
 - b. HMRC PAYE tax M4-6 £84.80 580
 - c. K Weare salary and expenses £533.74 581
3. Cllrs noted the Barclays account balances
 - a. Community £6,505.28 at 5 October 2017
 - b. Business Premium £10,000.00 at 14 July 2017

93/17 Budget

Cllrs agreed the budget as a basis for the precept demand discussion in January.

94/17 Correspondence received since last meeting

Cllrs' attention was drawn to various items. The following required action,

1. Cllrs resolved not to attend the Code of Conduct training but agreed to discuss at the next meeting.
2. Cllrs Stratton, Metson and Milligan to attend the MP meeting.
3. Herts and Essex Air Ambulance grant request for March meeting

95/17 General Discussion/Business for next meeting

1. Code of Conduct.
2. Precept demand
3. Annual Parish Meeting

96/17 Dates for next meetings

17th January 2018

14TH March

9th May

Meeting closed 9.55 pm

Approved Chairman

17th January 2018