

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

In the Chair: Mr Gili-Ross
Members Present: Mrs Bowden, Mr Colbron, Mr Johnson Mr Savage, Mr Short, Mr Sleigh, Mr Stevenson,
Mr Stone, Mr Tyrrell
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: Councillor Tod and Councillor Willetts

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

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.

4. **Environment Report**

- 2 signs were reinstated by CBC in Cooks Hall Lane. 2 further signs were replaced with newer versions.
- Graham Broom collected 12 bags of litter from Colchester Road.
- Anglian Water will be contacted about fly tipping at the entrance to the reservoir in Hall Road.
- CBC has reported that a tree in Colchester Road opposite Ash's shop is not dangerous.
- CBC will be removing a car abandoned in the Orpen Hall car park.
- Graham Broom reported that the seat by the village sign and the concrete water marker are in need of repair. He also requested that a litter bin is installed in the area.
- A metal upright post beside the recycling bins in the Orpen Hall car park is missing and there is constant fly tipping in this area. The dustbin area in the car park has become a 'dumping ground' for domestic/private rubbish. Graham Broom asked if a notice warning of CCTV cameras could be put up in this area.
- Mr Johnson walked around the village with Malcolm Dade of CBC to look for areas of concern on the footpaths and the roads. Action will be taken to make repairs as soon as possible.

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/07/0232 Mr and Mrs Bone, 43 New Church Road – Conservatory

No comments

F/COL/07/0217 Miss and Mrs Wilkins, 158 Colchester Road – Conservatory to rear of existing granny annexe

No comments

F/COL/07/0222 Mr Lever, Sandy, Whitehouse Lane – 2 storey extension to side, single storey extension to front

No comments

F/COL/07/0238 Mr and Mrs Fulford – 15 Lexden Road – Conservatory and replacement garage

No comments

F/COL/07/0245 Ms Richards, Coney Byes Farm, Coney Byes Lane - Single storey glazed extension to rear, reconfigure interior, double storey extension to side, single storey porch, alterations to window and door configurations

No comments

LB/COL/07/0246 Ms Richards, Coney Byes Farm, Coney Byes Lane – Alterations and extensions to listed C17 Farmhouse with extensive existing 1960s extension. Removal of modern conservatory, construction of single storey glazed extension, double storey extension to side, interior reconfiguration, single storey porch, make good historic elements, plus window and door alterations.

No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

F/COL/06/0612 Mr De'ath, The Manor House	REFUSED
K/COL/06/1776 Miss Sparkes – Certificate of Lawful Use or Development, Land adjacent to 20 Bradbrook Cottages	REFUSED
F/COL/06/1990 Mr and Mrs Went, Garden House, Queens Road	APPROVED
F/COL/06/2062 Mr Gillard, The Hawthorns, Bourne Road	APPROVED
F/COL/06/2087 Mr and Mrs Hayes, Whitehouse Farm, Whitehouse Lane	APPROVED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- Go East – Proposed changes to the East of England Plan

6. Parish Plan

The committee has lost the support of 2 people who were responsible for analysing the questionnaires. However, 2 others have been taken on. The main areas of concern were traffic and something for older children to do. Questionnaires have been sent to secondary schools and local organisations. A public meeting will be held once the questionnaires have been analysed.

RCCE is organising a meeting in March on traffic issues.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

September

The General Account showed 93% income, 81% General expenditure and 101% Environment expenditure (88% overall expenditure).

- It was agreed to make donations of £200 to St Mary's Church, The Methodist Church and the Care Network from this year's budget. £800 will be rolled forward to next year and will be earmarked towards a project for the youth of the village.
- Expense claims must be passed to the clerk before the next meeting.

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

Susan Swan	Village Bulletin expenses	12.74
Harry Stone	Piping for the Allotments	17.71
Graham Broom	Mileage claim	18.45
Inland Revenue	NI	24.28

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. Correspondence

- EALC – Law and Procedures course
Employment Issues course
Can the Parish and Town Councils of Essex Help – Good ideas for campaigns
The Funding Game and How to Win it
Proposed Changes to East of England Plan - website
- RCCE – Best Kept Village Competition – Harry Stone agreed to deal with this
- ECC – Letter from Highways Department about the speed limit along the B1508. There are no formal procedures to leave the speed limit at 30 mph once the new bridge is in place. The limit will revert to 60 mph. ECC is reviewing its speed limit policy. Once the review is complete the speed limit will be reconsidered
East Essex Forum 2007/2008 – Future meetings
Mobile Library – It is likely that the library will attend the village fortnightly
Civic Service for Local Government at Chelmsford Cathedral on 27th April 2007
- NALC – Standing for Election – minimum age
Consultation – The Commons Act 2006: Protection of Common Land in England
Review of Town and Parish Council Scheme

- CBC – Summary of Accounts 2005/2006
- Essex Environment Trust – Funding
- CBC – Temporary Closure of Chitts Hill 4th to 5th March 2007
- Essex Training Partnership – Health and Safety course
- Zurich Municipal now sending bulletins by email
- Colchester 2020 Assembly meeting 15/03/07
- Village Website – The website was not accepted for this year’s competition

9. **Borough Councillor’s Report**

Councillor Willetts advised that Network Rail is spending £1,000,000 on replacing the level crossing at Chitts Hill with an automatic barrier.

10. **Village Bulletin**

This year’s payments for advertisements in the Bulletin have now been received. The latest edition is ready for distribution.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th March 2007

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....