



## **LATCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room.  
The Village Hall, Burnham Road, Latchingdon, Essex**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Dave Moore (Chair), Cllr Dale Symons (Vice-Chair)  
Cllr Graham Rogers, Cllr Dave Banner, Cllr Lynn Robinson,  
& Cllr Gill Winsor.  
In attendance: Sarah Sayer  
Members of the public: 7

Cllr Symons welcomed everyone present and opened the meeting at 7.30 p.m.

- 1. APOLOGIES**  
Cllr Jacqueline Ruocco
- 2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015**
  - a) The minutes for the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2015 having been corrected, were signed as a true and accurate record.
- 3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2015**
  - a) The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September were Proposed by Cllr Winsor and Seconded by Cllr Robinson and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
- 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
  - a) None declared at this point in the meeting.
- 5. PUBLIC SESSION AND POLICE REPORT**
  - Mention was made of the problems with motor bikes traversing across the field and cars "donuting" on the field. Entry was assumed to have been made between the enclosed play area and the village pond. Clerk to look into some sort of deterrent.
  - Clerk was handed a 160 strong petition against the proposed Sharps Farm Development.
  - Residents strongly objecting to the possibility of part of the King George V Playing field being sold to accommodate the access point of the proposed Sharps Farm Development and had been in contact with Fields in Trust and wanted to know what the members would be doing. However, the members had to inform the resident(s) that they were unable to comment at this time as it would preclude them from making a decision when the application eventually was put before them as a consultee of the local district council.

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- There was no police report as such but it was mentioned that the policing on the Dengie Peninsula is changing and Burnham and Southminster Police Stations will be closed and possibly sold off and Maldon Police Station will be open 9-5 Monday to Friday. Police will no longer be attending vandalism calls – best to call 101 and report any incident and get a reference number as this could mean a better police presence. The Maldon area is statistically & theoretically one of the safest places to live in the UK.

### 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

No report available at this time.

### 7. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT REPORT

- a) No further street lights outages reported.
  - Members queries what is happening with the damaged/removed wooden bollards outside number 22
  - Clerk to ascertain if these are going to be replaced by ECC Highways. Concerns over a BT outlet cover in Snoreham Gardens were raised.
  - Drain cover problem near roundabout going towards Steeple Road marked red so hoping due to be fixed.
- b) Transport no further update – “D” services appear not to be affected more information the website [www.essex.gov.uk/busreview](http://www.essex.gov.uk/busreview) for any proposed changes.
- c) Cllr Rogers informed members that ECC Flood Management Team engaged with all local residents where they are looking to excavate inside the boundary of their properties i.e. lawns, patios, moving of shrubs etc however have promised that full reinstatement of any disruption would take place after the work was carried out. Cllr Rogers explained that this work will be funded by the ECC Flood Management Team and that the plans show that a very good job will be made. The start date is possibly before Christmas but this depends on the landowner, Mr. Ives and his reaction to the proposed excavation and when the next window of opportunity is available which might not be until August/Sept 2016
- d) No news regarding the request for a S.I.D. from the Local Highways panel. Clerk requested to send to the Highways and Police a letter requesting information pertaining to the installation of the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) at each end of the Dengie Peninsula as the police have had funding for this for sometime.

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### **8. PLANNING & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

- a) The Planning meeting to follow the Parish Council meeting.
- b) Update relating to Latchingdon South Proposed development will be discussed during the course of the planning meeting.
- c) The open days held in the Village Hall for residents to attend to view the proposed plans for the Sharps Farm Development were well attended. Members awaiting feedback from Robert Mulholland as to reaction from residents to this possible development. NB – Objection petition with 160 names so far has been handed into the PC.

### **9. PARISH PATHS**

- a) It was noted that various PROW had not been cut in by the farmer. Cllr Moore/Cllr Robinson still to speak to some land owners, especially the footpath that runs by the metal gate off The Street nr. 61 The Street.
- b) Market by metal gate nr No. 61 The Street is still down. Clerk to chase.
- c) Member requested that the Clerk ask the handyman to litter pick FP No. 8 – next to 45 The Street.

### **10. ALLOTMENTS**

- a) Clerk confirmed that a letter had been sent to the allotment holder regarding their overgrown allotment.
- b) Clerk had spoken with Shirley Hall of the Environmental Department at MDC who had visited the site with the Pest Control Officer and whilst the PC has in place a Pest Control Contract, it is her opinion that the chickens are either moved to the other side of the site or removed altogether. As the first option is not really an option as this would mean moving the birds onto someone else's allotment, it was resolved that the Clerk write to all Allotment holders informing them that the Parish Council have revoked the right to keeping chickens on the allotment site as they are causing nuisance to neighbouring properties and sending all allotment holders a new lease agreement to sign.

### **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence noted.

### **12. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – 8<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

- a) Donation to Royal British Legion for Poppy Wreath noted as per resolution in budget meeting held December 2015.
- b) The Chairman Cllr Dave Moore to attend the service to lay the poppy wreath on behalf of the Parish Council, but should duty call, Cllr Dave Banner said he would be happy to deputise.

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### **13. FINANCE/PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

- a) The payments were reviewed, agreed and signed October 2015. Prop: Cllr Moore and Seconded by Cllr Robinson.
- b) Members noted the return of the Annual Return from the external audit and all is in order.
- c) Some projects were raised but it was agreed that it would be best to see what the outcome of the planning/new village hall was before starting any other projects at this time.

### **14. VILLAGE HALL AND KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD AND POND**

- a) Field in good condition, a bit wet in places and is being well used by LFC.
- b) Community Pay Back Team has attended on three occasions during September and October and has painted the outside of the hall with black solignum water based paint and the inside with magnolia emulsion. They have painted the ladies and gents toilets and the hallway. Clerk to buy gloss for the paintwork.
- c) Cllr Symons to demolish rusty container when his busy period on the farm has slowed down.
- d) Handyman to repair post and rail fence along from notice board.
- e) Cllr Robinson to liaise with other members about setting a date for window cleaning and putting up the Christmas decorations.
- f) Clerk has chased Mr. Lamb regarding signing the letter with the plan and returning. He said he had not received it, so Clerk resent. Clerk to chase.

### **15. DLC/YOUTH PROVISION**

- a) Despite a valiant attempt to keep the Youth Club running with the help of the ECC Youth Service it has not been possible to achieve this and "Da Latchingdon Club" is officially closed. Clerk as appointed secretary/Treasurer of the club to cancel insurance and close the bank account.

### **16. PLAY AREA'S**

- a) Clerk informed members that the community payback team would be able to do the very low risk repairs, but not until the weather was better and it is likely this will now be in the spring.
- b) No news regards the cable swing funding.

### **17. TREE MANAGEMENT**

- a) Plans and drafts are being drawn up behind the scenes and will be presented to the council in due course.

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- 18. TO UPDATE MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED NOT SHOWN AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM OR MEETING TO BE ATTENDED.**  
None at this time.
- 19. DONATION OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR BY EAST OF ENGLAND CO-OP.**  
a) Clerk spoken to the Area Manager who was going back to her bosses to see if installing the equipment in the garage was acceptable and was not a health and safety risk. Clerk to chase response.
- 20. BP GARAGE – POSSIBLE LIGHT POLLUTION**  
a) No further complaints have been received Cllr Rogers volunteered to monitor.
- 21. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/CRIME IN THE DENGIE FB PAGE(S)**  
a) The website is being kept up to date with pertinent information  
b) A draft social media policy was presented to members for them to review and make comment at the next meeting.
- 22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 7.30 p.m.** as there are committee meetings that night. The Planning Committee Meeting to following the PC meeting.
- 23. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**  
A request was made to put on the agenda an item relating to the Turncole Windfarm construction traffic and how it was going to affect Latchingdon.

**Meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.**

Signed.....  
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