

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

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

1. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

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. **Introduction of Dog Control Orders in the Borough Of Colchester**

CBC – Consultation on Introduction of Dog Control Orders in the Borough of Colchester – Clean Neighbourhoods’ and Environment Act 2005. Following discussion and the receipt of 2 letters requesting that the Parish Council maintain the status quo, it was agreed that no changes would be made to the current areas available to dog owners within West Bergholt. The PC is in full support of the proposals made by CBC and a letter will be sent accordingly.

5. **Village Engagement Strategy and to Raise the Profile of the Parish Council**

Harry Stone gave a presentation on the progress of the working party. Following discussion it was agreed that the working party would continue and any outcomes and changes, if agreed, would be implemented early next year.

6. **Environment Report**

- Mr Johnson will approach Hathaway’s about the Newbridge situation.
- Footpath 17 – The Environment committee is still discussing the ongoing problems.
- The installation of a dog bin by the Old Church is not yet resolved.
- It was reported that a branch had fallen from a tree in New Church Road onto the car of a resident. Mr Johnson proposed to discuss with the Environment committee, at its next meeting, the feasibility of surveying trees on a rolling programme basis.
- Richard Palmee, River Colne Countryside Officer, will be asked to assess what can be done for village ponds.
- A letter was received from a resident complaining about road safety and anti social behaviour. Road safety is one of the areas of overwhelming response from the Parish Plan questionnaire. Mr Gili-Ross is a member of the Constable NAP and he advised that this is a common theme across the county, of which the police are aware. West Bergholt has the strongest Neighbourhood Watch in the area. The Parish Council is doing what it can through the Constable NAP and Neighbourhood Watch.

7. **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

072218 (resubmission of 071813) and 072220 (resubmission of 071815) Mr Barrow, Horsepits Farm, Cooks Hall Lane – Conversion of barn with additional sunroom to provide annexe to existing dwelling.

In principle the PC has no major objection. However, we are concerned that the proposed plans and elevations do not match and that this should be corrected so the elevations are a true representation of the plans.
 072317 Mr Singh, 44 Albany Road – Erection of single storey kitchen extension to front of property.
 The PC is concerned at the size and location of the extension and the re-roof configuration apart from that we have no objections in principle.

PLANNING DECISIONS

071885	J Purdy and Sons, Wickhams, Bures Road	APPROVED
071901	Mr and Mrs Claydon, 44 Pirie Road	APPROVED
072013	Rachel Perry and Jeffrey Bone, 120 Chapel Road	APPROVED
072021	Mr and Mrs Rumsey and Mrs Farrell, Alcrofts Lodge, Bures Road	APPROVED
072049	Miss Wilkins, 158 Colchester Road	APPROVED

8. Parish Plan Report

Individual sections are now being written up based on the questionnaire headings. It is hoped that this part will be completed by November. The implementation of the Plan and priorities need to be worked on. The dynamics of the group may change as the plan is implemented.

9. Finance Report and Proposed Expenditure

The General Account showed 48% income, 29% General expenditure and 38% Environment expenditure (32% overall expenditure).

The Hall Account showed 71% income, 47% expenditure

- A request for a donation, to purchase a gang mower, from the Cricket Club had been received. It was agreed to donate £750 subject to the balance being raised by the Cricket Club before the donation is made.

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

Panther Security	Renewal of cheque for CCTV	5111.25
CBC	Dog Bins for August and September	217.64
Graham Broom	Expenses	94.28
Inland Revenue	Employers NI	20.94
EALC	Course	30.00
Mail Boxes Etc	Village Bulletin	455.00
WC King	Hedge cutting	364.25
Norhurst Landscape	Repair hole in Orpen Hall car park	395.00

Salary payments were made to Mr Broom and Mrs Walsom

10. Correspondence

- Essex Training Partnership Council Finance Course – 01/11/07
 Planning for the Future of Your Village or Community – 09/10/07
- RCCE Transition Essex – 24/10/07
- Colchester 2020 Assembly meeting – 18/10/07
- Parish Councillors Emergency Planning Update either 12th/13th/14th November. David Short is considering taking on this roll.

11. Borough Councillor’s Report

Councillor Tod had received an 18 page petition about bus service cut backs.

12. Village Bulletin and Website

The latest Village Bulletins are now available on the website. The bulletin was Commended in EALC’s Village Bulletin competition.

It was suggested that items from the Parish Council should be more interesting for the readers.

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

SignedChair of Parish Council Date.....