



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council

Meeting held in the John Lampon Hall - 23rd September 2009 at 7.30p.m.

In the Chair: Bob Tyrrell
Members Present: Sally Butcher, Jenny Church, Andrew Savage, Peter Sleight, Chris Stevenson, Harry Stone
Clerk: Val Walsom
Present: Councillor Jill Tod, Councillor Dennis Willetts, 2 members of the public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Sue Day, Bernard Colbron, John Gili-Ross and David Short.

2. Declaration of Interest

Bob Tyrrell declared an interest in a Planning Application.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 26th August 2009 were approved with no amendments.
CS had distributed some notes about Emergency Planning including a questionnaire.

4. West Bergholt Football Club

Mick Bell, Chair of the Football Club, advised that to obtain grants for the proposed new clubhouse they will need a Security of Tenure for 25 years. John Gili-Ross had drafted a letter to the Football Foundation which Mick Bell felt would be satisfactory. The letter was approved by the Parish Council.

Following discussion, the possibility of erecting 3 permanent floodlights on the Lorkin Daniell Field to be used for weekly training sessions will be discussed by the Land and Recreation Committee. They would need planning permission.

5. Borough Councillors' Report

Councillor Willetts advised that the new A12 junction is moving forward. GPS systems will direct traffic to this junction away from villages such as West Bergholt.

The Planning Appeal for 3 and 4 Cooks Hall Cottages has been rejected.

The LDF process is drawing to a close. The village envelope remains virtually untouched. The Parish Plan has been 'noddled through' by CBC.

6. Progress Reports for Information Courses and Events

There was nothing to report this month.

7. Planning and Village Design Matters

Minutes of the Planning and Village Design Matters Committee meetings held on 16th and 23rd September 2009 were received.

Although plans are still being received as hard copies, they can now be viewed on the CBC website.

8. Parish Plan

It was agreed to move the discussion on Policing the Village to the next meeting due to the amount of information to be discussed. A report has already been distributed to Parish Councillors.

As long as the match funding for work on the Parish Plan has been spent it was agreed that RCCE's funding can be used to help produce the Village Design Statement. A workshop to look at the VDS will take place on 14th November 2009.

Twenty people took part in the Village Litter Pick, collecting 20 sacks of rubbish. Thanks went to Jenny Church for organising this.

The next meeting of the Parish Plan committee will be on 7th October and will include representation from County Broadband. BT has also been invited.

9. Land and Recreation Matters

Minutes of the Land and Recreation Committee meeting held on 10th September 2009 were received.

- A letter of thanks was received from the PCC for Gary Walls' work on the churchyard.
- Harry Stone met with the Probation Service. They will carry out more work on the churchyard and the Village Green. A representative from the Church advised that part of the grounds were being left for conservation. The PC would prefer this area to be at the rear of the church. The Probation Service will clear the untidy area and keep this maintained.
- A complaint received about the tree in Mumford Close will be looked into.

10. Halls Matters

Minutes of the Hall Committee meeting held on 10th September 2009 were received.

Andrew Savage met with a Structural Engineer to look at cracks in the kitchen. He said they are due to wind damage on the chimney stack causing rotation of the stack. It is hoped that the necessary repair work will be covered by the insurers and they will be contacted. The Structural Engineer will write a report if necessary, otherwise there will be no charge.

11. Village Street Scene and Communications Matters

Minutes of the Village Street Scene and Communications Committee meeting held on 16th September 2009 were received.

Incidents of nuisance dogs at the bottom of Bourne Road have been reported to CBC. The monthly report from Dave Kingaby had been received.

12. BYG

Amber Harlow and Gary Pullen have been recommended for Colchester Youth Awards.

Numbers at the meetings are increasing which may cause problems during the winter months when everything will take place indoors and sessions may need to be shorter. More volunteers are needed.

13. Finance and Personnel Advisory Team

The August accounts were presented as follows:

The General Account showed 48% income, 41% general expenditure, 42% environment expenditure and 41% expenditure overall.

The Hall Account showed 44% income, 38% expenditure.

- BYG has agreed to pay £15 per session to hire the hall, back dated until April 2009.
- The Town and Parish Council and CIF grants are to be combined and are likely to be about £5000 to £6000 per parish. Replacement windows have been suggested for the grant and some match funding will be needed.
- RCCE have a grant available for a maximum of £2000. Applications need to be received by 5th October 2009. The Hall Committee will need to work quickly on this.
- CIF Highways grant of up to £50000 per project is available. A safer traffic environment will be explored as a project for this grant as well as new seats. However, deadlines are very tight on this.
- Budgets need to be agreed at the November meeting.
- Barclays Bank has advised that only 3 signatures can be used for signing cheques.

It was proposed by Andrew Savage and seconded by Jenny Church to make the following payments:

General Account

Salary Payments to Mrs Walsom and Gary Walls

Val Walsom	Ink Cartridges	16.79
Inland Revenue	NI	25.40
Hockleys	Glazing Works	373.75
WC King	Hedge cutting/clearing Village Green	621.00

Orpen Hall Account

Salary Payment to Mrs Mayhew

Vincent Pizzuto	Plumbing work	85.10
Caroline Nix	Cleaning	264.00
June Mayhew	Miscellaneous purchases	5.69
CBC	Premises License	70.00

Elanor Technical	Attend to boiler	96.65
Abacus	Repair panic bar to rear door	51.75

14. Correspondence

The copy of a letter to ECC's Principal Legal Executive from a resident about the land exchange issues had been received. The exchange of land will be formerly registered. The resident also complained about cars parking outside the school during the holiday period and the freighter used to collect rubbish from the school causing damage to a tree with a TPO at the entrance to the driveway. These issues will be looked into.

15. Consideration of Items for the Next Agenda

Parish Plan - Policing the Village - report already circulated.

16. Date of Next Meeting

28th October 2009 starting at 7.30p.m.

Signed

Date

Position on Parish Council.....