

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 Short, Mr Sleigh, Mr Stone, Mr Tyrrell
Clerk: Mrs Walsom
Present: Councillor Tod

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Mrs Bowden 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 with no amendments.

3. **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

4. **Environment Report**

- The seat near the village sign needs repairing with a new bracing bar. Mr Johnson will source a mobile welding firm.
- West Bergholt has entered the Best Kept Village competition. Notices have been displayed around the village.
- CBC has been asked to remove parts of a bicycle dumped on an Erle Havard footpath.
- The bus lay-by in Chapel Road will be resurfaced. No date has been given as yet.
- ECC does not currently have enough resources in its legal department to approve 'yellow lines' around the Co-op.

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

071039 Mr and Mrs Juniper, Carousel, Whitehouse Lane – New master bedroom/ensuite bedroom extension above garage/kitchen and new conservatory

No comment

071070 Mr and Mrs Jones, Gorse Cottage, Nayland Road – Single storey rear extension and loft conversion

No comment

071078 Mr and Mrs Rayner, Crockeys, Chapel Lane – Rear and side single storey extensions

No comment

071217 De Burgh Developments, Land to rear of 26 New Church Road – Outline application for erection of 2 no. 3 bedroom bungalows and detached garages

There was some discussion about the encroachment of land from the Lorkin Daniel Playing Field. This will be explored before a comment is made

PLANNING DECISIONS

F/COL/07/0082 125 Colchester Road
F/COL/07/0217 158 Colchester Road
F/COL/07/0222 Sandy, Whitehouse Lane

APPROVED
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F/COL/07/0232	43 New Church Road	APPROVED
F/COL/07/0238	15 Lexden Road	APPROVED
F/COL/07/0245	Coney Byes Farm	APPROVED
F/COL/07/0316	Pippins, White Hart Lane	APPROVED
F/COL/07/0344	46 New Church Road	APPROVED
F/COL/07/0046	Rear of 65-69 Chapel Road	APPROVED
LB/COL/07/0246	Coney Byes Farm	APPROVED

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- CBC consultation response for Network Rail application to the Secretary of State for Transport for Chitts Hill Level Crossing replacement. Work will start mid July.
- Macnally Mews – Tarttelin and Co Solicitors have been instructed to act for the Parish Council to explore the relaxation of a Covenant on the land.

6. Parish Plan

An update on the position of the Parish Plan had been received. As there has been very little expenditure to date, the Parish Council does not feel it is necessary to carry out an audit. However, Mr Savage would be happy to do this should the Parish Plan committee request it.

7. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

The General Account showed 104% income, 94% General expenditure and 114% Environment expenditure (101% overall expenditure).

- The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on 23rd May 2007. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Council meeting and a Parish Council meeting. There will be no Trustees meeting in May. Dave Kingaby will make a presentation on the new website.
- Lubbock Fine has been appointed Auditors for the next audit.

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

Allianz Cornhill	Parish Council Insurance	861.45
EALC	Training Course – Mr Stone	50.00
Paul Cutler	Fell 2 Elm trees	185.00
AON	Village Green and Poors Land insurance	985.86
Vincent Pizzuto	Water standpipes on the Allotments	266.43
CBC	Refuse collection	93.91
NRG	Photocopying	2.68
G Broom	Expenses	132.42

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

8. Correspondence

- ECC Transport Information Day – 19/06/07
- CBC Argents Lane to be closed for 5 days from 8/05/07
- The Parish Council will enter a team into the Village Quiz on 19/05/07
- The Parish Council has been advised that there are people living in caravans on land behind the White Hart. CBC will be advised.
- Mrs Baker of Queens Road has made a complaint about the smells and disturbance from the takeaways operating at the Queens Head. However, whilst the Parish Council is sympathetic, the Queens Head is acting within the bounds of its Licence. Therefore, there is nothing the Parish Council can do.
- Care Network – Thanking the Parish Council for its donation.
- Local Authorities – Model Code of Conduct

9. Borough Councillor's Report

Councillor Tod expressed her concern about parking around the Co-op area.

10. Village Bulletin

Nora Bates has taken over the distribution of the Bulletin from Joyce Lucking.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd May 2007 – to include the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting.

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....