

TILLINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held in Tillingham Village Hall
at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 June 2010.

PRESENT: Cllrs Harvey, Bryant, Mee, Reeds, Hammond and Potten.
Members of the public: None
Press: None

CHAIRMAN: Cllr Harvey

10/159 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

10/160 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

It was resolved to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 May 2010. Proposed Cllr Reed seconded Cllr Potten.

10/161 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

The Chairman reminded members to declare any 'personal' or 'personal and prejudicial' interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Mee declared a personal and prejudicial interest in his own planning application LDE/MAL/10/00332.

Cllrs Harvey, Bryant, Reeds, Hammond and Potten declared a personal interest in planning application LDE/MAL/10/00332 as the applicant was known to them.

10/162 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members present.

Cllr Mee vacated the room.

10/163 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:

LDE/MAL/10/00332

Claim for lawful development – use as a dwelling house

Howe Farm House, Grange Road, Tillingham

Mr N Mee

Tillingham Parish Council supported this application.

Cllr Mee returned to the room.

Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:

FUL/MAL/10/00174

Shop refurbishment and single storey rear extension

Lime Tree Cottage 30 North Street Tillingham

Tracey Silcock

Approved

FUL/MAL/10/00131

Convert and extend the Peculiar Peoples Chapel into 3 no two bedroom dwellings
 Peculiar Peoples Chapel South Street Tillingham
 Bushby Contracts Ltd
 Refused

Other Planning Matters:

To advise that Maldon District Council Head of Planning Jennifer Candler and Conservation Officer Jackie Longman will attend an Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on 15 June 2010, which will commence at 7.00pm to discuss planning and conservation issues.

A list of questions had been prepared and would be e mailed in advance to MDC.

10/164**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
DDR	Anglian Water	Toilet block sewage	76.42
DDR	Essex & Suffolk Water	Toilet block water	27.37
DDR	Essex & Suffolk water	Allotment water	60.81
101930	T Lewis	Community Notice board £415.00)	
		Repairs to Vic Lane Pump £350.56)	
		Installation of TPC Noticeboard £125.20)	890.76
101931	Arien Signs	TPC Notice board	1089.23
101932	A J Wallis	Allotment water supply repairs	80.00
101933	R J Harvey	Re Cummins & Jennings (litterbins)	66.98
101934	S E Welham	Re Postage stamps £19.24)	
		Reflective tape £ 7.98)	27.22
Receipts			
K Ward	Donation towards Vicarage Lane Pump surround	repairs	150.00
Tillingham Bowls Club	Re imbursement of Dean & Chapter rent		81.83
ECC CIF	Grant award for Notice board		500.00
Balances			
	Community Account (CA)	4274.63	
	Business Saver Account (BSA)	13003.29	
	Business Saver Account Asset Reserve	5250.92	
	Business Saver Project Account (Parish Plan)	1946.26	
		<u>24475.10</u>	
	National Savings New Hall Reserve	27419.58	

It was resolved to approve the payments. Proposed Cllr Mee seconded Cllr Potten.

10/165**NOTICES, MEETINGS AND TRAINING COURSES TO ATTEND**

Dengie Hundred Group of Parish Councils Meeting 16 June 2010 at Dengie Village Hall. Some members indicated they would try to attend.

EALC Annual Meeting of Parish and Town Councils in the Maldon District. 22 June 2010 at 7.30pm at the Parish Room Southminster. Cllr Harvey may attend.

Maldon District Local Strategic Partnership – Making Choices for the District 5 July 2010 at Wickham Bishops Village Hall. 9.30am-4.00pm. No nomination.

EALC Minutes & Agenda Course 8 July 2010 9.30-12.30 at Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow.

Mid Essex Area Forum 24 June at Maldon Town Hall at 2.00pm. Cllr Potten may attend.

10/166 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Bryant reported from the LCLC meeting concerning decommissioning of the power station.

10/167 THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

The Rospa Inspection report is awaited. There is a problem with dog owners allowing dogs in the area. A 'No Dogs' sign will be purchased and erected on the fence.

10/168 THE WEST FIELD

Cost of litter picking: The Minutes for 16 March 2010, reference 10/72 state the resolution for litter picking. Mr Lambert already picks up litter when cutting the field which can be from February through to November. He has agreed to pick up litter when necessary during the winter months at no extra cost to the Parish Council.

Cllr Bryant volunteered to paint a new dustbin green.

Unpaid Community Services had been in contact and they should be starting work on Saturday 12 June for possibly three weeks. They may work on a Tuesday, Friday or Saturday. Cllr Bryant agreed to arrange for the village hall to be opened so that the workers could use the hall facilities for making refreshments.

Cllr Mee requested that the West Field be used for car parking for the funeral of the late Colin Challis on Friday 11 June 2010. It was resolved the field could be used by both the school country dancing festival visitors and for the occasion of the funeral.

10/169 THE SQUARE

Cllr Harvey reported that on 26 May 2010 several cars had parked on the green areas of the Square. Cllr Harvey has requested the Fox & Hounds publican to ask his customers to park correctly.

10/170 HIGHWAYS

ECC Highways advise that funding for improvement works has been drastically cut this year and the only budget that will be available for this type of work is the Reactive Maintenance Budget (Localism). It will be up to the Local Highways Panel to decide which schemes/jobs are funded. Cllr C Taylor (St Lawrence) will be representing Tillingham on the Local Highways panel.

Extension of tarmac area in Vicarage Lane - ECC Highways advise that they have requested stats information from the utility companies and the work will be ordered once this is received. This process can take up to 6 weeks.

Cllr Potten reported that a complaint had been made concerning the overgrown hedge at Tillingham Hall. The footpath was now too narrow for pushchairs and wheelchairs.

ECC Highways had been contacted and although the hedge was immediately trimmed, there was little improvement. Cllr Potten would continue to chase Highways to ensure the hedge was cut back further to restore the footpath to its original width.

Other properties in the village had overgrown shrubs or pot plants obstructing the footpaths. These obstructions were causing an inconvenience to pedestrians and particularly to blind/partially sighted people.

Matters to report to Highways were:

To request kerbing along the footpath outside Tillingham Hall in North Street.

To report to Highways footpath obstructions

Potholes at:

Pylons Corner, Keeling Road.

At the telephone box in Grange Road

Reddings Lane and Dengie Straight potholes had been marked but not repaired.

St Nicholas Road loose kerb outside No.23

Mark Road - badger erosion of the road has not been made 'safe'. This remains a health & safety issue to road users.

10/171 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

Cllr Harvey reported that he had met with the PROW officer when she was visiting Tillingham at the end of May. She inspected the sunken ditch crossing on Stows Farm

10/172 CASUAL VACANCY

Cllr Nic Champion had resigned from office on 19 May 2010. A Casual Vacancy would be advertised.

10/173 CO-OPTION OF A COUNCILLOR

The Essex Association of Local Councils has offered clarity concerning voting during co-option of councillors.

The Legal Requirement – a candidate is co-opted by an absolute majority decision of those present and voting. A Chairman's casting vote is not permitted.

This means that the co-opted Councillor must receive more votes than all the other votes added together.

10/174 HIGH SPEED BROADBAND PARISH NEED SURVEY

It was resolved that Broadband delivery in Tillingham was adequate.

10/175 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Mr K Ward had donated £150 towards the repairs of the Vicarage Lane pump surround.

Southminster Police Station would be the central contact for Farm Watch.

There were no vacant allotment plots at Marsh Road at the present time. Any new enquiries are directed to Mr D Reece Ford, manager for the Diocese of Chelmsford Vicarage Lane allotment plots.

10/176 AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE MEETING ON 20 JULY 2010.

Items for the agenda must be notified to the clerk by Monday 12 July 2010.

10/177 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

There will be an extraordinary Parish Council Meeting on 15 June 2010 at **7.00pm** in Tillingham Village Hall.

Please note the meeting will commence at **7.00pm** due to the attendance of guest speakers from MDC Planning department.

The next monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday 20 July 2010 at 7.30pm in Tillingham Village Hall.

10/178 CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.07pm.

Sheila Welham
Clerk to the Council