

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs Bowden, Mr Savage, Mr Short and Mr Stevenson.

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**

- Mr Johnson will approach Hathaway's about a village sign on the approach to Newbridge Hill and follow-up on clearing the area.
- Footpath 17 – The Environment committee is still discussing the ongoing problems.
- Mrs Fosker is consulting with CBC for consent to position a dog bin at the Old Church. So far CBC has not been very helpful. The Parish Council is willing to purchase the bin but would want CBC to empty it.
- Complaints have been received about speeding around the village. The Constable NAP has this as a priority item and is hoping to install a Speeding Indicator Device.
- CBC – Consultation on Introduction of Dog Control Orders in the Borough of Colchester – Clean Neighbourhoods' and Environment Act 2005. CBC is seeking comments on new draft proposals for the control of dogs in public places. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting under an additional agenda item. A notice will be placed on notice boards to advise residents who may like to make comments.
- ECC has advised that they intend to lift the weight limit on Newbridge. However, the PC has agreed that the weight restriction should remain for environmental reasons. CBC will be advised of this decision.

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

072013 Rachel Perry and Jeffrey Bone, 120 Chapel Road – Proposed entrance porch extension, patio doors and increase depth of new window

The PC has been approached by residents concerned at 2 no. 1800mm high fence panels on the open plan front gardens. This was a restriction imposed on the original planning consent and is covered by a legal covenant. The PC would like the fence removed from any consent as a condition.

072021 Mr and Mrs Rumsey and Mrs Farrell, Alcrofts Lodge, Bures Road – Double garage to side of existing bungalow

No comments.

072049 Miss Wilkins, 158 Colchester Road – Removal of existing lean-to conservatory and erection of replacement Edwardian conservatory

No comments.

072052 Rev. Horseman, St Mary's Church – Notice Board with name of church and present incumbent with contact phone number

No comments.

072077 Mr and Mrs Lepley, Benwell, The Avenue – Conservatory

No comments.

072110 Mrs Wilson, Rose Cottage, The Avenue – Demolition of existing garage and sheds and construction of new garage with accommodation over. Renewal of F/COL/02/1155

A condition should be included, if minded to approve, that it should require a planning approval should they wish to change the use of the garage area resulting in the loss of off street parking and also there is virtually no garden area.

072112 Mr Huddart, The Old Rectory, Cooks Hall Lane – Detached single storey garage

No comments.

072158 Mr and Mrs Strutt, 10 Maltings Park Road – Rear kitchen extension

No comments.

PLANNING DECISIONS

071735 Mr Bennett, Tresillian, Bourne Road

APPROVED

071603 J A Drummond and C Hampshire, Firmins, 50 Lexden Road

APPROVED

071615 Mr and Mrs Girken, Coach House, 1 Manor Road

APPROVED

071862/CC/COL/81/07 Heathlands Primary School

APPROVED

071811 Mr De'ath, Rosaville, White Hart Lane

REFUSED

6. Parish Plan

Due to it being the holiday season there was very little to report. Suggestions on how things should progress following the questionnaires are being looked at.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

The General Account showed 48% income, 27% General expenditure and 30% Environment expenditure (28% overall expenditure).

- Committees need to start preparing budgets to be ready for approval at the meeting in November.

It was proposed by Mr Johnson and seconded by Mr Sleigh to approve the following payments:

General Account

Bernard Colbron	Quiz trophy	3.50
RBS Tree Surgery	Work on weeping willow by pond	470.00
Graham Broom	Expenses – June and July	122.92
Inland Revenue	Employers NI	20.94

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. Correspondence

- Flowchart for Declaring Interest at Meetings – circulated to all members
- ECC – Essex Rail Seminar – 5th October 2007
- RCCE – Feedback from Best Kept Village Competition was good showing very few areas for improvement
- Essex Rural Partnership – Post Office closures briefing
- Essex Training Partnership – Risk Management Course
University of Gloucestershire in Local Policy Course
- EALC – Councillor Training Day 1 – 18th October 2007
AGM – 19th September 2007

9. Borough Councillor's Report

There was no report.

10. Village Bulletin and Website

The latest figures for the Website have been made available.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 26th September 2007

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....