



WEST BERGHOLT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council

Meeting held in the John Lampon Hall - 28th October 2009 at 7.30p.m.

In the Chair: Bob Tyrrell
Members Present: Sally Butcher, Jenny Church, Bernard Colbron, Sue Day, Andrew Savage, Chris Stevenson
Clerk: Val Walsom
Present: Councillor Jill Tod, Councillor Dennis Willetts

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from John Gili-Ross and David Short. Peter Sleight and Harry Stone.

2. Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of 23rd September 2009 were approved with no amendments.

4. Borough Councillors' Report

Councillor Willetts advised that the debate is continuing about the reorganisation of schools. The report on 20mph speed limits is due next month. There was a suggestion that West Bergholt could be one of the pilot schemes.

5. Progress Reports for Information

Courses and Events

EALC/ETP/SLCC - Essex Joint Networking Event - 20/11/09

EALC - Chairman's Day 3 - 25/11/09

EALC - Roles and Responsibilities Course - 12/11/09

ETP - Risk Management Course - 01/12/09

CBC - Consultation on renewal of CBC's 3 year Statement of Gambling Policy

6. Planning and Village Design Matters

Minutes of the Planning and Village Design Matters Committee meetings held on 21st October 2009 were received.

A letter of response to Mr Yates request to relax the Covenant on McNally's Yard was approved. The Parish Council has agreed that relaxing the Covenant is not a consideration at this time. However, a fence or hedge up to a height of 4 feet is acceptable.

7. Parish Plan

There will be a meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Committee on 4th November 2009 at 7.30p.m. to discuss community policing. Members of the Parish Council will be attending as well as representatives from the police.

The next major consideration will be faster speed broadband for the village. A meeting has been held with County Broadband and there has also been correspondence with BT. An item to introduce County Broadband will be published in the next Village Bulletin.

8. Land and Recreation Matters

Minutes of the Land and Recreation Committee meeting held on 8th October 2009 were received.

- A resident has asked about the status of The Avenue. Is it an established right of way? Members of the Parish Council could not comment and the resident should take his own legal advice.
- A reply to the PC's letter had been received from New Horizon Majorettes. They would like to hold the Majorettes event again next year. This will be discussed at the next PC meeting.

9. Halls Matters

There was no meeting this month.

- A meeting was held with the Cleaning company. There is still room for improvement but the situation will be reassessed in a couple of weeks.
- The corridor between the 2 halls is being refurbished.
- CCTV needs upgrading to be more effective. This will be explored.
- Awaiting a report from Allianz Cornhill's Loss Adjustor about the damage to the chimney. This needs to be attended to as soon as possible.

10. Village Street Scene and Communications Matters

There was no meeting this month.

The PC is aware of who is responsible for dumping rubbish around the Truman Building.

The monthly report from Dave Kingaby had been received. The committee will address the outstanding items on the report on a regular basis.

11. BYG

Amber Harlow and Gary Pullen were congratulated for winning the Colchester Youth Awards.

Numbers at the meetings are increasing. As it will not be possible for the children to go outside during the winter months, the meetings will be shortened.

12. Finance and Personnel Advisory Team

The September accounts were presented as follows:

The General Account showed 94% income, 43% general expenditure, 50% environment expenditure and 44% expenditure overall.

The Hall Account showed 52% income, 42% expenditure.

- The Social Club has paid the rent to August 2009. They have agreed to pay the next instalment in November and the rest of their debts in December. They have also agreed to pay the rent by Standing Order in future.
- AS is completing the CIF Highways Grant application for an arrangement to slow down traffic around the Co-op/school area to make it safer for pedestrians. Experts will advise on the best way to achieve this. The application needs to be in by 5/11/09.
- The CBC/ECC grant will be for replacement windows in the hall.
- The Donations budget could be used towards County Broadband.
- The Big Lottery Fund, Awards for All Grant is available for projects between £300 and £10,000. Community related projects would be considered.
- Budgets need to be ready next month. The Parish Plan Steering Committee may request a donation.

It was proposed by Andrew Savage and seconded by Chris Stevenson to make the following payments:

General Account

Salary Payments to Mrs Walsom and Gary Walls

Val Walsom	Graffiti Removal	48.65
Inland Revenue	NI	18.89
CBC	Bins	326.51
Ernest Doe	Environment purchases	76.48
David Short	Environment purchases	113.03
A-OK Signs	Signs around pond	254.02

Orpen Hall Account

Salary Payment to Mrs Mayhew

AtoZ Supplies	Cleaning materials	63.83
Caroline Nix	Cleaning	504.00
The Fire Extinguisher Man	Service Fire Extinguishers	98.90

13. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

14. Consideration of Items for the Next Agenda

Parish Plan - Policing the Village/County Broadband

New Horizon Majorettes event 2010

15. **Date of Next Meeting**

25th November 2009 starting at 7.30p.m.

Signed

Date

Position on Parish Council.....