



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council

Meeting held in the John Lampon Hall - 22nd October 2008 at 7.30p.m.

In the Chair: Bob Tyrrell
Members Present: Jenny Church, Andrew Savage, Chris Stevenson, Harry Stone
Clerk: Val Walsom
Present: Councillor Tod, Councillor Willetts
2 members of the public (left after item 6)

Bob Tyrrell announced that sadly Peter Johnson passed away after a long illness. Peter's contribution to the Parish Council and the environment of this village will be greatly missed.
A minute's silence was held for Peter.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Bernard Colbron, John Gili-Ross, David Short, Sally Butcher and Peter Sleigh.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 24th September were approved with no amendments.

4. Borough Councillors' Report

The Borough Council is very quiet at the moment. Most activities are on long term schemes. As part of a programme to update council houses, Bradbrook Cottages were inspected. No Parish Council involvement is necessary with any improvements.

5. Progress Reports for Information

Parish Clerk

To consider forthcoming courses and events:

EALC - Councillor Training Day 1 - 05/11/08

Chairman's Day 3 - 18/11/08

EALC/ETP/SLCCE - Joint Networking Event - 07/11/08

ETP - Insurance Workshop - 12/11/08

CBC - Emergency Planning Evening dates

Clare Owen (Phone 01206 508307) is the new reporter on the Essex County Standard

Village Bulletin

The deadline for the next issue is the end of October.

Village Website

The monthly report from Dave Kingaby had been distributed.

Parish Plan

A workshop event to take actions from the first issue of the Parish Plan forward is scheduled for 29/11/08 at 10a.m. in the John Lampon Hall. The meeting will be for volunteers and members of the Parish Council. It is hoped that the Parish Plan Steering Group will be refreshed to move the Parish Plan forward.

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Chairman - John Gili-Ross Vice-Chairman - Bob Tyrrell Councillors - Sally Butcher, Jenny Church, Bernard Colbron, Peter Johnson, Andrew Savage, David Short, Peter Sleigh, Chris Stevenson, Harry Stone



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6. Planning

Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 15th October 2008 were received. A report had previously been distributed on the emerging Local Development Framework. Between 2001 and 2021 West Bergholt was allocated 50 houses. Circa 35 have already been built. CBC is currently committed to retain all village envelopes which the PC hopes will continue. There will be a site allocations document for Colchester published in January 2009. The PC can support the document after its publication. However, affordable housing and sheltered accommodation could be in addition to the current allocation.

Councillor Willetts advised that site allocations are an illustration of what could happen as things currently stand.

7. Environment Issues

Minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9th October 2008 were received.

- Alterations to the entrance of Poors Land are in the hands of Atkins. This work will be carried out in due course.
- St Mary's Church Yard has an area kept wild on purpose. However, this will be tidied up during the November clear up by members of the Church. Any areas which cannot be mowed will be strimmed.
- The proposed Church signs will be erected on Trustee land so will not need the permission of CBC.

8. Village Hall Matters

Minutes of the Hall Committee meeting held on Thursday 9th October were received.

- There has been no correspondence from the Social Club as yet.
- The first aid kit needs updating.

9. BYG

Discussion on the pros and cons of a mini bus will be on next month's agenda.

10. Finance

The General Account showed 93% income, 40% general expenditure, 43% environment expenditure and 41% expenditure overall.

The Hall Account showed 47% income, 77% expenditure.

- A request had been received from BHYFC for extra grass cuts on Poors Land. This will be funded by the PC if necessary.
- A donation of £1500 will be made from the PC to the Hall for resurfacing the Hall floor. This was proposed by Andrew Savage, seconded by Bernard Colbron and approved by all present.
- The Orpen Players have asked if they can pay an annual hire charge of £1500. This includes a 10% discount for payment in advance. Further discussion with the Orpen Players to ensure their usage will not increase is needed before a decision is made. Last year's income from the Orpen Players was £1750 + £300 for storage rent.
- Panther Security has advised that a maintenance contract would ensure a quick response to a callout. The cost of this is £150 per year. Other companies will be approached before a decision is made.
- An anonymous resident has donated £100 towards equipment for the BYG.
- Budgets need to be ready for the November meeting.

It was proposed by Andrew Savage and Seconded by Harry Stone to make the following payments:



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

General Account

| Salary Payments to Mrs Walsom and Gary Walls | | |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Norhurst Landscapes | Clear rubbish from Lexden Road Pond | 150.00 |
| Ernest Doe | Hardware/paint | 77.07 |
| Harry Stone | Refreshments for BYG meeting | 7.68 |
| E Cote | Refreshments for BYG meeting | 14.53 |
| V. Walsom | Hostroute renewal | 49.00 |
| Inland Revenue | NI | 19.75 |
| CBC | Dog bins | 647.66 |

Orpen Hall Account

| Salary Payment to Mrs Mayhew | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| D & M Electrics | Electrical work | 134.10 |
| A to Z Supplies | Tables and trolley | 660.17 |
| Caroline Nix | Cleaning | 528.00 |
| RCCE | Village Halls Conference | 20.00 |
| BT | June Mayhew's phone bill | 49.73 |
| The Fire Extinguisher Man | Service fire extinguishers | 86.01 |

11. Correspondence

- John Gili-Ross was successful in the draw for the Buckingham Palace Garden Party which he will attend with his wife.

12. Consideration of Items for the Next Agenda

To discuss the pros and cons of running a mini bus.

13. Date of Next Meeting

26th November 2008 - 7.30p.m.

Signed

Date

Position on Parish Council.....