



LATCHINGDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 25th November 2013 at 7.30 pm in the Parish Room. The Village Hall, Burnham Road, Latchingdon, Essex

PRESENT: Cllr Dave Moore
Cllr Dale Symons
Cllr Mrs Jacqueline Ruocco
Cllr Mrs Gill Winsor
Cllr Mrs Lynn Robinson
District Cllr Bob Boyce
District Cllr Tony Cussens
In attendance: Sarah Sayer
Members of the public: 1

1. APOLOGIES

a) Cllr Graham Rogers and Cllr Dave Banner.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

a) No declarations were made at this point in the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

a) The minutes of the meeting held on 28th October 2013 were approved and the minutes were proposed by Cllr Winsor and seconded by Cllr Ruocco and signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting by the Chair – Cllr Moore

4. PUBLIC SESSION AND POLICE REPORT

a) **No police report available.**

b) A resident who lives in The Street attended the meeting to bring to the attention of the members the problems that resident's are experiencing with heavy goods vehicles pounding through the Village all day, every day from early in the morning to late at night and put forward the possibility of a weight restriction being imposed. However, it was stated that to put a weight restriction in force many factors have to be taken into consideration. The resident stressed that HGV's were travelling through The Street at 2 a.m. in the morning which is not conducive to everyday life.

The Middlewick windfarm traffic also seem to be using The Street which is not part of the designated route and the question was asked

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as to why the contractors are not enforced to utilise the designated route. It is believed that MDC Planning Dept are in the process of issuing an enforcement notice to the contractor and they have to comply within 28 days of the notice. It was stated that to ensure that this notice is issued that the Parish Council should write to Derek Lawrence, Head of Planning at MDC to request that this is carried out.

The question of the blocked drains around the village arose and surely ECC were breaching a duty in not ensuring that all drains were flushed and cleared regularly to ensure effective drainage. Excessive flooding has been occurring of roads and properties due to the drains not being able to take the excessive rainfall because they are blocked with debris.

The use of Rectory Lane also was raised again for the wind farm traffic and the terrible condition that the road surface and verges are in due to the heavy duty traffic utilising it, and for which it is not fit for purpose. Members and residents were advised to get photographic evidence of contractors using roads in the middle of the night, too early in the morning as the site does not open until 8 a.m. and causing noise nuisance and damage to grass verges etc.

5. CLERK'S REPORT

- a) Clerk informed members that she would update as the items came up.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

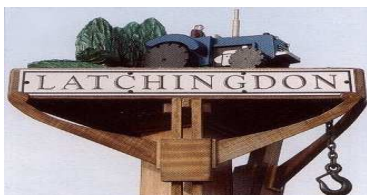
- a) Cllr Boyce informed members that Clear Court in Buchanan Way had to be evacuated the previous Friday due to a man threatening to set himself and his flat on fire. The Village Hall was utilised by Richard Holmes and his team from MDC and the key for the hall was obtained from Mr. Nicky Boyce as the Council member contacted had no keys. Clerk to correct details on emergency contact sheet.
- b) Maldon District Council are facing a huge repair bill, possibly in the region of £2-300,000 due to the collapse of the Quay in Promenade Park.
- c) The LDP is ongoing and various changes are being made and then it will be ready for submission to a special meeting where hopefully it will be signed off and ready for a pre-submission consultation in Feb/Mar.

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7. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT REPORT

- a) No street lights were reported.
- b) No transport report available defer to next meeting.
- c) The drains in Rectory have not been unblocked to date but ECC Highways have been contacted yet again and it is hoped that this will happen shortly.
- d) No update available on wind farm traffic using Rectory Lane from Highways but the grass verges have been badly damaged and the mud is causing problems on the road surface.
- e) No update on speed check of traffic/HGV's down Green Lanes.

8. PLANNING

- a) The Planning meeting is to follow the Parish Council meeting.
- b) A drop in session at the Village Hall is planned for Saturday 30th November from 10.30 to 1 p.m.

9. PARISH PATHS

- a) No problems identified. The latest update regarding FPNo 8 – Scatterbrook Farm was that it was going to be re-routed around the field as opposed to across partly due to a recent incident regarding an armed robber and Mr. Khan's concern for the safety of his family.
- b) The gate to the footpath running along the LADS entrance on Mr. Peter Jones land is shut and not accessible and Clerk to write and request that an opening is put next to the gate so that walkers can access easily.

10. VILLAGE HALL AND KGV PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE POND

All matters relating to the Village Hall and KGV Playing Field and Village Pond were dealt with during the course of the committee meetings prior to the Parish Council meeting.

11. ALLOTMENTS

- a) The asbestos is still to be removed.
- b) Clerk informed members that a response had been received from the allotment holder whose allotment was in an un-attended state and they will endeavour to bring back up to scratch, and it was agreed that a letter should be sent giving them until 31/3/2013 to do this. However members were also informed that a large amount of hard core material

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has also been dumped on the same allotment and the Clerk to request that this is removed before Christmas otherwise the PC will have to reconsider the position.

- c) Clerk still to meet land agents to obtain an approximation of what the allotment car park would be worth if the Parish Council decided to sell it to realise some capital.
- d) Members were told that the allotment holders had decided to purchase a padlock and keys and given Cllr Winsor a key, but members asked that in future that the allotment holders speak to the PC before making these decisions.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Noted

13. FINANCE/PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- a) The monthly payments and receipts for November were agreed..

14. TO UPDATE MEMBERS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED NOT SHOWN AS A SEPARATE AGENDA ITEM OR MEETING TO BE ATTENDED.

- a) Cllr Robinson attended the ILW tour on 14th October at Magnox and informed members that it was a useful trip.

15. DONATION OF DEFIBRILLATOR BY EAST OF ENGLAND CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY.

- a) Members noted that the Jacks Centre is to be visited again to obtain asbestos and electrical certificate before installation of the defibrillator can take place.

16. WEBSITE

- a) Clerk informed members that the website was regularly updated with news and events.

17. WELCOME PACK

- a) No further progress as members had not managed to bring anymore ideas to the meeting therefore this item was deferred until the next meeting.

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18. NOTICE BOARDS

- a) Clerk informed members that the notice boards outside the village hall had be taken away to be refurbished.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - 27th January 2014 at 7.30 p.m.

20. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Meeting finished at 8.40 p.m.

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