

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of Messing cum Inworth Parish Council
Held on 18/02/2014 at 7.30pm at Messing Village Hall**

Those Present:

Chair Carol Baxter	Councillor Andy Smith	Councillor Dick Youngs
Councillor John Dey	Councillor Jon Longman(part)	County Councillor John Jowers(part)
Borough Councillor Kevin Bentley(part)	Borough Councillor Andrew Ellis (part)	Clerk Dawn Marriott
Member of Public David Sherwood(part)	Member of Public Katherine Evans(part)	Member of Public Matthew Firth(part)
Member of Public Michael Craig(part)	Member of Public Louise Freeland(part)	RCCE Moira Groborz(part)

AGENDA

- 16/14 **To receive apologies and to record absences**
Apologies were received from PC Darin Patrick and David Hooker.
- 17/14 **To receive Declarations of Interest**
None were received or required.
- 18/14 **To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council
and the Planning Meetings held on 21/01/2014**
The minutes of both meetings were accepted and signed into the records.
Proposer: Councillor Youngs, Seconder: Councillor Dey.
- 19/14 **To receive reports of County and Borough Councillors, and a
report from the Essex Constabulary**
- Borough Councillor Kevin Bentley reported:**
Full council meeting 19/02/2014, proposed no increase in budget. North Essex Parking partnership have acquired a 'Park-Safe-Car' which will be used in the area to issue fixed penalty notices. Children from Messing School visited the town hall to meet with the Mayor and Mayoress, and ask questions regarding politics. It may become an annual event as it was very successful.
Quick response has been made to a flooding/pot hole issue at Messing Park/New Road.
- Borough Councillor Andrew Ellis reported:**
Diane Harrison will contact Clerk regarding paperwork for funding of £300 for notice board..
Junction of Maypole Road and B1022, hedging is causing problems with visibility. ACTION AE to contact Maypole to cut their hedge.

County Councillor John Jowers reported:

County Council budget proposal is that there is no increase in 2014/15. Extra £2million, now £17million for flooding highways, which includes purchase of 6 new sludge gulpers.

Following the 'loss' by CBC of £20k S106 monies for Tiptree art, JJ is to fund from CIF.

PC Darin Patrick sent in a report:

Police report, no incidents during January.

20/14

To Receive potential options from School and RCCE regarding possible way forward with item ref: 30/14 Messing School Car Park

KE, Chair, Board of Governors, Messing Primary School gave a short introduction. Issues with Pupil safety and staff/resident parking. Short-term solutions already suggested are not viable. Increase from 42/60 pupils by 2015/16, and to rise further.

3 possible plans:

- 1) 1 large house, school car parking
- 2) 3 Houses (2 affordable units), school car parking
- 3) 3 houses (2 affordable units), school car parking, allotments and parking.

Land would be gifted to school for parking, school to maintain.

Land would be gifted to Housing Association/Registered Provider for affordable houses, but they would have to fund build.

Land would be gifted to parish council for allotments, PC to maintain.

3 sets of plans were made available at the meeting

Issues:

MG informed meeting: Whilst building open market housing to cross subsidise affordable housing is acceptable, this usually includes the build costs. If it was just affordable housing, build outside village envelope may be acceptable. CBC are usually opposed to building on exception sites.

JJ informed meeting: Planning permission now requires 2.5 parking spaces per dwelling.

No precedent for building outside the village envelope would be set if approval granted for this.

As far as we are aware, no multi-purpose build of this type has ever been proposed.

If we were to proceed via Neighborhood plan route, it would still take 2/4 years, and we would still need to assess any other potential sites in the village. May make better progress as exception site with PC support and support from villagers, but still expected to take time to achieve.

Solution 3 solves all issues raise in the village: school car parking, 2 affordable houses and allotments.

In principle, subject to more detailed information and plans, the Parish Council would support option 3.

ACTIONS MG to explore whether any of the HA/RPs would consider this build.

ACTION MF to email Clerk the plans.

ACTION Clerk to send formal response to KE.

ACTION: CB to attend meeting at school on 24.2.14

ACTION: MF / KE to discuss possibilities with Colchester planning re: exception site.

21/14

To receive report re Accident Blackspot B1023/possible speed camera

Report produced by AE showing possible solutions. JJ agreed that funding may be available. ACTION Clerk to forward report to Rodney Bass and Angela Balcombe at ECC to request funding for traffic calming measures.

22/14

To receive reports on the up-to-date position on the B1023 re:

- **Potholes**
- **Hinds Bridge**

The B1023 from Gore Pit Corner to Wind Mill Hill has had overnight road closures to repair potholes/road surface/white lining. This has been very successful. But, insufficient notice was given, as alerted by a phone call from Kelvedon Clerk 7/2/14 that works would start 10/2/14. ACTION Clerk to update pothole list. ACTION Clerk to write to ECC Highways asking why no advance notice was given- 14 days is standard notice period.

23/14

To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation

All members of the public had left at this point.

24/14

To receive Monthly Accounts and confirm this months payments:

- Mileage/expenses and salary for clerk Dawn Marriott
- This payment was agreed.

25/14

To discuss the current situation regarding the drainage/flooding issues at the Village Playground/Hall

A meeting was held on 17/2/14 with ECC and contractor Ringway Jacobs to discuss possible solution's separate minutes have been prepared. Next meeting 10/3/14. ACTION CB to take forward. Ongoing.

26/14

To receive an update re Feering Parish Council lobby/pressure group to campaign to help with traffic issues in Feering/Kelvedon.

Councillors voted to participate in pressure group to assist with traffic problems in our villages. ACTION Clerk to report back, and Diarise to clerk and councillor to attend future meetings. Ongoing.

27/14

To discuss forthcoming Parish Elections 22 May 2014

Clerk has a schedule of dates/actions from CBC. Notices to be posted 10th April re Elections. AGM, Planning meeting and Annual Parish meetings to be held at 7pm, 7.30pm and 8pm on Tuesday 27th May.

ACTION Clerk to ensure councillors have their application forms to stand for election.

28/14 **To receive a report on the potential secondary power link from Inworth to Feering/Kelvedon power supply**
ACTION AE to maintain contact and report at next meeting.

29/14 **To receive a report on the meeting of the Essex Village of the Year and Best Kept Village Competition on 24/1/14**
JL had been unable to attend the meeting due to family bereavement.
ACTION Clerk to forward documentation to JL to progress.

30/14 **Correspondence**

Spring Parish Transport meeting Tuesday 17/6/2014,

- No attendance required.
- **Spring Area Review Meeting Tuesday 25/03/2014,**
- No Attendance required.
- **Request from All Saints Church Inworth for the supply of a Litter Bin**
- Following investigations, CBC should be able to supply, fit and empty on a regular basis, during 2014/15 financial year. ACTION CB to formally request. ACTION Clerk to reply to letter from church.
- **Broadband agreement between BUZCOM and All Saints Church Messing**
- Contracts have been agreed with PCC, but still need to resolve notice period with diocese/ chancellor (as diocese are proposing zero notice to terminate the faculty ad this would leave people with no broadband).
- **Request from CBC to create a recycling supply point in the village for food waste bins and recycling sacks.**
- Unable to store, but a 'stall' can be utilised at village events. Parishioners can collect items from Tiptree Library.
- **To discuss correspondence received regarding the possible provision of car parking/improving children's safety at Messing Primary School.**
- See item 20/14.
- **Maldon District Local Development Plan Consultation**
- No Comment.
- **Possible closure recycling centre's, potential increase in fly-tipping.**
- ACTION Clerk to email response stating our concern regarding possible increases in fly-tipping.

31/14 **To receive Officers Reports:**

- Chair no report
- Tree officer no report
- Footpaths Officer no report.

32/14 **To receive Clerks report:**

- **Progress on Parish Notice board and funding**
- Have received £300 from KB, ACTION clerk diarisise receipt £300 from AE, parish council agreed to cover remaining £20.

- ACTION upon receipt of all funding, Clerk to place order for as previously agreed
- **Progress on funding for flood barriers from ECC**
- Chased LS at ECC again.
- **Progress on Cenotaph Cleaning**
- 3 quotes received. Councillors voted to proceed with Bradford Memorials Ltd at a cost of £851.40 (inc VAT), to clean, renovate and re black all lettering. ACTION Clerk to place formal request. ACTION Clerk to investigate the installation of a QR code on the memorial. £1,000 has already been allocated in 2014/15 budget.
- **Progress on Poppies for Centenary of WW1**
- Ordered via Kelvedon Parish Council £42 committed. ACTION Clerk diairise for receipt and to make payment.
- **2014/15 budget/forecast**
- Has been agreed.
- **2013/14 actual v forecast expenditure**
- Clerk confirmed that although some areas we have overspent against the forecast budget, we are expected to be within budget for the end of the year overall. There may be a small surplus.
- **To discuss clerk registration for CiLCA**
- Courses via EALC are in August/September. ACTION Clerk to investigate costings/possible bursary and report at next meeting, and cost and report at next meeting.
- **Clerk has finished 6 month probation**
- Pay rise from spine point 19 to spine point 20 wef 01/03/2014
- **Progress on complaint letter to Barclays Bank**
- No formal response has been received to the 6 letters of complaint sent 31/12/2013. Clerk has filed a further complaint online. No response. ACTION Clerk to write to HO at 8 week stage. Councilors signed an authority for £1,000 to be transferred from Business Saver Account to Community Account.

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

Signed _____ Carol Baxter

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