

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mr Johnson and Mr Stevenson.

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

The Minutes of the previous Parish Council meeting were approved and signed.

3. **Matters Arising**

There has been no response as yet from the Library Service consultation.

4. **Environment Report**

- Discussion is ongoing with Essex Highways regarding footpaths and road issues, and timescales for repairs. The bus lay-by in Chapel Road is also under discussion with a view to replacing the road surface.
- And entrance across a field along Colchester Road, before the A12 bridge, has been filled in.
- Drain cover keys have been purchased and passed on to Mr Gooden to gain access to a water stopcock for the Allotments.
- The Environment Agency will be asked for their advice on some Japanese Knotweed which has been found on a footpath opposite the Scout Hut. There is also some at Macnally's Yard.
- A letter will be sent to CBC about the possibility of removing a Chestnut Tree on Colchester Road (opposite Ash's shop) following a letter from a resident who believes it may be diseased and is causing some damage to her patio.
- New bridge over A12 – a Cycle lane will now be incorporated into the bridge. The possibility of keeping the 30mph zone will be reassessed. A cantilever bridge cannot be fitted on the bridge during its construction.
- The Woods development has money set aside for the 106 Agreement. Could this be used for the benefit of the village?
- St Mary's PCC had written to request signs to the church, to be placed at either end of New Church Road. However, it is against the principle of the Parish Council to put up signs around the village.
- Mr Firmen wrote asking the Parish Council to chase for a replacement street light to the one damaged outside his property in Chapel Road. He also made a complaint about the state of the footpath. This will be passed to CBC.

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/06/1973 – Lexden Wood Golf Club – Earthworks to existing golf course to improve safety and facilities

No comments

F/COL/06/1990 – Mr and Mrs Went, Garden House, Queens Road – Single and two storey extensions and alterations

No comments

LB/COL/06/2006 – Ms Richards, Coney Byes Farm, Coney Byes Lane – Alterations and extensions to listed C17 Farmhouse and extensive existing 1960s extension. Including removal of modern conservatory, construction of single storey glazed extension to rear, double storey extension to side, interior reconfiguration, single storey porch

No comments

F/COL/06/2014 – Ms Richards, Coney Byes Farm, Coney Byes Lane – Single storey glazed extension to rear, reconfigure interior, double storey extension to side, single storey porch, alterations to window and door configurations

No comments

F/COL/06/2063 – Mr Gillard, The Hawthorns, Bourne Road – Two storey side extension

No comments

F/COL/06/2087 – Mr and Mrs Hayes, Whitehouse Farm, Bourne Road – Two storey and single storey garage, study and bedroom extension

No comments

F/COL/07/0001 – Mr Dunn, Corrie Deannie, Bourne Road – Detached single garage and conservatory to rear of new bungalow

No comments

C/COL/06/2090 – Mr Cannon, Chancers, Fossetts Lane – Change of use of former poultry shed to Class B1 & B8

No comments

F/COL/07/0046 – Valpride Developments, Rear of 65-69 Chapel Road – Erection of 4 No. 3 bed bungalows and associated garages and road

Very concerned at the proximity of bedroom windows to the boundary and the immediate view of a 1.8m high close-boarded fence. The layout is an improvement, but the window issue proves this is over development. Suggest refusal as proposed

F/COL/07/0070 – Mr and Mrs Ponder, Fiddle De Dee, The Crescent – Single and double storey side and rear extensions/alterations

No comments – Mr Tyrrell expressed an interest and did not comment on this application.

F/COL/07/0082 – Tremayne Hall, 125 Colchester Road – Wooden Garden Building

No comments

PLANNING DECISIONS

K/COL/06/1776 – Land adjacent to 20 Bradbrook Cottages, Armoury Road

REFUSED

F/COL/06/1711 – Lythgo, Chapel Lane

APPROVED

F/COL/06/1824 – 15 Firmins Court

APPROVED

F/COL/06/1730 – Rookery Farm, Nayland Road

APPROVED

F/COL/06/1880 – 40 New Church Road

APPROVED

F/COL/06/1859 – 2 Heathside

APPROVED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

The Football Club had provided new drawings for their new clubhouse. There was concern at the size of the building, in particular the size of the bar area. The bar servicing area was considered too close to residents and parking could be an issue. However, the plans were approved by the Parish Council with minor comments which will be passed on.

Macnally's Yard – The Parish Council has had a request to relax the covenants on the land. It is the feeling of the Parish Council that these should be relaxed for financial gain to the village. This will be taken further.

6. Parish Plan

A response to CBC Core Strategy Plan was sent thanks to Mr Stevenson.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

November – The General Account showed 92% income, 68% General expenditure and 84% Environment expenditure (74% overall expenditure).

December – The General Account showed 93% income, 75% General expenditure and 97% Environment expenditure (83% overall expenditure).

The grant from RCCE for the Parish Plan has been passed to the Parish Plan committee.

It was proposed by Mr Savage and seconded by Mr Tyrrell that the Precept be set at £33,500. The Council Tax for Parish purposes is £16.05.

The Annual Return for 2005/2006 has been approved by Lubbock Fine.

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

CBC	93.91
SLCC	95.00
Adler Business Systems	38.35
G Broom	15.81
V Walsom	39.99
Inland Revenue	24.28
NRG	1.15
Lubbock Fines	346.43
Zurich Municipal	158.63

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. **Correspondence**

- EALC – White Paper giving more powers to Parish Councils. The Parish Plan will be very important
Councillor Training Day
Training Courses Diary
Election Training Day
How to Raise the Profile of your Parish Council
- ECC – Meeting about concessionary fees for young people and real time passenger information
- NALC – Shaping Communities Event
- A leaflet about the new bridge over the A12 was placed on the website. The website has been entered into a website competition. Dave Kingaby will be asked to make a presentation at the Annual Meeting.

9. **Borough Councillor's Report**

Councillor Willets reported that a decision would be made at the end of the week about the proposed wind turbine.

Tax increases of 5% are being discussed.

10. **Village Bulletin**

There is still a waiting list for advertisers in the bulletin. Advertisers may be asked if they would be willing to pay an additional charge to have their adverts placed on the website.

Joyce Lucking has resigned from the Village Bulletin Team. A letter of thanks will be sent to her.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th February 2007.

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....