

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 Tyrrell
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: Councillor Willetts, Councillor Tod

Mrs Bailey has resigned from the Parish Council due to other commitments. There are now 4 vacancies.

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 Parish Council Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting were approved and signed with no amendments.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Environment Report**

- Erle Havard – CBC are to be contacted to ask for a regular clean up of the area following more complaints.
- The bus lay-by in Chapel Road has been steam cleaned but is still in a bad state. The Environment committee will seek further advice.
- Following requests the Environment committee will investigate the possibility of hard standing at the last bus stop in Lexden Road.
- Bus shelter in Chapel Road – Seats in the shelter will be provided if cost effective. Two panes of glass were smashed. The two boys responsible were arrested by the police and spent the night in cells. It was agreed to inform the insurance company that the police are aware of those responsible, when the claim is made.
- The Colne Valley Path from Great Yeldham to Balkerne Gate has been officially opened.

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/06/0692 Mrs Berry, 26 Pirie Road – Extension over garage creating a 4th bedroom. Change garage to a utility room and playroom.

Parking is now an issue in Pirie Road with many second cars parked in the road due to loss of garages – Recommend refusal

F/COL/06/0737 Mr and Mrs George, 4 Rookery Cottages, Nayland Road – 2 Storey rear/side extension.

The proposals are generally acceptable. The only concern is the flat roof over the entrance hall, a pitched roof on the front half would balance the front elevation. There are some interesting details on the rear that will be difficult and impracticable to build – Needs modification

F/COL/06/0751 Mr De'ath, The Manor House, Manor Road – Erection of replacement demountable stables and tack room – No comments

F/COL/06/0837 Mr Aldridge, 17 Maltings Park Road – Conservatory – No comments

F/COL/06/0839 Mr and Mrs Botterill, Colne House, School Lane – Conservatory to rear and porch to front of property – No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

F/COL/06/0394 – 10 Church Close
F/COL/06/0411 – 1 Shire Lane
F/COL/06/0467 – Tamerisk, Queens Road
F/COL/06/0482 – 9 Moss Way
F/COL/06/0607 – 112 Colchester Road
F/COL/06/0501 – 32 Pirie Road

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OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- O/COL/05/0001 – New bungalow on land adjacent to Rose Cottage, The Avenue – Appeal on 27th June 2006
- A report had appeared in the Evening Gazette about a skip hire company in Fordham wanting to regularise the increase in vehicles used for its waste disposal operation. A meeting will be held in Fordham on 26th May to discuss this issue.
- Members of the Planning committee had visited Manor House to look at the site of the wind turbine and felt that the application was acceptable.

6. Parish Plan

A grant has been allocated which needs to be paid into Parish Council funds. It is unclear as to what this grant is for and what the Parish Council will need to contribute. Discussion needs to be held with the Parish Plan committee, particularly since the resignation of Catherine Bailey. The Parish Plan committee now has no Parish Councillor representative.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

The General Account showed 45% income, 26% General expenditure and 7% Environment expenditure (19% overall expenditure).

The contingency brought forward from 2005/2006 is £23,328.60. Priorities for expenditure need to be considered.

We have entered the Newsletter of the Year Competition.

The pre audited accounts for 2005/2006 had been circulated. It was proposed by Mr Savage, seconded by Mr Colbron and approved by all present to approve the accounts and pass them to Lubbock Fines for Audit.

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

	£
NRG	1.30
CBC	93.91
Inland Revenue	24.28
Lubbock Fine	2643.76

Payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom.

8. Correspondence

- Essex Police – Launch of Eastern Divisions Neighbourhood Policing Policy. An email was received from Chief Superintendent Hudson in response to last month’s letter from the Parish Council. He also attached a document explaining the Neighbourhood Policing Policy from the Home Office.
- Hanningfield Awards 2006
- Essex Training Partnership – Employment issues course
- Neighbourhood Watch – Minutes of meeting on 04/05/06 attended by Mr Tyrrell.
- EALC:
Creating a Website

9. Borough Councillor’s Report

Councillor Dennis Willetts was introduced by Councillor Jill Tod.

The wind turbine is to be discussed by CBC on 14th June 2006. There had been a serious error in the consultation process as residents of Colchester Road and Bradbook Cottages did not receive notification of the planning application.

Councillor Willets said that the Parish Council website is looking old and tired. It was pointed out to him that this is not a Parish Council website and is maintained by a resident. The Parish Council is looking into creating its own website. However, this is a very time consuming exercise.

Councillor Willetts commented that Erle Havard is in a poor state and he would like to see some involvement by the Parish Council to tidy up the area. However, John Gili-Ross stated that the area is a problem for CBC not the Parish Council.

10. **Village Bulletin**

The next issue will be distributed on 1st June 2006.

The Village Quiz, to be held on 3rd June, has had a disappointing uptake.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th June 2006.

There will be no meeting in July.

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....