

A Meeting of the Parish Council was held on Thursday, 13th. December, 2007 at 8.05pm in the Village Hall.

PRESENT

Cllr. Applegate in the Chair, Cllrs. Harris, Howe and Lees.
The Clerk and one member of the public were in attendance.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. Kibble 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 22nd.November, 2007.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND. NOVEMBER

Budget and Precept 2008/9 (Fe p.59)

Although the intention had been to precept £1000 towards Sports Facilities Regeneration, a miscalculation at the Meeting had meant that this had not been achieved. This matter will therefore need to be revisited and will be a continuing Agenda Item.

CORRESPONDENCE

a) Community Initiatives Fund

It was noted that information has been received regarding the ECC Community Initiatives Fund for 2008/9. £1m will be available for capital projects, which must either be from PCs or supported by PCs in parished areas. Evidence of need and of fund raising is required. The information on the PC's website has been updated for the new round. The Clerk undertook to check the final date for applications.

b) Highways Officer Visit

An offer from Samir Pandya, Acting Mid Area Highway Manager to attend a meeting between January and April to update PC on the highway functions undertaken at the Mid Area Office was considered.

It was agreed to invite him to attend before the next Meeting on 24th. January, but to explain that PC was more interested in discussing unresolved highway problems that have not been addressed than listening to the functions of the Highways Authority.

c) CBC Community Sports Development Officer Visit

The Officer, Claire Cornwell had suggested a meeting to discuss the Parish Sports Programme. The Clerk was asked to find out what children and their parents want and to contact the School for assistance.

Cllr. Draper arrived at this point.

FINANCE

a) EALC Councillor Training Day 2

It was agreed that the Clerk should book up to three places at a cost of £50 per delegate, once confirmed whether Cllr. Howe and Kibble could attend. Cllr. Lees confirmed that he would attend.

b) RCCE Going for Green Information Events

It was agreed that the Chairman should attend the Saving Resources/Recycling event at Saling Millenium Hall on Thursday 13th. March, 1.45-4.45pm, at a cost of £10 for the delegate fee.

c) Village Hall Rent 2008

It was noted that as from 1st. January, PC will be charged an hourly rate of £4 or £23 for the evening for the Meeting room, and PC's contribution to Preschool rent will be £214 per half term, and that this was slightly higher than calculated for the Budget.

d) Payments

It was noted that due to incorrect calculation the following cheque had been cancelled:

| To | Cheque | NET £ | VAT £ | TOTAL £ | Explanation | Power |
|----------------------------|--------|----------------|-------|---------|--|---|
| Hanna's Field Charity (42) | 101632 | 9.38 203.70 | | 303.08 | Rent Oct PC Meeting & Preschool 1st half term. | LGA 1972 S Sch1 S143 & LG(MP)A 1976 S19 |

The following cheques were signed:

| To | Cheque | NET £ | VAT £ | TOTAL £ | Explanation | Power |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------------------------|-------|---------|---|--|
| Society of Local Council Clerks (47) | 101638 | | | 99.33 | Annual subs 2008 £129 x 77% | LGA 1972 S112 |
| Hanna's Field Charity (48) | 101639 | 9.38 9.38 407.40 | | 426.16 | Rent Oct & Nov PC Meetings, Preschool Autumn term | LGA 1972 S Sch1 S143, LG(MP)A 1976 S19 |

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| Derek Wybrow (49) | 101640 | | | 65.00 | Groundswork November | OSA 1906 S9 |
| K. Plumridge (P11) | 101641 | | | 759.17 | Dec. Salary, Office allowance, B/band → 12/12, Reimbursements | LGA 1972 S112 |
| Post Office Ltd 5/1/08 | 101642 | | | 578.69 | PAYE & NI Oct-Dec 07 | LGA 1972 S112 |
| RCCE (50) | 101643 | | | 10.00 | Information Event | LGA 1972 S111 |

The following receipts were noted:

| From | To Account | Amount £ | Explanation |
|--------------------------|------------|----------|------------------------|
| Baddow Plumbing Services | Current | 22.00 | Newsletter advertising |
| D. Rice | Current | 10.00 | Copying |

PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

07/02168/FUL Barne Meade, Old Church Road CM3 8BH (First floor rear extension, creation of porch to front, external alterations to garage and stairs.)

No objection.

07/01690/FUL Gatecraft, Lodge Farm (retention of and additional open sided timber stores and retention of oil tank structure).

Support.

07/02131/FUL The Royal Tiger, Southend Road, CM3 8EE (Ground floor rear extension)

No objection.

b) Appeal – Lodge Farm

It was noted that the hearing into the appeal against refusal of planning permission to use land at Lodge Farm for the crushing and storage of crushed concrete for later distribution, and the screening and storage of topsoil for later distribution was to take place at the Chapter House, Chelmsford on Tuesday, 11th. December.

c) CBC Consultation on Validation of Planning Applications.

PC noted the contents of the document but had no comments.

HIGHWAY SAFETY MATTERS

a) Review of Outstanding Highways Issues.

Cllrs. Harris and Applegate had attended the NAP meeting the previous week.

Speedwatch letters had been issued. Two more speedwatch volunteers were awaiting training.

It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the superintendent about the persistent offenders and that information from police records showed that there had been no

static checks in East Hanningfield and such a resource was needed. Ps. Adam Pipe was doing an excellent job with Community Speedwatch.

HFC/PC LIAISON

a) HFC Christmas Reception

Cllrs. had been invited to attend at 8.30pm 19th. December at the Village Hall.

COMMUNITY LED PLANNING

a) Initial Meeting

Following consultation with interested parties, it was agreed to go ahead with the initial meeting on 16th. January. Clerk is to invite village groups and circulate village plans.

MATTERS FOR REPORT

a) Planning Enforcement

It was noted that although PC had had no objection, CBC refused planning permission for the bund to the rear of Chestnut House. Information had been received that the bund would be subject to an enforcement notice.

The enforcement notice on Highwater Farm was near expiry.

b) Footpath at Paprills

The fingerpost had yet to be installed. The Clerk was asked to investigate.

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 10.02