



## **LATCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Parish Room.  
The Village Hall, Burnham Road, Latchingdon, Essex**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Dale Symons (Vice-Chair) Cllr Graham Rogers, Cllr Jacqueline Ruocco, Cllr Dave Banner & Cllr Gill Winsor.  
District Councillors: Bob Boyce  
In attendance: Sarah Sayer  
Members of the public: 3

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIR**

Members proposed that Cllr Dale Symons take the position of Chairman – and Cllr Symons agreed, but did inform those present that during various times of the year that he would be unable to attend some sessions and everyone present agreed. Members proposed also that as that left the Vice Chair position available that Cllr Lynn Robinson takes the position of Vice-Chair and the Clerk informed the members present that Cllr Robinson was happy to accept this responsibility.

### **2. APOLOGIES**

Cllr Dave Moore & Cllr Lynn Robinson and District Councillor Acevado.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING(s)**

- a) The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 were proposed by Cllr Banner and seconded by Cllr Rogers - agreed and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the new Chairman.

### **4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

### **5. PUBLIC SESSION**

- Louise Cook from Smart Planning was present to talk the members through the planning application that was actually within the Parish of Althorne but bordering Latchingdon. The site was indicated to be a brownfield site and had previously had planning for an office development on the site which will be a U-shaped site and the intention is to build 7 4 bedroomed houses. Members thanked Ms Cook for her input.
- Further concerns were raised about a property in Burnham Road where rats had been seen and it is understood that some drug takers use it as a meeting/exchange spot.
- Also it was raised about the flooding along Burnham Road and had any progress been made. Cllr Rogers said that will be dealt with later on in the agenda.

Signed.....  
Chairman

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### 6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

LDP Inspector is expected to announce main modification soon and it is hoped that the altered plan will be approved late Summer/Autumn. There is a 5 year land supply.

### 7. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT REPORT

- a) The Clerk informed members that the potholes/broken drain in The Street outside the school had been reported several times by herself, councillor and resident and a final call about the drain that had collapsed and was causing the adjacent house to shake every time a HGV went over it was re-inspected and more red lines put around the defects.
- b) The transport draft does not affect Latchingdon or the rest of the Dengie Peninsula.
- c) The Flood Management Team project was completed 12 months ago and there has not been sufficient rainfall to cause flood conditions to test the new work.

Cllr Rogers visited Mr and Mrs Fuller to discuss in more detail the extent of the flooding and the history. Mr. Fuller had to relocate his business from his back garden to a site near the village due to the problem. The general road conditions run South to North and the bulk of the problem of surface water is outside 39 and 41. It has been noted that the locations of the Highways drains are haphazard i.e. some are close together and then there is not another one for some distance. Cllr Roger said that he needed to now speak to Shirley Hall at MDC to see if these conditions meet the parameters to access the funding that is available for flooding problems by helping with installing more drains.

- d) No further news other than the VAS project is still viable but could take a while depending on funding.
- e) The problems with the mud on the footpath were being dealt with as it appeared that the development is in the finishing stages. As soon as this is finished
- f) Clerk has made signs informing people that the Allotment car park is a private car park and should not be used but are yet to be put up.
- g) Members noted the road closure in Lawlinge Road effective from 1/4/17 and may continue for 18 months.

### 8. PLANNING

The Planning meeting followed the Parish Council meeting.

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### **9. LATCHINGDON SOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

No update available.

### **10. ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE NOMINATION – RED LION INN**

Members noted the letter received from MDC in this regard and awaited confirmation whether or not the property will be placed on the list.

### **11. PARISH PATHS**

- a) The bin that was full of dog mess has been removed by MDC
- b) The footpath sign outside No. 61. The Street is still down. Clerk to chase yet again.

### **12. ALLOTMENTS**

- a) One further allotment to be let out.
- b) Clerk in contact with BT regarding the possibility of more allotments at the BT Exchange on The Street, however no further action at this time.

### **13. CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. Email from Deputy Monitoring Officer informing of the Temporary changes due to Ms Kelly's maternity leave.
  - b. Mayland Mayl
  - c. Maldon and District CVS Mag
  - d. The Clerk Magazine
  - e. The Clerk and Councils Mag
- 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) No training at this time.

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

All matters pertaining to this Agenda item has been dealt with during the course of the committee meetings held prior to the Parish Council meeting.

### **17. PLAY AREA'S**

Matters relating to this item have been dealt with in the KGV Playing Field Committee Meeting held prior to this meeting.

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### 18. RISK ASSESSMENT(S)

- a) Members agreed the updated version of the financial risk assessment for 17-18 – Cllr Banner to review more closely and bring any changes to the next meeting. Other risk assessments for the Parish to be completed.

### 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) Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils elected a new Chair who is Cllr Wendy Stamp from Burnham ON Crouch Town Council. John Anderson Chair of Southminster PC has taken over the position on the EALC Executive Committee and standards board. – NOTED.

### 20. WEBSITE/FACEBOOK

All running smoothly.

### 21. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA & DATE OF NEXT MEETING

27<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7.30 p.m

**Meeting ended at 20.26 p.m.**

Signed.....  
Chairman

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