



## WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

# Minutes of the Parish Council

Meeting held in the John Lampon Hall - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008 at 7.40p.m.

In the Chair: John Gili-Ross  
Members Present: Jenny Church, Bernard Colbron, Andrew Savage, David Short, Peter Sleigh, Chris Stevenson, Harry Stone, Bob Tyrrell  
Clerk: Val Walsom  
Present: Councillor Tod

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sally Butcher and Peter Johnson.

### 2. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### 3. Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008 were approved with no amendments.

### 4. Borough Councillors' Report

There has been a change in the membership of the CBC Cabinet. It now comprises of 5 ladies and 3 men.

### 5. Parish Plan

At the meeting of CALC on 19<sup>th</sup> May there was a discussion on future housing within the Borough. CBC will look at Parish Plans, Framework Agreements etc. Parish Plan Actions will be important over the next 3 years.

The Steering group met in May. It was felt that the analysis of priorities was appropriate. There will be an item in the June Village Bulletin as well as on the Website. A letter to be sent to all those who offered to help with the next stage of the Plan - the Action Plan, starting in the Autumn.

The PC has agreed to pay for the last item in the Village Bulletin and £100 towards the additional work undertaken by Dave Kingaby on the Website. The total contribution is £1000. Quotes for a limited number of copies of the Plan are prohibitively high.

There will be a stall at the Village Fayre on 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### 6. Village Engagement Strategy and Raising the Profile of the Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting:

Written copies of committee reports will be available as a booklet at the meeting. Refreshments will be provided. The June Parish Council meeting will start at 6.30p.m.

The ECC Youth Bus will be at the next BYG meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

### 7. Progress Reports for Information

Parish Clerk

To consider forthcoming courses and events:

EALC - Councillor Training Day

Advanced Councillor Training Day - 24<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Chairman's Day

Essex Training Partnership - Health and Safety Course - 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008



## W E S T B E R G H O L T P A R I S H C O U N C I L

### Village Bulletin

The June edition has 4 extra pages (24 pages in total). This edition includes a reply slip for questions to be answered at the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Village Bulletin was not selected for the LCR/Co-operative Bank Newsletter of the Year.

### Village Website

The Website was not selected for the LCR/Co-operative Bank Website of the Year.

## 8. Planning

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were received.

- Following discussion it was agreed to send a letter to ECC about Colchester Skip Hire's application. There are strong objections on the grounds of the possible increase in traffic through the village and a very large building in a village with limited access.
- John Gili-Ross has been accepted onto the Local Highways Panel.
- A letter has been drafted to residents in Mumford Close about encroachment onto the Lorkin Daniell Playing Field. This letter will be sent when ownership of the properties is ascertained. Peter Sleigh will recheck the boundaries before the letters go out.

## 9. Environment Issues

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were received.

- If the culprits of the Graffiti on the play equipment are found the Police will ask them to remove it.

## 10. Village Hall Matters

Minutes of the Hall Committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2008 were received.

- Peter Sleigh will contact Panther Security and investigate the legal position about the continuing failure of the system.
- Refurbishment of the external fabric of the hall, including the windows, guttering, soffits and downpipes, is a priority.

## 11. Finance

The General Account showed 45% income, 17% general expenditure, 5% environment expenditure and 14% expenditure overall.

The Hall Account showed 16% income, 14% expenditure.

- It was agreed to purchase 2 signs for the hall at a cost of £53 each.
- A quote for resurfacing the hall floor had been received. Another quote will be sought before a decision is made.
- It was agreed that the WBMSC should start paying the annual rent for the MUGA of £100 as agreed in the Licence agreement. This amount will be reviewed next year.
- The Social Club rent review is due in September. A meeting will be arranged between the Hall committee and the Social Club.
- EALC has approved the expenditure of refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting.



## W E S T B E R G H O L T P A R I S H C O U N C I L

It was proposed by Andrew Savage and Seconded by David Short to make the following payments:

### General Account

Salary Payments to Mrs Walsom and Gary Walls		
EALC	Chairman's Day 2	52.00
Norhurst Landscapes	Clear and shred overgrowth on Allotments	950.00
Jenny Church	Ink Cartridge	21.00
Braintree District Council	BTCV work on Lexden Road pond	166.46
Inland Revenue	NI	19.75
Gary Walls	Expenses	58.33
Dave Kingaby	Parish Plan web work	100.00

### Orpen Hall Account

Salary Payment to Mrs Mayhew		
Caroline Nix	Cleaning	528.00
M Taylor	Glazing	39.00

### 12. Correspondence

- EALC - A12 Report
- ECC - Road closure on Rams Road Fordham from 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008 for 5 days and Chitts Hill on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2008
- Complaint from resident in Bourne Road about the state of the property in Bourne Road opposite the junction to White House Lane
- John Gili-Ross has been asked to join the EALC Executive Committee
- Sally Butcher will be asked to sit on the Hall and Environment committees

### 13. Consideration of Items for the Next Agenda

No items were suggested.

### 14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2008, commencing 6.30p.m. This will be followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....

Position on Parish Council.....