

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

**In the Chair:** Mr Gili-Ross  
**Members Present:** Mr Colbron, Mr Johnson Mr Savage, Mr Sleigh, Mr Stevenson, Mr Stone, Mr Tyrrell  
**Clerk:** Mrs Walsom

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs Bowden and 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.

4. **Environment Report**

- Footpath 5 Essex Way – Following a conversation with Essex County Council, it was established that an oak tree in poor condition is not on the footpath so is the responsibility of the householder.
- A car abandoned in the Orpen Hall car park has been removed.
- The seat near the village sign needs repairing with a new bracing bar.
- Anglian Water will be advised of 2 broken water hydrant markers, near the village sign and in Lexden Road.
- A notice advising of CCTV cameras will be erected to stop fly tipping near the recycling bins.
- A letter will be sent to a resident in Mumford Road about an overhanging Yucca plant.
- Speed Indicator Displays (SIDs) were discussed. Funding may be available and the possibility of installing one, possibly near the Orpen Hall, will be explored.
- Essex County Council Highways department will be contacted to ensure the Parish Council's views will be considered when discussions take place about the speed limit between Braiswick and West Bergholt.

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/07/0316 Mrs Rutter, Pippins, White Hart Lane – Single storey rear extension and alterations.

No comments

F/COL/07/0344 Mr and Mrs Blayney, 46 New Church Road – 2 storey and single storey rear extensions.

No comments

070922 Miss and Mrs Wilkins, 158 Colchester Road – Alterations to existing dwelling house to create enlarged residential annexe.

No comments

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

F/COL/07/0001 – Corrie Deannie, Bourne Road

APPROVED

**OTHER CORRESPONDENCE**

- CBC – Copy of Network Rail application to the Secretary of State for Transport for Chitts Hill Level Crossing replacement.

**6. Parish Plan**

130 questionnaires of the 200 received have now been analysed.

**7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure**

The General Account showed 103% income, 84% General expenditure and 104% Environment expenditure (91% overall expenditure).

- The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2007. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting and a Parish Council meeting. There will be no Trustees meeting in May.

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

B Colbron	Village Bulletin	229.90
Mail Boxes Etc	Village Bulletin	388.00
Paul Cuttler	Fell Oak tree on Allotments	540.50
CBC	Refuse collection	117.38
NALC	LCR Subscription	13.50
J Gili-Ross	Expenses	76.30
G Broom	Expenses	22.74
Inland Revenue	NI	24.28
Care Network	Donation	200.00
St Mary’s Church	Donation	200.00
Methodist Church	Donation	200.00
CBC	Refuse Collection	93.91
Panther Security	CCTV	5111.25
A Savage	Expenses	36.40
H Stone	Expenses	22.98

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

**8. Correspondence**

- EALC Councillor Training Day – 15/06/07  
Roles and Responsibilities Course – 13/06/07  
Chairman Day – 25/04/07
- Essex Training Partnership Planning for the Future of Your Village (Community)
- ECC Passenger Transport Meeting – 19/04/07
- NALC Model Contract of Employment
- CBC White Paper Questionnaire referring to Double Devolution  
A discussion followed and a response will be made

**9. Borough Councillor’s Report**

There was no report.

**10. Village Bulletin**

The latest edition has been delivered. The Bulletin needs to be on the website as soon as possible.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2007

Signed .....Chair of Parish Council      Date.....