

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup>. April, 2008 at 8pm in the Village Hall.

## **PRESENT**

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllrs. Harris, Howe and Kibble.  
The Clerk and two members of the public were in attendance.

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Draper, Lees and Williamson.

## **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Minutes were signed as a true record of the Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup>. March, 2008.

For the benefit of members of the public present it was agreed to bring the Planning item forward to this point in the Meeting.

## **PLANNING**

Cllr. Harris abstained from the following decision wishing not to predetermine any vote he might have to take part in as a borough councillor.

### **a) Planning Application**

**08/00655/FUL Fairlawns, Bicknacre Road** (Three additional houses, an open cartlodge & double garage).

Although PC had no objection in principle to the development of the site there are serious concerns about the present proposals.

The proposal shows that the vehicular access has been moved closer to the Bicknacre Road's junction with the Common/Main Road. Vehicles approaching from the Common have just negotiated a blind corner and so have a very short time in which to see if a vehicle is coming out of the Fairlawns access, and the proposed new access would decrease this time. Also there is a need for improved sightlines for vehicles leaving the site. The proximity of the houses to the roadside boundary and the access, and the need for their "back gardens" which face the road to be fenced means that vehicles will have to be partially on the road before their drivers will be able to see traffic approaching from the blind corner to the right.

The Parish Council is presently talking to the Highways Authority about the inadequacy of the pavement between this site and the village centre. To encourage walking and discourage car use for local trips, any S106/ planning contributions from

this development should be used to improve the public footways from the site to the village centre, in particular the footway beside the Three Horseshoes garden.

There are mature chestnut trees on the site which need to be protected, so they are not damaged during construction. Their loss would have a detrimental impact on the street scene and local amenity.

There is concern about the potential for overlooking of neighbouring properties from plot No.1 and this should be minimised.

The proposed houses on Plots 1 & 2 are well forward of the established building line in Bicknacre Road. This with the height of these houses, with habitable rooms in the roof, will create an over bearing aspect in an area of the village where houses are set back behind front gardens. This will create an urbanised appearance to the detriment of the character of this part of the village.

#### b) CBC Training Events

The Chairman and Cllr. Kibble are to attend the Enforcement Training session on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>. May. The Clerk is to contact Cllr. Lees to find out whether he would wish to attend.

### **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>TH</sup>. MARCH, 2008**

#### a) Holiday Activities (Fa p.81)

The mobile skateboard park had been booked for Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup>. August.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

#### a) Civic Service 8<sup>th</sup>. June

No-one was available to attend the Civic Service. The Clerk is to contact Cllr. Lees to find out whether he would wish to attend.

#### b) Passenger Transport Representatives Meeting 22<sup>nd</sup>. May

As Cllr. Howe is unavailable it was agreed that John Allenby should be asked to go in his place.

### **FINANCE**

#### a) Receipts and Payments Account for the year ended 31/3/08

The Receipts and Payments Account was adopted.

#### b) Payments

The following cheques were signed:

To	Cheque	NET £	VAT £	TOTAL £	Explanation	Power
Hanna's Field Charity (1)	101655	214.00 6.00 12.00		232.00	Rent: Preschool Feb & Mar, C-L Planning March, PC March	LG(MP)A 1976 S19, LGA 1972 Sch1 S143

Essex Association of Local Councils (2)	101656	222.17 42.15		264.32	Annual subs 2008/9 EALC NALC	LGA 1972 S143
Cancelled cheque	101657					
Ordnance Survey (3)	101658	54.75	9.58	64.33	Licence to copy maps	LGA 1971 S111
K. Plumridge	101659			768.91	April salary, Office allowance, B/band → 12/4/08 Reimbursements	LGA 1972 S112
D. Wybrow (4)	101660	82.00 92.00		174.00	Groundswork 9 & 21 April	LG(MP)A 1976 S19, OSA 1906 S9(b)
MD Landscapes (5)		92.40 132.60 51.00 60.00	58.81	394.81	Mow Tye x 3, H's Field x 3, Churchyard x 3 Strim Tye x 2	LG(MP)A 1976 S19, OSA 1906 S9(b)
Chelmsford Group of Neighbourhood Watches (6)				120.00	Neighbourhood Watch signs x 4	LGRA1997 S31

The following receipts were noted:

From	To Account	Amount £	Explanation
S. Hambling	Current	2.00	Allotment Rent 2007-8 & 2008/9
ACS Agricultural Supplies Ltd	Current	20.00	Newsletter ad. June edition
Chelmsford Borough Council	Current	14,609.00	1 <sup>st</sup> half of Precept 2008/9

## **HIGHWAY SAFETY MATTERS**

### **a) Update**

Feedback was awaited from Samir Pandya.

Most of the potholes in Back Lane had been filled.

The Chairman had met Shirley Lucas, Footpaths officer, on site to look at the problems of the path by Paprills.

The Highfields Mead fingerpost had disappeared before the handyman could reinstate it. Clerk has informed ECC.

Graeme Gordon was going to be conducting some speed checks in the village, and Cllr. Applegate undertook to meet him to show him the problems sites. There had recently been a static speed check on the Tye.

## **HFC/PC LIAISON**

### **a) Meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup>. April**

Ash did not attend, so Clerk had asked him to prepare a note for the forthcoming Newsletter. He intends to have a petition about the sale of Lottery tickets. Cllr. Harris had not identified funding for the canopy/blind, but was continuing to look into the matter.

The band for the Fete night is to be followed up on the return of Cllr. Lees.

A village dance is to be an Agenda item for the next PC Meeting.

## **COMMUNITY-LED PLANNING**

### **a) Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup>. April**

The draft constitution had been amended and agreed. It was agreed that it should be adopted at the public meeting on 28<sup>th</sup>. May. The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary would be appointed at that meeting. There was a nomination for each post. Group members were asked to arrive at 7.30pm.

## **CLERK'S MODEL CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

### **a) Signatures**

The new Contract was signed by Clerk and Chairman.

## **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

The Annual Parish Meeting would be held in the small hall at 8pm on Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup>. May. The Meeting would concentrate on the parish planning process and be the inaugural meeting of the parish planning group.

## **CONSULTATION:- THE FUTURE OF WASTE IN ESSEX**

In the absence of Cllr. Draper, this item was not considered.

## **MATTERS FOR REPORT**

### **a) Parish Councils' Forum 14<sup>th</sup>. April**

Cllr. Applegate attended. There was an update on the Local Development Framework. Feedback on the site allocations consultation was expected in about 8 weeks.

### **b) Neighbourhood Action Panel**

Cllr. Applegate had attended the recent NAP at Woodham Ferrers. Three people were in custody with regard to local burglaries.

### **c) Bus Service**

The bus had left East Hanningfield and the bus station ahead of schedule more than once causing people to miss it. Cllr. Applegate had been given a list of the occasions

on which this had happened and would pass it to the Clerk to send to the bus company.

d) Concrete Crushing

Clerk had received a complaint from a resident of Bennetts Avenue that the concrete crushing equipment had been moved from Lodge Farm to Highlands Farm. The matter was being investigated by Environmental Health and Planning Enforcement.

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