

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 Savage, Mr Sleigh, Mr Tyrrell
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: 1 member of the public, Councillor Tod and Councillor Willetts

Following a brief introduction Mr David Short and Mr Harry Stone were co-opted on to the Parish Council. Mr Stone will join the Environment committee and Mr Short the Hall committee.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Johnson.

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**

- Parks and Open Spaces Society – A map has been provided to show public access spaces over an area of 0.2 hectares.
- Hedge cutting is scheduled to be carried out by Billy King at the end of the month.
- Anglian Water may be planning to put a pipe line from the Hall Road works to Lexden. More information regarding start date and other implications will be sought.
- Some dead and damaged branches on trees at the front of the Orpen Hall will need attention.
- Graham Broom has reported that a water mains marker post has been broken and is lying in the area of the village sign. This will be investigated.
- High visibility vests are to be purchased for the village handyman at a cost of £10 each.

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

K/COL/06/1093 Mr Simplson, 26 Valley Crescent – Certificate of Lawfulness for conservatory

No comments

F/COL/06/1177 Mr Blowers, 33 Albany Road – 3 conservation rooflights and re-positioned windows

No comments

F/COL/06/1192 Mr and Mrs Austin, 41 New Church Road – First floor front extension

No comments

F/COL/06/1257 Mr Hewitt, 49 Mumford Road – Erection of garage, alterations to existing garage

No comments

F/COL/06/1263 Mr and Mrs McKay, 2 Cooks Hall Cottages – Proposed first floor extension conservatory and porch

No comments

ESS/33/06/COL Colchester Skip Hire, Packards Lane, Wormingford – Proposed erection of a replacement staff mess and toilet building

Parish Council concerned at any extension to the existing facilities due to the impact of vehicles passing through West Bergholt

F/COL/06/1338 Mr and Mrs Brown, Netherwood, The Crescent – Two storey rear extension and raising of roofline to the side

These are poorly presented proposals. Parish Council has serious cause for concern as to the accuracy of the information provided and its build ability as shown. Far more accurate information needed in respect of its setting, adjacent buildings etc. Recommend refusal as presented.

PLANNING DECISIONS

F/COL/06/0888 – 4 Lodge Court **APPROVED**

F/COL/06/0839 – Colne House, School Lane **APPROVED**

F/COL/06/0837 – 17 Maltings Park Road **APPROVED**

F/COL/06/0751 – The Manor House, Manor Road **APPROVED**

F/COL/06/0879 – 93 Chapel Road **APPROVED**

F/COL/06/0985 – Lynmouth, Chapel Lane **APPROVED**

F/COL/06/0922 – 20 New Church Road **APPROVED**

F/COL/06/0893 – Mr and Mrs Reeve, Denbery, Spring Lane **APPROVED**

F/COL/06/0870 – Gladstone Homes Developments Ltd, 68 Chapel Road and land to rear of 68 – 70 **APPROVED**

K/COL/06/1093 – Mr Simpson, 26 Valley Crescent

CERTIFICATE OF LAWFUL USE OF DEVELOPMENT

APPEAL – Rose Cottage, The Avenue

APPEAL DISMISSED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from Clerk to Little Horkesley Parish Council re objections to proposed planning application to allow power flying from Wormingford Airfield.

6. Parish Plan

It is hoped a member from the Parish Plan committee may be co-opted to the Parish Council. Contractual documentation for the grant has been signed and posted to RCCE.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

June

The General Account showed 47% income, 47% General expenditure and 18% Environment expenditure (37% overall expenditure).

July

The General Account showed 45% income, 50% General expenditure and 25% Environment expenditure (42% overall expenditure).

- The Annual Return has been sent to the Auditors.
- The new village website design is making good progress and a draft is expected shortly.

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

Record Play Equipment 5048.97

Queensbury Shelters 309.03

Anglian Water 29.74

CBC 93.91

Inland Revenue 24.28

Braintree District Council 117.50

CBC 93.91

EACH 237.71

Inland Revenue 24.28

Graham Broom 27.55

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. **Correspondence**

- EALC:
AGM – 20/09/06
Chairman’s Day – 26/09/06
CBC Standards Committee Training Event – 02/10/06
- CBC:
New Gambling Act 2005
Disability Equality Scheme Consultation
Town and Parish Clerks Forum minutes of 01/08/06 with list of Grant recipients. The next meeting will be on 12/09/06
Declaration of Interests Flowchart – to be circulated
- ECC – Proposals for improved liaison with Parish and Town Councils
- Essex Training Partnership – Planning for the Future of Your Village or Community – 12/10/06

9. **Borough Councillor’s Report**

Councillor Willitts explained that a proposed new Park and Ride Scheme at Eight Ash Green would have an effect on traffic through West Bergholt. Eight Ash Green Parish Council has employed an independent traffic expert to carry out a survey. The expected traffic could cause gridlock in the area. A decision will be made by ECC on 17/09/06.

10. **Village Bulletin**

The annual Quiz Night was very successful and a donation will be sent to the East Anglian Children’s Hospice. The Parish Plan is to have a centre spread questionnaire in the September issue. Any future advertisers will need to be put on a waiting list.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th September 2006.

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....