



LATCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 23rd February 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room.
The Village Hall, Burnham Road, Latchingdon, Essex**

PRESENT: Cllr Graham Rogers (acting Chairman), Cllr Jacqueline Ruocco ,
Cllr Dave Banner & Cllr Gill Winsor.
District Councillors: Bob Boyce and Beverley Acevedo,
In attendance: Sarah Sayer
Members of the public: 0

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

In the absence of the Vice Chairman a temporary Chair was elected to Chair the meeting and the Agenda item "Election of Chair" was deferred until the March meeting. Members decided that Cllr Rogers would Chair the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

Cllr Dave Moore, Cllr Lynn Robinson & Cllr Dale Symons.

3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING(s)

a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2nd February 2017 (January 2017 meeting) were proposed by Cllr Ruocco and seconded by Cllr Winsor - agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the acting Chairman.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

c) None declared at this point in the meeting.

5. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public present.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE.

It was agreed that members would complete this as individuals.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

MDC has set its precept at 1.7% up and ECC 3% up and have ring fenced social care as the culprit. No other frontline services are up in this respect and costs will stay the same. Sadly District Councillor Boyce informed members that the Conservative Party had deselected him as the County Council candidate and had put Cllr Ron Pratt forward instead. The outcome of the LDP was not known, but it was looking positive.

8. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT REPORT

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- a) Various street lights that had been reported as not working to the Clerk had been reported either to ECC or the Parish Street Light contractor and most had been repaired and were working.
- b) It was stated that none of the transport changes affect Latchingdon.
- c) The Flood Management Team project in the West corner of the village is still waiting to be tested with a sufficiently serious downpour or prolonged period of rain. At the moment there has been no sign of flooding.
In regard to the broken drain underneath the Old Football Club development a worker from MDC was content that another drain had been installed in the centre of the development which ran to the road and would do the same job and was happy that this drain was running clear.
- d) No further news other than the VAS project is still viable but could take a while depending on funding.
- e) Members have met the developer/builder on site regarding the condition of the pathway with a planning officer, who requested that no further bonfires were lit on the King George V Playing Field and that the public footpath was cleared of the mud and the heras fencing moved as some of it was protruding onto the footway. The condition of the footway was not good before they started and was in need of repair.
- f) Clerk has made signs informing people that the Allotment car park is a private car park and should not be used.

9. PLANNING

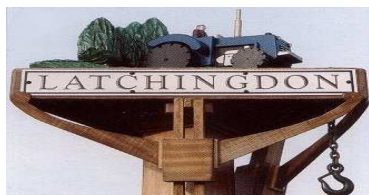
The Planning meeting to follow the Parish Council meeting.

10. LATCHINGDON SOUTH DEVELOPMENT

- a) Cllr Robinson and Cllr Symons confirmed via email that they had acted on the resolution of the Parish Council at the meeting on 2nd February and engaged the Solicitors Gepp and Sons as legal counsel for the Latchingdon South Development project.
- b) All information requested by the developer had been forwarded to him as follows:-
 - i) Details of Solicitor for land and conveyance matters and s106 agreement. – Gepp and Sons confirmed.
 - ii) Details of Agent who will be acting in regard to scheme/valuation matters– Strutt and Parker confirmed
 - iii) Email sent to developer confirming that the Henry Gilder Trust are interested in the project and copied to Michael Siggs at the Trust and Paul Gayler at MDC. Also Michael Siggs sent Developer a memo detailing the procedures towards a

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Section 106 Agreement and detailed in the email that a meeting with Developer/Henry Gilder and MDC would be helpful.

- c) Members decided it would be helpful to pencil in fortnightly Extra Ordinary meetings to cover the Latchingdon South Development Project as it may be that decisions will have to be made before the next monthly meeting.

11. PARISH PATHS

- a) The bin in FP NO. 8 will be removed shortly.
- b) The footpath sign outside No. 61. The Street is still down. Clerk to chase yet again.

12. ALLOTMENTS

- a) One of the vacant allotments has been taken and there is an interested party for the other one, both local residents.
- b) Clerk in contact with BT regarding the possibility of more allotments at the BT Exchange on The Street.

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence noted.

14. FINANCE/PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- a) The payments and receipts were reviewed, accepted, agreed and signed for the month of March 2017

15. TRAINING

- a) Cllr Robinson – Planning course 6th May p.m. - AGREED
- b) Cllr Robinson – Food Hygiene course – Dates incorrect so could not attend.

16. VILLAGE HALL AND KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD AND POND

- a) The electrics at the Village Hall have been sorted, just awaiting the bill.
- b) The locks are still to be looked at on the Sports Pavillion.
- c) Clerk has identified various funding sources and will start filling in grant forms.
- d) Cllr Robinson and Cllr Rogers met with a fencing contractor but an issue has arisen that the fence they have put up abuts to the trees on the boundary and it would be very difficult for the parish to put up a fence. More issues were raised in regard to the land that has already been taken by the developer from the KGV despite the paperwork that was drawn up by the owners of the Football club before it was sold to Mr. Lamb and Miss Murphy and several onsite meetings agreeing where the boundary was originally and then where it was agreed to be

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as the Parish did not have the resources to fight a legal battle over boundary marking.

- e) Clerk to still measure fence around the pond.
- f) It was agreed to enter the Best Kept Playing Field Competition.
- g) First table top sale in March, posters to be put up on the notice boards and around the village. On the website and on facebook.

17. PLAY AREA'S

- a) Clerk awaiting quotes for play bark and will report back to next meeting.

18. RISK ASSESSMENT(S)

- a) Clerk informed members that the risk assessments are a work in progress and that draft versions would be presented at meetings going forward for review and approval, the main one being the financial risk assessment.

19. TO UPDATE MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED NOT SHOWN AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM OR MEETING TO BE ATTENDED.

WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/CRIME IN THE DENGIE FB PAGE(S)

- a) Meeting at Wickham Bishops Village Hall 10th February – Cllr Rogers reported his visit with Cllr Robinson to Wickam Bishops Village Hall , that it was useful to see how things were done and the hall was set with a noise limiter which if the sound went above a certain level the electrics would cut out.
- b) Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils 15th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m. at Burnham Town Council – NOTED.

20. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

All running smoothly.

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

30th March 2017 at 7.30 p.m as there are committee meetings before.

Meeting ended at 7.50 p.m.

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