

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

In the Chair: Mr Gili-Ross
Members Present: Mr Colbron, Mr Savage, Mr Short, Mr Stevenson, Mr Stone
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: Councillor Willetts

Before the meeting Mark Slade from Colchester Skip Hire spoke about a planning application for a recycling building at the Wormingford site.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Johnson and Mr Tyrrell.

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

Item 6, line 6 was amended to read "first Wednesday" not "second Wednesday". The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were then approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

Mrs Lois De'ath had resigned from the Parish Council for personal reasons.

Mrs Suzanne Bowden introduced herself and was duly co-opted to the Parish Council. Mrs Bowden will join the Hall committee.

4. **Environment Report**

- A lamp post at the junction of Pirie Road/Chapel Road has been sawn down and removed following a car driving into it.
- The committee is in discussion with Essex Highways regarding footpaths and roads and would like a time scale. The bus lay-by in Chapel Road is also under discussion with a view to replacing the road surface.
- Notices for parking restrictions at the entrance to the school on New Church Road have been posted on poles near the school.
- It was agreed to purchase drain cover keys to allow the water to the allotment to be turned off in the winter months.
- Footpath 29 is to be temporarily closed.
- The Parish Council has heard that the level crossing at Chitts Hill is due to become an automatic barrier from June 2007 and will be manned until March 2008.
- ECC have advised that the Mobile Library service may be cut to exclude areas situated less than 2 miles from a library. Our nearest library is in Stanway and this is less than 2 miles from most areas of the village. A letter will be sent to ECC opposing this proposition.
- Replacement bridge – Proposed plans have been received and there is no provision for non motorised access. Letters have been sent to George Ward of the Highways and Transport East Area Office and Councillor Blundell expressing the concern of the Parish Council.
- The Highways Department is proposing to place double yellow lines around the junction of New Church Road and Chapel Road. This was approved. However the Parish Council would like to see narrow lines, similar to those at the junction of Chapel Road/Chapel Lane.

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/06/1776 Mrs Sparkes, Land adjacent to 20 Bradbrook Cottages, Armoury Road – Erection of ancillary annexe in the garden area of 20 Bradbrook Cottages.

There is concern at the very nature of this application following a recent refusal for an additional dwelling in the garden. This is seen as another way of trying to create an additional dwelling. If granted it will create a dangerous precedent. Suggest refusal.

F/COL/06/1824 Mr Draper, 15 Firmins Court – Single storey side extensions.

There is concern at yet another uncoordinated piecemeal extension. This is a missed opportunity.

No objections.

F/COL/06/1859 Mr Dunlop, 2 Heathside – Single storey side extension, loft conversion and conservatory.

There is extreme concern at the proposals. The 6 houses in Heathside have a distinctive quality and character. The full-length rear extension ties the property hard to the boundary on this already dense development. The proposed badly proportioned new windows and large dormer in the roof are totally out of keeping with the existing house. The “Victorianasty” conservatory is also inappropriate. Strongly recommend refusal unless substantial changes are made.

F/COL/06/1880 Mr Thorpe, 40 New Church Road – One and two storey extension.

No objections.

PLANNING DECISIONS

F/COL/06/1338 Netherwood, the Crescent

APPROVED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

There was no other correspondence.

6. Parish Plan

The questionnaires are still being analysed. Further questionnaires are to be sent to businesses, organisations and, through the schools, to the young people within the village. There will be an article in the next Village Bulletin as well as the results of the questionnaire draw. It was agreed that the grant from RCCE, when it is received, will be transferred to the Parish Plan funds. The Parish Council will receive a regular report on the expenditure of the funds. A public meeting will be held at the end of January and an item is to be placed on the website.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

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The General Account showed 92% income, 63% General expenditure and 75% Environment expenditure (67% overall expenditure).

- 2007/2008 budget. 4 options were discussed with option 1 being the average increase of approximately 71p per household, adding £1000 to the Precept. The other 3 options would add approximately £2000, £3000 or £4000 to the precept at a cost of approximately 75p per household per £1000. Following a vote it was agreed to go with Option 4 giving an increase of approximately £4000 to the Precept. This is help to cover some of the cost of a new heating system for the hall, which it is felt is used by many village residents. This will be reviewed before the Precept is agreed in January 2007.

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

David J Kingaby	460.00
Oak View Landscapes	411.25
W C King	76.37
Inland Revenue	24.28
Anglian Water	56.82
CBC	93.91

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. Correspondence

- EALC – Conference Day – 28/11/06
- ECC – East Essex Area Forum dates for future meetings

- Dedham Vale Society – Anchor Inn Heritage Farm – prospective damage with regard to Buntings and Sons development in Gt Horkesley

9. **Borough Councillor’s Report**

Councillor Willetts had nothing to report. Mr Gili-Ross asked him to put the Parish Council’s comments forward to CBC with regard to the new bridge.

10. **Village Bulletin**

The next issue will be distributed on 1st December. It was agreed that the Village Bulletin team could use the Orpen Hall for a small gathering on 7th January to say thank you to the deliverers. It was also approved to spend £50 on refreshements.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 24th January 2007.

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....