

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 Short, Mr Sleigh, Mr Stone,
Mr Tyrrell
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: 1 member of the public

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Willetts.

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**

- Hedges have been cut. There are a few outstanding areas including an area by the Scout Hut left because of a parked car. There have been comments that the hedge in front of the play area on Lorkin Daniell field is cut too low. It will be left a bit higher in future.
- Anglian Water is to install a new water main. This may present a problem with the clearance of the Hall Road Pond.
- Speeding vehicles are still an issue. This will be looked into.
- A branch on the Lorkin Daniell field has been removed.
- Herbicide has been purchased for future use.
- Residents in Mumford Close, backing on to the Lorkin Daniell field, have raised concerns about the trees at the back of their gardens. Some of the trees seem to have a number of dead branches. This will be investigated.
- Essex County Council Highways will be contacted about the poor state of some pavements in the village, particularly in Mumford Road.
- EDF Energy is to be asked to cut back the hedge surrounding the sub station in Chapel Road.

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/06/1451 Mr Colbron, 64 Mumford Road – Ground floor extensions to form garden room and lobby.

No comments

F/COL/06/1578 Mr Barrow, Horsepits, Cooks Hall Road – Tennis Court

No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

ESS/33/06/COL Colchester Skip Hire, Packards Lane

F/COL/06/0564 McNally's Yard

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OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from CBC re F/COL/05/2082- Mr and Mrs Bobby, 38 Pirie Road – Appeal against refusal of Planning Permission.

6. Parish Plan

The Chair of the Parish Plan Committee was unable to attend. A questionnaire has been sent out with the Village Bulletin. So far 12% have been returned. A questionnaire for younger people is being considered.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

September

The General Account showed 47% income, 53% General expenditure and 63% Environment expenditure (57% overall expenditure).

- The balance of £3,500 for the cost of the play equipment is to be initially taken out of Parish Funds. Towards the end of the financial year the Trustees may be asked to transfer money from the Playing Field Account which currently stands at £5,500.
- There has been no communication from the Auditor about the Annual Return.
- It was agreed that the Parish Council will pay the cost of printing the questionnaire in the Village Bulletin - £195. This will be part of the Parish Council's contribution to the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan committee need to make requests to the Parish Council for further funding requirements.
- Budgets need to be agreed at the November meeting.
- Website - A link had been circulated to all Parish Councillors for them to view the new website. Comments were of approval. It was agreed to move forward with this.
- A letter of thanks had been received from EACH for the donation from the Village Quiz.
- Confirmation from ECC was received for the £3,073 grant for Phase 3 of the play area. £6827 had already been confirmed from CBC. This is ECC's second year of a 3 year programme and the final year of 3 for CBC. Mr Gili-Ross had sent a letter to Lord Hanningfield to thank him for the ECC grant.

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

R E Gooden	15.00
W C King	352.50
CBC	117.38
Mail Boxes Etc.	604.13
B Colbron	180.00
Inland Revenue	24.28
Mr T Claydon	30.00

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. Correspondence

- EALC – Code of Conduct Training on 2/10/06, 7-9p.m.
- West Bergholt, Great and Little Horkesley Relief in Sickness Trust – Mr Gili-Ross was re-elected as a Trustee.
- ECC Passenger Transport Representatives Meeting – 17/10/06 followed by Colchester 2020.
- Girl Guiding – would like to start a senior section between West Bergholt, Gt Horkesley and Mile End. They are asking for help with funding. This will be looked at before the end of the financial year. The Guides may also be able to help with projects within the village.
- Neighbourhood Watch are proposing an initiative to try to stop cold calling at doors. The Parish Council would welcome this. There is a problem with illegal parking in New Church Road on the corner opposite the Co-op. This was discussed and will be addressed once the results of the Parish Plan Questionnaire are known.

9. Borough Councillor's Report

There was no report.

10. **Village Bulletin**

The latest edition has been well received. 12% of the Parish Plan questionnaires sent out in the Bulletin had so far been returned. There are currently two advertisers from Colchester on the waiting list for space in the Bulletin.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25th October 2006.

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....