

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of
Messing cum Inworth Parish Council
Held on 15/9/2015 at 7.30pm at Messing Village Hall**

Those Present:

Chair David Smith	Councillor Laura Marven	Councillor Jon Longman
Councillor Bob Suckling	Councillor James Culley	Parish Clerk Dawn Marriott
Member of Public Matthew Bunting	Member of Public Jane Phillips	

MINUTES

162/15

To receive apologies and to record absences

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Dey.

163/15

To receive Declarations of Interest

To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, Other Pecuniary Interest or Non Pecuniary Interest relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Culley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 171/15.

164/15

To confirm the minutes of the Parish Council and the Planning Meetings held on 18/8/2015

Proposed by Cllr Marven, Seconded by Cllr Longman.
Duly Signed by the chair.

165/15

To receive reports from the County and Borough Councillors, and a report from the Essex Constabulary

County Councillor Jowers: No Report

Essex Constabulary: No Report

Borough Councillor Bentley sent a report:

'After many months of persuading, cajoling, and meetings I am delighted to say that at the recent meeting of the appropriate panel our scheme in Messing was approved.

This means it is on the programme and has gone for detailed design. Roger Hirst the Cabinet Member has told me he would like to see it delivered this financial year.

Many have told me we wouldn't do this but persistence and an excellent case has paid off.

I would like to thank all of you who have stuck with this and for all the hours of voluntary work you have put on one way or another.' (Ref item 169/15.)

- 166/15** **Casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor for Inworth ward**
 CBC has not received any requests for an election to be held. No residents have expressed an interest in becoming a Parish Councillor. *Closed.*
- 167/15** **To adjourn the meeting for Public Participation**
 No questions were asked by the members of public who were present.
- 168/15** **Ongoing projects**
To receive a report on the up-to-date position on Potholes and Road Closures
 No planned road closures in the villages. The large re-occurring pot hole at Messing village gateway will be addressed by the flooding alleviation project. *Ongoing.*
- 169/15** **To discuss the drainage/flooding issues at Messing Village Playground/Hall- initial work completed.**
 Meeting arranged for 12/10/2015 with Essex CC re further flood alleviation projects. See Item ref 165/15 – funding has been secured for further projects.
 The flood alleviation work at the village hall/playground, and extra drainage has been successful several times in recent days. The Parish Council would like to thank the ‘flood team’ for the many hours that they have spent over the years with sand bags and barriers. *Ongoing.*
- 170/15** **‘Heart of Messing’ Community Defibrillator project**
 Secure cabinet and defibrillator to be installed shortly. ACTION Formal launch date and CPR training for up-to 50 residents is to be arranged by the Clerk. *Ongoing.*
- 171/15** **Progress on Allotments/Allotment Association**
 The Parish Council passed a resolution, proposed by Cllr Marven, Seconded by Cllr Suckling, for Cllrs Smith and Longman to sign transfer and Deed of Covenant for allotments and allotment car parking. These were witnessed by the Clerk, as per Standing Orders and Financial Regulations adopted on 19/5/2015.
 ACTION Clerk to send undated documentation to solicitors by recorded delivery. *Ongoing.*
- 172/15** **Progress on business case for Community Asset Transfer**
 - **Community Orchard at The Red House, Messing**
 Another successful visit to the site was held on 27/8/2015. The formal boundary for the site is now marked out, and Essex CC have indicated that the prospective purchaser of the Red House may well install some fencing, and an entrance gateway at New Road for us to utilise until such time as a formal transfer of ownership can take place.

- **Report from project launch at Messing Autumn Market**

The Chair produced a leaflet and montage of potential orchard views, and Cllr Marven manned a 'Messing Orchard Project' table at Messing Autumn Market on 5/9/2015. Although the footfall on the day was low compared to previous markets, we had 22 residents sign up for further information, 10 who are willing to provide time, 15 happy to provide 'muscle' and 14 will consider donating funds/sponsoring a tree.

- **Report from visit to Leigh Allotments Orchard**

Cllr Suckling reported on a successful visit on 13/9/2015. This orchard is run very informally and was initially setup to prevent the loss of several unused allotment plots. A number of sources of useful information were obtained. ACTION Clerk to forward finalised detailed business case to Essex County Council.

173/15

Update regarding Essex CC CIF application for playground equipment at Messing Village hall playground

Formal application has now been submitted to Essex CC. Funding decisions will be made during early November. *Ongoing.*

174/15

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

- as per attached Schedule (Appendix 1).

Proposed by Cllr Marven, Seconded by Cllr Culley, Duly Signed.

The Clerk reported that Cllr Marven has conducted a 6 month internal audit/financial review/bank reconciliation to the end of July.

Correspondence

175/15

Revised Bank Mandate and complaint to Barclays

The Parish Council agreed to remove Andrew Smith and Carol Baxter from the bank mandate. ACTION Clerk to request necessary documentation from Barclays. ACTION Clerk to chase complaint regarding incorrect information on file and refusal of telephone banking team to transfer the Clerk to complaints department. *Ongoing.*

176/15

Essex CC – Where does water go? Survey.

Training arranged for October. ACTION Clerk to cancel date as funding now acquired for flood alleviation works (see item ref 169/15). *Ongoing.*

177/15

Update on Local Highways Panel

Awaiting date of next meeting. *Ongoing.*

178/15

Report from CALC meeting 3/9/2015

Minutes have been circulated to Parish Cllrs. Next meeting 3/12/2015. *Closed.*

- 179/15** **EALC - AGM and Conference 24/9/15**
Cllr Suckling to attend AGM and Conference, Clerk to Attend Conference. *Ongoing*. **Post script: the parish council has won the top award- Vaughton Council of the Year Award.**
- 180/15** **CBC Licensing Policy Consultation**
www.colchester.gov.uk/licensingconsultation
Noted. No Comment. *Closed*
- 181/15** **A120 Marks Farm to Marks Tey Roundabout Survey.**
Noted. *Closed*.
- 182/15** **To receive Officers Reports:**
Chair
The Chair thanked Cllr Andrew Smith for his many years of service to the Parish Council, and thanked Cllr Marven for her work at Messing Autumn Market.
- 183/15** **Tree Officer**
No report
- 184/15** **Footpaths Officer**
No report
- 185/15** **Allotments Officer**
No Report
- 186/15** **Oil syndicate**
21 residents ordered 15,000 litres at 31.5ppl – lowest recorded price.
- 187/15** **To receive Clerks report:**
Actuals v forecast 2015/16
The Clerk reported that although a total £13,831.69 has been spent this year the £1,224 for the Defibrillator cabinet and £7,253.22 for the flood alleviation works at Messing Village Hall/playground were from funds set aside in reserves.
Ongoing.
- 188/15** **To pass a resolution to register for Local Council Award Scheme**
Proposed by Cllr Longman, Seconded by Cllr Culley.
ACTION Clerk to register with NALC and make £50 registration payment against invoice. *Ongoing*.
- 189/15** **Summer newsletter**
Has been printed and delivered in messing. ACTION Clerk to deliver in Inworth and place on website. *Ongoing*.
- 190/15** **Progress on website**
The Clerk reported that all required items are now on the website. Cllr Longman to check. A query was raised by a resident as to view on tablets - resident to email clerk with screen print. ACTION Clerk to investigate. *Ongoing*.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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.....20th October 2015