

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 Tyrrell
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: 3 members of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs De'ath and Mr Sleigh.

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

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

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Environment Report**

- Parish Footpaths has had FP23 added. The path runs from Armoury Road to Pocket Park.
- Church signpost – The committee is concerned that a precedent may be set on any decision. Other villages will be looked at for options of signposts.
- It was agreed that Mr Broom could buy a supply of strimmer wire.
- The Clerk is to send a letter to the resident of 69 Lexden Road about a hedge dangerously overhanging onto the footpath.
- Memorial bench for Shirley Biddulph – a site has been suggested on the Village Green, as the preferred site at the Queens Road Pond already has 3 benches.
- Complaints have been received about an aggressive dog at the Old Rectory in Cooks Hall Lane. Mr Johnson will speak to the owner of the dog.
- BTCV will carry out work on the Hall Road pond later this year.
- To register the Hall Road pond to the Parish Council may be expensive as proof is needed that the Parish Council has been maintaining it for 10 years. A legal document from a solicitor will be required. This will be moved forward.
- The 'No Cycle' sign in the folly between Lexden Road and Mumford Road was removed by CBC as the owner of the fence on which it was attached had asked for rent. There are currently no problems with cycles.

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/06/0870 Gladstone Homes Developments, 68 Chapel Road and land to rear of 68 to 70 Chapel Road – Erection of 8 dwellings with covered parking, garages and bin store

There is concern at the proposed elevations. Whilst this is a contemporary solution, there is concern at its competence. There is also concern at the level of landscaping to this central courtyard. – Objections and concerns

F/COL/06/0879 Mr and Mrs McLean, 93 Chapel Road – Proposed rear gable window to rear projection

No objections or concerns

F/COL/06/0888 Mr and Mrs Freeman, 4 Lodge Court – Conservatory to rear

No objections or concerns

F/COL/06/0893 Mr and Mrs Reeve, Denberry, Spring Lane – First floor extension and ground floor conservatory extension (resubmission of F/COL/06/0317)

Very concerned at the proposed elevations and the shallow roof pitches which are inappropriate. This extension could be far better designed, with creative use of roof design and steeper more traditional roof pitches. The proposals are totally out of keeping and would be detrimental to the streetscape in Spring Lane. Strong concerns and objections as designed

F/COL/06/0922 Mr and Mrs Foakes, site adjacent 20 New Church Road – New dwelling (resubmission of F/COL/06/0116)

Concern at the cramped nature of this additional dwelling in a road where most properties are more generously spaced. Strong concerns and objections

F/COL/06/0985 Mr Povah, Lynmouth, Chapel Lane – First floor rear extension

Concern at the size and shape of the rooms created by this extension. The change in the slope of the roof is unnecessary and an alien in form. The extension is unbuildable without consent of adjacent owners, the eaves and gutters are on the adjacent property. Strong concerns and objections

PLANNING DECISIONS

F/COL/06/0534 – 75 Mumford Road

APPROVED

F/COL/06/0617 – Peacocks, Bourne Road

APPROVED

F/COL/06/0531 – Lynmouth, Chapel Lane

WITHDRAWN

F/COL/06/0648 – 8 Sackville Way

APPROVED

F/COL/06/0737 – 4 Rookery Cottages, Nayland Road

APPROVED

F/COL/06/0692 – 26 Pirie Road

APPROVED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- F/COL/06/0564 – McNallys Yard – 4 semi detached houses – to be considered by CBC on 15th June – recommendation to approve the application.

6. Parish Plan

Chris Stevenson, Chair of the Parish Plan committee has notified the Parish Council about expected expenditure. The Parish Council agreed to sign the RCCE contract for a grant. The funds will be held by the Parish Council. They have requested that 1 or 2 members of the Parish Council may like to join the committee. However, currently there are no members of the Parish Council willing to do this. It was suggested that members from the Parish Plan committee could join the Parish Council as there are 4 vacancies.

The Parish Council was asked to fund printing 1500 copies of the Plan when it is complete. However, it was felt by the Parish Council that the Plan could be put onto the website and only a limited number of copies printed. This was agreed and £400 - £500 will be earmarked. A firm decision will be made at a later date. The Parish Council would need to have agreement of the contents.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

Parish Accounts – Final Accounts

The General Account showed 45% income, 41% General expenditure and 10% Environment expenditure (30% overall expenditure).

- Website – It was agreed to use an external company to design the Parish Council website. The website, westbergholt.net, would be the basis for the new website which will be revised and updated. The owner of westbergholt.net has agreed that the Parish Council can use this domain name. The site would be updated monthly and the Clerk will forward information to the web designer. Mr Tyrrell will also have input into the content. The initial cost will be approximately £550.
- The CBC Grant application for a climbing frame has been sent. An application to Cory Environment will be made for safety surfacing around the climbing frame.

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

Mail Boxes Etc	440.00
Playsafety Ltd	81.08
CBC	117.38
RCCE	75.00

Inland Revenue	24.28
Graham Broom	189.62
A Savage	12.00
RGP Hollock	60.00
Alan Mullis	22.94
B Colbron	180.00
Record Playground Equipment	22446.02

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. **Correspondence**

- EALC:
 - Chairman’s Day
 - Clean Neighbourhood and Environment Act 2005 – legal briefing
 - CBC Standards Committee Training Event
- RCCE AGM 12/07/06
- NALC – Payment of subscriptions to SLCC is an allowable expense for Parish Councils
- CBALC – Diary Dates
- The Local Channel – Websites
- Police Community Consultative Group – Public meeting on 10/07/06 at 7.30p.m.
- EALC/CBALC and Essex Police presentation -017/07/06 – Mr Gili-Ross to attend
- NALC – New mileage claim rates

9. **Borough Councillor’s Report**

There was no report.

10. **Village Bulletin**

The latest edition was distributed at the beginning of June. There are currently potential advertisers on the waiting list. This will be discussed by the Village Bulletin team.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd August 2006. There will be no meeting in July.

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....