

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Messing cum Inworth Parish Council
Held on 17/3/2015 at 7.35pm at Messing Village Hall**

Those Present:

Chair
Andy Smith

Councillor
Dick Youngs

Councillor
John Dey

Councillor
David Smith

Parish Clerk
Dawn Marriott

County Councillor
John Jowers (part)

Member of the public
David Hooker (part)

MINUTES

- 171/14** **To receive apologies and to record absences**
Parish Cllrs Baxter, Culley and Longman gave their apologies.
- 172/14** **To receive Declarations of Interest**
Cllr Youngs: Interest in allotments (176/14).
- 173/14** **To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council and the Planning Meetings held on 17/02/15**
Proposed Cllr Youngs, seconded Cllr Dey, signed by chair.
- 174/14** **To receive reports from the County and Borough Councillors, and a report from the Essex Constabulary**
- Essex Constabulary:** no report
- Borough Cllrs Bentley and Ellis** gave their apologies: no report
- County Cllr Jowers** reported:
Wind Mill Hill, Inworth was closed for three days for emergency burst water main repairs.
Cllr Bass from Essex CC Highways is commissioning a feasibility study into installing a roundabout the junction of Feering Hill, and the B1023, Gore Pit Corner (by Blue Anchor Pub), Feering.
Cllr Derrick Louis at Essex CC can give the parish council advice on the potential sale price of the Red House, and any discounts available should the parish council wish to purchase (see 180/14).
Attended the recent Police and Crime Panel, Chief Constable is considering allowing community police officers to attend parish council meetings again.
- 175/14** **To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation**
The question was regarding the parish council intentions about the sale of the Red House, Messing (see ref 180/14).
- 176/14** **Ongoing projects**

- **To receive a report on the up-to-date position on Potholes and Road Closures**
- Major pothole at Messing village gateway still an issue. ACTION Clerk to ask Cllr Bentley to escalate. Wind Mill Hill has been closed for 3 days for emergency burst water main repairs, Clerk notified after road reopened. *Ongoing.*
- **To receive report re Inworth Gates project**
- ACTION Clerk still awaiting response from Essex CC Highways as to what additional street furniture/road marking will be completed.
- ACTION Chair to contact Perrywood nursery re planters at gateways. *Ongoing.*
- **To discuss the current situation regarding the drainage/flooding issues at the Village Playground/Hall**
- Clerk reported receipt of funds from Essex CC to complete flood alleviation works. Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Bentley for his assistance. Village Hall committee need to apply for planning permission. ACTION clerk to liaise with Geoff Jackson of Village hall Committee, and to ensure funds are set aside for only this project. *Ongoing.*
- **To receive an update re the A12 VTAG to campaign to help with traffic issues in Feering/Kelvedon**
- Report at next meeting. *Ongoing.*
- **'Heart of Messing' Community Defibrillator project - Spring Market 25/4/15 and S106 monies**
- All tables now sold for spring market 25/4/15. Laminated posters being distributed/displayed. Leaflets for distribution in both Villages.
- T-shirts for volunteers to wear on the day. CBC investigating the release of £750 from Section 106 monies. ACTION Cllr Longman to write press release. *Ongoing.*
- **Progress on Emergency Planning**
- To be reviewed at next meeting. *Ongoing.*
- **Allotments in Messing**
- ACTION Clerk to place on agenda for 21/4/15, setting up of allotment association. ACTION Contact Perrywoods to ask if they would sponsor compost bins? ACTION Clerk- CIF funding may be available to assist with setup. Marking out etc. *Ongoing.*

177/14

New Project

- **Replacement of playground equipment**
- Annual playground inspection revealed wood rot in the upright posts of both swings at Messing Village Hall playground. The swing seats have been removed for safety reasons, and notices posted.
- ACTION Clerk to investigate basic costs for suppliers for one cradle seat and one two seat swing set, traditional wooden structures. Funding to be discussed at next meeting 21/4/15. *Ongoing.*

178/14

To receive Monthly Accounts and confirm this month's payments:

- Mileage/expenses and salary for clerk Dawn Marriott
 - Village hall hire for parish council meetings
 - Annual Playground Inspection.
- Payment agreed for items 1 and 2, no invoice received for play ground inspection.

179/14

Parish Clerks Annual Appraisal.

Clerk has completed the years service, pay rise from SP20 to SP21 wef 1/4/2015. *Closed.*

180/14

Correspondence

- **Dog waste/litter bin at village hall playground/CCTV**
- No incidents of bagged waste being left in the playground recently. *Ongoing.*
- **Hedge by Maypole Pub, Tiptree**
- Essex CC have cut the hedge. *Closed.*
- **Triangle of land at School junction**
- ACTION Clerk To investigate whether it would be practical to install planters to maintain the integrity of the triangle and the wildlife, and to prevent large vehicle are driving straight over it. *Ongoing.*
- **Fly-tipping/ CCTV**
- Awaiting update from Zone Wardens re installation of CCTV and notices at 2 x fly-tipping sites. *Ongoing.*
- **Damaged salt bin Messing**
- Awaiting replacement by Essex CC. *Ongoing.*
- **Damage to Bus shelter**
- Clerk has one quote- asking for a further three quotes, last nine people asked have not provided quotes. *Ongoing.*
- **Notice of disposal of asset of community value- The Red House**
- Notice was given on 5/3/15 that Essex CC intend to dispose of an asset of community value. Moratorium period until 15/4/15, giving the parish council or other community interest group to apply to purchase before it is placed on the open market.
- ACTION Clerk to contact Essex CC to enquire re potential sale price, and any discount available. ACTION Clerk to inform Messing School board of Governors. *Ongoing.*
- **Essex County Fire & Rescue Consultation**
- Noted. *Closed.*

181/14

To receive Officers Reports:

- **Chair**
- Residents have asked for the installation of Inworth Gateways at the other end of the village. ACTION clerk to raise at new project in April, and to review gateways in messing as well.
- **Tree Officer** - None
- **Footpaths Officer** - None
- **Allotments Officer** - None
- **Oil syndicate** - 22 residents ordered 18,000l at 37.2ppl.

182/14

To receive Clerks report:

- **2014/15 actual v forecast expenditure**
- The clerk reported totally expenditure for the year end £9981.60 against budget forecast £9702.
- Largest items of overspend £680 on notice board at Messing village hall- funds received during 2013/14 and held in reserves to cover. Training £544 overspend- clerks CiLCA registration and course. Bursary due from EALC of £445 when clerk is qualified.
- Other small over/under spends have been adjusted in 2015/16 budget. *Closed.*
- **Report from CiLCA training 5/3/15**
- The clerk reported that her tutor has reviewed her CiLCA portfolio, all

amendments have now been made, tutor to confirm portfolio is ready for submission. *Ongoing.*

- **Report from Kelvedon Neighbourhood Planning workshop 7/3/15**
- The Clerk reported and attendance of over 100 people, with another 50 turned away due to lack of space. Kelvedon Parish Council will keep us apprised of their progress. *Closed.*
- **Local Council Award Scheme**
- ACTION clerk to prepare a report on actions required in order for us to apply. *Ongoing.*
- **Parish Newsletter**
- ACTION clerk to work on first draft, to include: Heart of Messing project, RCCE best kept village, Oil Syndicate, School car park and allotments. Inworth gateways. Inworth solar farm community benefit payments, E-news. *Ongoing.*

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Agreed and signed 21/4/2015