

TILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Tillingham Village Hall
at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 July 2010.

PRESENT: Cllrs Mee, Bryant, Reeds, Hammond and Potten
Members of the public: None
Press: Ryan Jennings for MBS.

The Chairman was absent and Cllr Mee was elected Chairman for this meeting.

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Mee

10/185 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Harvey.

10/186 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

It was resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 June 2010, Proposed Cllr Hammond seconded Cllr Potten.

It was resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 15 June 2010. Proposed Cllr Hammond seconded Cllr Potten.

10/187 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

To receive any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda.

10/188 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public present.

10/189 PLANNING.

Applications received from Maldon District Council.

Members were reminded that there is a trial period of a public speaking facility at the South Eastern Area Planning Committee Meetings of 2 minutes per individual. A set procedure must be followed.

To respond as a consultee:

FUL/MAL/10/00534

Change of use (retrospective) of agricultural land for agricultural and mixed storage of straw

Reddings Farm, Reddings Lane, Tillingham Essex

AJ & JM Skeggs

Cllr Mee declared a personal interest as the applicant was known to him.

Cllr Potten declared a personal interest as the applicant was known to her.

Tillingham Parish Council supported this application but there are issues that need to be resolved and conditions imposed:

- The B1021 is a straight, fast road. The sight splay from the applicant's field must be absolutely clear in both directions. It is questioned if the neighbouring hedge allows a clear sight splay.
- There should be an adequate bell mouth exit from the site onto the highway which should be kerbed at each side.
- The application states that the bell mouth will be tarmac/concrete. It is loose rubble at present, what conditions and enforcement will be imposed to ensure tarmac/concrete is laid?
- The applicant should still install a wash system/spinner to clean vehicles before leaving the site.

This business has caused highway users to complain about the dangerous state of the highway, with mud and stones being left on the highway. It has been an ongoing matter and it must be resolved at this planning application stage to ensure the business is operating legally and that it takes responsibility to eliminate mess on the highway.

Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:

FUL/MAL/09/00998

Mixed Agricultural storage and distribution
Reddings Farm Reddings Lane Tillingham
AJ & JM Skeggs
Refused.

FUL/MAL/10/00270

Installation of canopy to play area
St Nicholas Church of England Primary School South Street Tillingham
Mrs H Dieu De Bellefontaine
Approved subject to conditions.

LDE/MAL/10/00332

Claim for lawful development – use as a dwelling house
Howe Farm House, Grange Road, Tillingham
Mr N Mee
Withdrawn
This was only a notice and no discussion took place.
Cllr Mee declared his interest.

APPEAL By Mr & Mrs P Corbey

Site Address: The Manse 11 South Street Tillingham Essex
Application Reference No: FUL/MAL/09/00978
Appeal Reference No: APP/X1545/A/10/2129967/NWF
Description of Development: Erection of two detached bungalows for physically handicapped relatives and associated new vehicle access.

Other Planning Matters:

A letter had been received from MDC Head of Planning-Jennifer Candler advising that the consultation period for Parish Councils and the period of response on planning applications will no longer be extended.

Maldon District Conservation & Design Awards 2010

Nominations are invited for the four categories, Building Conservation, Nature Conservation/Landscape, Design and Sustainability.

Nominations were:

No 2 the Square
Stows Farm House.

There were no matters to report to MDC.

10/190 COMMUNITY LED PLANNING

Cllr Hammond reported that the group were continuing their work with preparing the Parish Plan in a tabulated format.

10/191 FINANCE.

Payments			£
STO	S Welham	Clerks Salary	332.80
STO	D Eves	Toilet caretaker	120.00
STO	A & J Lighting Solutions Street Light Maintenance		39.72

STO	K Lambert	Litter picking	87.96
DDR	E-On	Street Light electricity supply	75.72
101935	EALC	Standing order publication	25.00
101936	TVHMC	Grant for annual insurance	1921.46
101937	D Eves	Car Park clearance	20.00
101938	Arien Signs	Spare wrench key for Notice board	8.23
101939	Playsafety Ltd	Rospa Inspection & Risk Assessment	176.26
101940	RCCE	Annual subscription	55.00
101941	R Harvey re Travis Perkins	for Community Services Materials	58.48
101942	S Welham	Norton Anti Virus subscription for computer	59.99
101943	S Welham	Land Registry searches (3x£8)	24.00
101944	S Welham re TP, B&Q,	Focus for Community Services Materials	94.10
101945	S Welham	BT & Broadband for Mar & Jun quarters	104.00
STO	EPFA	Annual Subscription	25.00

Receipts

EALC	Refund of half training fee	28.50
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Balances

Community Account (CA)	1072.41
Business Saver Account (BSA)	13003.29
Business Saver Account Asset Reserve	5250.92
Business Saver Project Account (Parish Plan)	1946.26
	<u>21272.88</u>

National Savings New Hall Reserve	27419.58
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It was resolved that the payments were approved. Proposed Cllr Potten seconded Cllr Reeds.

10/192 NOTICES, MEETINGS AND TRAINING COURSES TO ATTEND

EALC Roles & Responsibilities Course: 9 September 2010 at Foakes Hall Great Dunmow 9.30-12.30. Fee £36. No nomination.

EALC Budget & Precept Course 16 September 2010 at Foakes Hall Great Dunmow 9.30-12.30. Fee £36. No nomination.

EALC Annual General Meeting 29 September 2010 at Foakes Hall Great Dunmow Starts with networking lunch at 1.30pm followed by presentations, awards and at 6.45pm EALC AGM.. Members to advise the clerk if they wish to attend.

Southminster Parish Council Party in the Park 2010. Saturday 31st October 2010 It was resolved to support this event by donating £225. The clerk will advertise the event in the Parish Paper and MBS column nearer the time.

10/193 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

There were no reports

10/194 THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The Rospa Inspection report had been received.

Matters requiring attention were:

Barbed wire to side at top of resident's fence. This had previously been discussed with the resident who is reluctant to allow the barbed wire to be removed. Alternative solutions must be looked at, such as hedging.

Metal bow top fencing: There are projecting bolt threads on various panels.

Slide surfacing: There is surface lifting that needs to be re glued and gaps and joints filled as necessary.

Cllr Bryant offered to remedy this problem with mastic. It was resolved that Cllr Bryant try this remedy for the time being, but that the work is not done in the school holidays, and that the PRO TECH estimate would be considered at precept budget time.

Chain Walk and Beams: Cap off bolt and infill damage to centre post.

Glow worm seesaw: Add soil and seed mix to bare areas. This would be done when weather conditions allow.

It was requested that the Rospa Inspection report be an agenda item for next meeting.

10/195 THE WEST FIELD

The Rospa Playing Field Risk Assessment was good, with Condition scores of mainly 8 (good) or 10 (very good) and Risk scores of 3 (medium), 2 (low) and 1 (very low).

This risk assessment reflects the hard work and constant monitoring that is carried out on the West Field.

Cllr Mee reported that the Cricket Club are investigating an alternative practice net.

Cllr Harvey was thanked for his time and effort in cutting the hedges on the West Field.

The Unpaid Community Services had painted the benches, the toilet block, the tractor shed and they will stain the wood surround of Vicarage Lane Pump. They will return to these duties on 7 August 2010.

Dog fouling was still a problem on the West Field and in the Children's play area. Ryan Jennings was requested to write an article on the problem of dog fouling in the village linking it to The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties) Regulations 2006 and Fouling of Land by Dogs (District of Maldon) Order 2008.

10/196 THE SQUARE

Cllr Harvey had reported that the four bollards were having the desired effect, and that so far people had stopped parking on the green areas.

Cllr Mee agreed to talk to Mr Short concerning re instatement of soil/grass. Cllr Bryant advised the 'no parking' signs were not vandal proof.

10/197 LAND REGISTRY

Mr Biggs of 9 The Square had requested the Parish Council's help in confirming that a tiny area of land within his boundary actually belonged to him. Cllr Harvey had examined the West Field car park title deeds, 9 The Square title deeds and inspected the boundary. In order to assist Mr Biggs' property transaction at Land Registry a letter was sent stating that the Parish Council had no claim on the tiny area of land within Mr Biggs' boundary. It was resolved that this action had been appropriate and that it was satisfactory.

HM Land Registry had completed the first registration of the West Field, The Parish Pump in North Street, Marsh Road Allotments and The Square. All four parcels of land are now shown under one title number.

Cllr Harvey has raised a query regarding the registration of the Square. Only the grass areas are registered but he has always understood that the Parish Council own the whole square. Although the clerk completed all of the administration of the first registration without involving legal help it will now be necessary to seek legal help to resolve the query. The clerk had completed land registry searches on properties adjacent to the Square and a Highway enquiry had been sent to Mouchel's to assist with this query.

10/198 HIGHWAYS

The Maldon District Local Highways Panel had met on 14 July 2010. Minutes are awaited.

Matters to report to Highways were:

Potholes in Grange Road and Dengie Straight.

Loose kerb and crumbling footpath outside 23 St Nicholas Road.

10/199 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

There were no matters to report.

10/200 CASUAL VACANCY

This vacancy must now be filled by co-option. Applicants are invited to apply in writing by 31st August 2010.

10/201 THE VILLAGE HALL

Cllr Bryant reported that the Village Hall floor will be sealed and repaired as necessary during the school holidays.

In view of the rapid growth of the village hall hedge, the clerk made a suggestion that the Management Committee might obtain an estimate for trimming and reducing the height and width of the hedge by a professional tree surgeon and that perhaps the Parish Council may consider that a grant could be made to the TVHMC for this one off maintenance work on this occasion. Members were dismissive of this idea. Cllr Bryant stated this work was not necessary, and that hedge trimming could be done voluntarily.

The clerk stated that in September/October 2010 the Parish Council will start to look at the precept budget for 2011/2012. At present the Parish Council budget for a grant to the TVHMC to pay the Village Hall insurance premium. The TVHMC must inform the Parish Council of the expected amount of their insurance premium so that adequate budget provision can be made.

Secondly for the last two years the Parish Council has budgeted £1000 per annum to assist the TVHMC should they request a grant in their refurbishment programme.

The TVHMC need to inform the Parish Council of their longer term plans for the Village Hall and at the same time advise the Parish Council if they are likely to submit a grant application.

10/202 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Bryant advised that the planning application for Ridgewind wind farm had been rejected again.

10/203 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MEETING ON 21 SEPTEMBER 2010.

Items for the agenda must be notified to the clerk by Monday 13 September 2010.

10/204 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 21 September 2010 at 7.30pm in Tillingham Village Hall.

10/205 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

Sheila Welham
Clerk to the Council