



LATCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 24th November 2016 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room.
The Village Hall, Burnham Road, Latchingdon, Essex**

PRESENT: Cllr Lynn Robinson, Cllr Graham Rogers, Cllr Jacqueline Ruocco
Cllr Dale Symons (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Banner & Cllr Gill Winsor.
District Councillor: Bob Boyce
In attendance: Sarah Sayer
Members of the public: 0

1. APOLOGIES

Cllr Dave Moore

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29th September 2016

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 29th September 2016 were proposed by Cllr Lynn Robinson and seconded by Cllr Graham Rogers and the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Vice Chairman.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a) None declared at this point in the meeting.

4. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public present.

5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

DC Boyce reported that the LDP (Local Development Plan) inquiry will take place at the 3 Rivers Golf Club early January and could take as long as 3 weeks to conclude. Latchingdon and Althorn have suffered as a lot of planning applications in this ward have been refused by MDC but gone to appeal and been allowed.

Planning Dept is short staffed.

6. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT REPORT

- i) The pot hole in the middle of the road on The Street opposite the school as it is getting larger, but Highways have inspected and do not consider it to be critical – Clerk to chase yet again and chase problems at the bottom of Rectory Lane.
- ii) The transport consultation is due to end on 3rd January.
- iii) Mr Rogers stated that the work has been completed by the ECC Flood Management Team but will not be tested until there are some very heavy downpours. Concerns had been raised that the

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main drainage ditch was overgrown and another ditch was in the same condition. MDC Environment Services have been informed.

- iv) The VAS project is still viable but could take a while depending on funding.

7. PLANNING

The Planning meeting to follow the Parish Council meeting.

8. PARISH PATHS

- a) Cllr Robinson said that FP NO. 8 had been cleared so far but not totally. Clerk to ask Handyman to litter pick and remove the black plastic dustbin that is full to overflowing and very unsightly.
- b) The footpath sign outside No. 61. The Street is still down. Clerk to chase yet again.

It was reported that on FP's 8&9 footpath signs have been knocked into the ditch. Clerk to report.

9. ALLOTMENTS

- a) Clerk in process of contacting next people on the waiting list now that there are two allotments vacant.
- b) No further news on the new project of Allotments behind the Telephone Exchange.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence noted.

11. FINANCE/PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- a) The payments and receipts were reviewed, accepted and signed for the month of October and November 2016.
- b) The annual budget/precept meeting was arranged for Thursday 15th December 2016 at 7 p.m.

12. TRAINING

- a) No training issues arose.

13. ESSEX COMMUNITY MESSAGING

- a) Members had no comments at this time.

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

All matters under this heading have been dealt with during the course of the earlier committee meetings.

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15. PLAY AREA'S

All matters under this heading have been dealt with during the course of the earlier committee meetings

16. RISK ASSESSMENT(S)

- a) Clerk informed members that the risk assessments were in a work in progress and that draft versions would be presented at meetings going forward for review and approval.

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

- a) No report was available as Cllr Moore not present.
- b) Bradwell LCLC due to take place on 14th December – it was not sure who would attend at this point.
- c) Apologies to be sent to the invitation to the Civic Carol Service on 19th December.

18. DRAFT SOUTH MARINE PLAN

- a) This document was circulated to members via email and it was decided that no comments needed to be made; this document was only for information purposes as it covers the area next to South East Marine Plan.

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

- a) All being kept up to date and members of the public utilising.

20. PUBLIC PAYPHONES REMOVAL

- a) Members discussed the circulated document which had recorded only 10 calls having been made from the telephone box outside the village hall in the last 12 months and unfortunately there was no argument to keep it going.

21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26th January 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

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