

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held in the John Lampon Hall.

In the Chair: Mr Gili-Ross
Members Present: Mr Colbron, Mrs De'ath, Mr Johnson Mr Savage, Mr Sleigh, Mr Stone,
Mr Tyrrell
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: Councillor Willetts arrived 8.30p.m.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Short.

2. **To Approve and Sign the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were approved and signed with no amendments.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

Chris Stevenson was co-opted to the Parish Council. He is currently Chair of the Parish Plan committee and will sit on the Environment committee.

Mr Stone will join the Planning committee.

Mr Colbron has stepped down as Chair of the Hall committee but will continue as a member. Mr Tyrrell agreed to take over as Chair.

4. **Environment Report**

- A lamppost at the junction of Pirie Road/Chapel Road had been knocked down in a road traffic accident. It had been made safe but will take 4 to 6 weeks to replace.
- CBC will be asked to clear the overgrown footpath between Erle Havard and Chapel Road. There is also a filing cabinet outside 38 Erle Havard Road.
- Repairs have been made to the road at the junction of Queens Road and Bourne Road.
- There are 2 very large oak trees on private land in Erle Havard which may need attention.
- Mr Johnson has walked around the village with Malcolm Dade (ECC Highways and Transportation Department) to look at the state of the roads and footpaths. Several areas need attention and work in Mumford Road and Albany Road will be included in the long term maintenance programme. Other works needed will be included in the 5 year rolling programme and will get some priority. However, it is not known when this will take place.
- Mr Broom has reported vandalism to some of the seats around the village, particularly the one near the village sign.
- Mr Gili-Ross and Mr Johnson attended a seminar by Colchester 2020. Transport 2000 gave a talk focusing on non vehicular access. They are trying to get people to pledge to think twice about not taking cars out. Initiatives will be looked at if it is agreed they will make a difference. Schools should be developing their own travel plans – cycling and walking buses are being promoted.
- Mr Gili-Ross had contacted ECC Highways Department about the bridge across the A12. Work will commence in January 2007 to replace the bridge. This should be completed by August 2007.

5. **Planning Report**

GENERAL INFORMATION

Policy UAE 14 Briefly states proposed new buildings or extensions should not be permitted where:

- (a) Development poorly designed and out of character with the appearance of the original building.
- (b) Proposal leads to the creation of cramped appearance or terracing of detached/semi properties. Min 1.00 m gap required at first floor.
- (c) Proposal has an overbearing effect on neighbours property, extension should not infringe a 45 degree line from the edge of the adjacent property
- (d) Proposal leads to loss of natural sunlight to habitable rooms including kitchens. 45 degree rule to centre of window applies.
- (e) Proposal leads to overlooking of neighbouring property.

(f) Proposal leads to unacceptable reduction of garden or off street parking.

SUMMARY OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

F/COL/06/1338 Mr and Mrs Brown, Netherwood, The Crescent – 2 storey rear extension and raising of roof line to the side.

The Parish Council is very concerned at the lack of accuracy of information provided, so a valued judgement to the impact of the proposal cannot be made. Recommend refusal

F/COL/06/1617 Valepride Developments Ltd, Rear of 65-69 Chapel Road – 1 x 2 bedroom and 3 x 3 bedroom bungalows.

The Parish Council is concerned at the layout of amenity space, specifically on Plot 3 (not dissimilar to the bungalow in New Church Road recently refused at appeal). The Parish Council is of the view that the current layout is detrimental to the original approval. Recommend refusal in current format

F/COL/06/1711 Mr and Mrs Marsh, Lythgo, Chapel Lane – 2 storey side extension and garage.

The Parish Council is concerned at the overall composition of the proposed extensions, in particular the shallow pitched roofscape. The Parish Council would like to see modifications that improve the elevation at roof level.

Recommend refusal in current format

F/COL/06/1730 Mr Alston, Rookery Farm, Nayland Road – Single storey detached garage block.

No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

F/COL/06/1451 64 Mumford Road

APPROVED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

Mr Tyrrell will write to the Planning Department about the lack of communication between CBC and the Parish Council, particularly that the Parish Council had not been advised that the telephone mast by the A12 had been approved.

6. Parish Plan

Mr Stevenson reported that 220 to 230 Parish Plan questionnaires had been returned. This is a response of between 13 – 15% of those distributed. The prize drawer had taken place and it was hoped a presentation of the prizes would take place at the Co-op. Two further questionnaires will be distributed to local businesses and the young people of the village. The questionnaires will be analysed and results used to formulate the Parish Plan.

The Parish Plan committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

September

The General Account showed 92% income, 60% General expenditure and 71% Environment expenditure (64% overall expenditure).

- Annual Return – Mrs Walsom had answered a query regarding fixed assets.
- Still awaiting outcome of the Cory Environment Grant for Phase 3 of the play area.

It was proposed by Mr Savage and seconded by Mr Tyrrell to approve the following payments:

CBC	93.91
Mr Broom	100.38
Mrs Walsom	83.78
Inland Revenue	24.28

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. Correspondence

- Constable NAP – The first public meeting will take place at Great Horkesley Village Hall on 15/11/06.
- A letter was received from Bunting and Sons concerning the planned development in Great Horkesley.
- CBC to advice that an ash tree had been removed from the rear of 1 – 2 Lodge Court.
- RCCE – New address from 16/10/06.
- Emergency Planning meeting will take place at the end of November. Date and agenda to be advised.
- CBC Town and Parish Clerks' Forum minutes – The Forum would like an update on outstanding Grant projects.

- Robinson & Hall Land and Property Consultants regarding a Redundant Rural Buildings Survey.
- EALC - Conference Day – 28/11/06
 Law and Procedures Course – 22/11/06
 Roles and Responsibilities Course – 02/11/06
 Chairman’s Day – 31/10/06
- ECC – Vehicle Activation Signs and Speed Indicator devices.

9. **Borough Councillor’s Report**

The Parish Council advised Councillor Willetts that it was disappointed with the lack of communication from CBC about the new bridge.

10. **Village Bulletin**

The next issue will be distributed on 1st December. Bunting and Sons have asked for space for an item.

The new village website is nearly ready to go live.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd November 2006.

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....