



## **LATCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 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 Jacqueline Ruocco, Cllr Lynn Robinson &  
Cllr Gill Winsor. DC Bob Boyce and DC Beverley Acevado.  
In attendance: Sarah Sayer  
Members of the public: 0

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

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Dave Banner due to being unwell.

### **2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

- a) The minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 were Proposed by Cllr Dale Symons and Seconded by Cllr Gill Winsor subject to the correction of Cllr Graham Moore being changed to Cllr Graham Rogers on both approval of the minutes, changes were made and signed and the minutes were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chairman.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **4. PUBLIC SESSION**

No public present.

### **5. POLICE REPORT**

- No police report available.

### **6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

It was reported that the District Council's precept would be increased by 1.99%. The problems relating to the car parking charges and hours had been resolved and now there would be charging on Sundays and the evenings. There will no longer be free car parking at the Council offices either. LDP is still ongoing, no news imminent. Members congratulated DC Boyce on his recent honour of becoming an M.B.E. and DC Boyce said that he had a super day at Buckingham Palace.

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### 7. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT REPORT

- a) No other street light outages reported at this time. Cllr Robinson reported that the utility cover outside No. 22 The Street had been reported as it was making such a horrendous noise every time any vehicle drove across it. ECC have informed the utility company responsible.
- b) Cllr Rogers informed members that ECC renew the "D" Service contracts in September 2016 and are conducting a review which is focused on differing transport needs, changes, travel demands and funds. The Dengie Dart pilot scheme has been very successful, but is due to end on 18<sup>th</sup> March.
- c) Cllr Rogers reported that there had been an issue with the contractor taken on by the Flood Management Team to carry out the necessary work to improve the management of flooding, FMT (Flood Management Team) dismissed the contractor and since then 3 chaps have been seen walking the site, presumably to quote FMT regarding the contract, Cllr Rogers said that he would get an update from the FMT and report back to next meeting.
- d) There is still no news to date regarding the request made to the Highways panel for a SID for The Street and Burnham Road, but both projects are evident on the Local Highways Panel listing.
- e) Members discussed the issue raised by Mayland Parish Council regarding the alleged delays through The Street at peak times and unanimously decided to make a response to Mayland PC that the parking outside the shop has always been a natural speed calming method to stop traffic thundering through Latchingdon as 90% of road users ignore the 30 mph signs. It was also stated that over the last 18mths there had been more than usual road/water works which were necessary. Clerk to write back informing Mayland PC that Latchingdon PC had no intention of doing anything regarding the parking outside the Village Shop.

### 8. TURNCOLE WIND FARM CONSTRUCTION TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

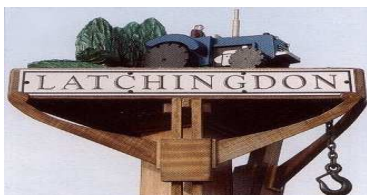
- a) No news, although it was mentioned that the signs directing the various Wind Farm Traffic had been stolen on the Lower Burnham Road.

### 9. PLANNING & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

- a) The Planning meeting to follow the Parish Council meeting.
- b) Latchingdon South Proposed development is going to be putting in an appeal and the documents requested have been sent to their solicitor regarding the old allotment site and proof of ownership. The solicitor that had been engaged to carry out the legal work for this project has moved on and the Clerk needs to find another firm.

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- c) No news has been heard from the Sharps Farm Developers.

### 10. PARISH PATHS

- a) Cllr Moore reiterated that the foot path sign was down outside No. 61. Down. Clerk to chase yet again.

### 11. ALLOTMENTS

- a) No further complaints received, no response received from Allotment holder to date. Clerk to double check and report back to next meeting.
- b) Cllr Moore reported that he had spoken to Miss Tutt and all was resolved regarding the PC making the decision to remove all the chickens from the allotment site.
- c) The vacant allotment has been filled and both parties are liaising about the hand over and items on the allotment.

### 12. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence noted.

- MDC Minutes and Reports of the Council – Bk 1 and 2

### 13. FINANCE/PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- a) The payments were reviewed, agreed and signed for February 2016. Prop: Cllr Moore and Seconded: Cllr Winsor.

### 14. TRAINING

- a) No training issues arose.

### 15. VILLAGE HALL AND KING GEORGE V PLAYING FIELD AND POND

- a) Members noted two new hall hires on a Tuesday evening.
- b) Members discussed the request from the building contracting carrying out the development on the old Football Club site to use the front village hall car park for 3 vans and not more than 6 cars for about 7 months. Members requested that the Clerk find out about what they intend to do for storage and deliveries, on site toilets and to find out where we stand. Clerk to contact Chelmsford Parking Safety Partnership regarding enforcement on private land. Also the double gates need to be accessible at all times for health and safety reasons as well as PC contractors access e.g. grass cutting and EDF for cutting down of trees that are hampering pylon wires. No decision could be made until all this information was available.

### 16. PLAY AREA'S

- a) Clerk re-iterated to 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.

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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.
- b) ECC are due to do the tree work during the next month, no specific date has been given.

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

### **19. DONATION OF THE DEFIBRILLATOR BY EAST OF ENGLAND CO-OP.**

- a) Cllr Banner will be purchasing various things needed to install the defibrillator on his house. Check email.

### **20. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK/CRIME IN THE DENGIE FB PAGE(S)**

- a) The website is being kept up to date with pertinent information
- b) Facebook is kept up to date and reviewed daily.

### **21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Members discussed the date of the next meeting and decided upon 31<sup>st</sup> March as this was the last Thursday. The schedule of meetings was to be reviewed and decided at the next meeting.

**Meeting closed at 20.03 p.m.**

Signed.....  
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