



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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held in the John Lampon Hall on 26th January 2011 at 7.30p.m.

Chair John Gili-Ross
 Parish Councillors Jenny Church, Bernard Colbron, Andrew Savage, Peter Sleigh, Harry Stone
 Present and Bob Tyrrell.
 Parish Clerk Val Walsom
 Borough Councillors Councillor Willetts
 Present: 1 member of the public

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** Apologies were received from Sue Day, David Short and Chris Stevenson.
- 2 **Declaration of Interest** There were no declarations of interest.
- 3 **Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 24th November 2010 were approved with no amendments.
- 4 **Borough Councillor's Report** Councillor Willetts advised that:
 - There will be a 0% Precept increase from CBC this year.
 - Substantial savings need to be made which is a concern to Trade Unions.
 - It has been proposed that Street Services is divided into 7 zones and other services may follow.
 John Gili-Ross advised that Colchester Association of Local Councils will ask its members to write to their Borough Councillors asking them as Individual Councillors to reject the planned 50% reduction in the Rate Support Grant for Parishes.
- 5 **Progress Reports for Information** EALC Courses - Insurance Workshop - 02/02/11
 How to Raise the Profile of your Parish Council
 Essex Police - Sergeant Mike Lee and PCSO Vicky Sanders have moved to other areas. West Bergholt will be supported by another Sergeant working out of the Ipswich Road Police Station. The Essex Police Mobile service will be in the village on Mondays from 2.30 to 5.15p.m.
- 6 **Planning and Development** Minutes of the Planning and Development committee meetings held on 14th December 2010 and 17th January 2011 were received.
 - DLP Planning, acting for Lark Energy Ltd, has put forward proposals to create a solar panel development on land adjoining the A12 to the south of Colchester Road. A meeting took place in January between the developers and members of the Parish Council. A village consultation meeting has been arranged for 12th February. This will be publicised. Background information for the development will be sought by the Environment Committee.
 - The Essex County Council Minerals Development Document - Preferred Approach Consultation takes place between 9th December 2010 and 17th February 2011.
- 7 **Parish Plan** **Broadband Update** - 26 homes have now been connected to County Broadband who is trying to connect 4 - 8 homes per week. More community

access points are needed to extend the service further. Residents who have been connected are very pleased with their connection speeds and thanks have been received by the Parish Council. The final payment is now due which will be paid when the master agreement has been signed. A letter has been sent to Heathlands school asking them to support this community project by hosting a small aerial on its chimney. The school would benefit from free broadband.

- 8 **Environment and Highways** Minutes of the Environment and Highways committee meeting held on 13/01/11 were received.
- Heathlands PTA has asked for permission to hold their annual Fireworks display this year on the Poors Land on 5th November. They have also requested that the field is available until 11a.m. on Sunday 6th November to give them time to clear the football pitches. It was noted that litter around the site needs to be cleared up after the event.
 - A quote for grass cutting was received from Nice 'n Strikey. A quote will also be sought from Countrywide before any decisions are made.
 - Salt bins around the village have not been filled following the bad weather.
 - It was agreed that a memorial bench can be erected on Poors Field once a suitable site has been sought.
 - A request from BHYFC for a storage shed on Poors Land will be considered by the Environment and Highways committee.
 - Footpath 17 - It was agreed to remove the objection to the diversion and revert to the Parish Council's decision made earlier in the year.
 - Map Modification No. 463 (Footpath 14) Order 2010 was received from ECC.
 - The Environment and Highways committee will consider an Emergency Conditions Policy.
- 9 **Traffic Working Party** Members of ECC Highways Department and the Traffic Working Party met to look at traffic around the school. No feedback has been received as yet.
- 10 **Premises and Recreation** Minutes of the Premises and Recreation committee meeting held on 13/01/11 were received.
- Electrical work in the hall has been completed.
 - It was agreed to upgrade CCTV around the hall. The budget is up to £2000.
 - 'No overnight parking' signs for the Orpen Hall car park will be discussed by the Premises and Recreation committee.
 - **MUGA** - No information has been received from the MUGA committee concerning finances and membership. This is being chased.
- 11 **Finance and Policy Advisory** The accounts for November/December 2010 were presented as follows:
The General Account showed 95% income, 88% general expenditure, 61% environment expenditure and 77% expenditure overall.
The Hall Account showed 94% income and 71% expenditure.
- It was proposed by AS, seconded by HS and approved by all members present to set the Parish Precept at £29.26 (total gross expenditure £48,000).
 - It was proposed by AS, seconded by HS and approved by all members present to agree the Budget for the General Account and Hall accounts as approved in November 2010.
 - This financial year's donations will be decided at the next meeting.
 - The Charity returns have been completed.

Expenditure

It was proposed by AS and seconded by BC to make the following payments:

Payment Details	Expense Purpose	Amount
GENERAL ACCOUNT		
David Kingaby	Website support	212.50
Inland Revenue	Tax/NI	91.49
ORPEN HALL ACCOUNT		
Mike's Cleaning Services	Cleaning	525.00
PRS Ltd	Performing Rights Licence	319.24
Elanar Technical Services	Boiler repairs	250.89
June Mayhew	Stationery	3.59
County Broadband	Broadband installation	3600.00

Salary payments were made to Val Walsom, Gary Walls and Stephen Cook from the General Account and June Mayhew from the Hall Account.

- 12 **Village Bulletin and Website** Two deliverers have resigned. However one has been replaced. The annual drinks event was held for the Village Bulletin team. All advertising space has been filled. Those who live and work in the village will take priority when space is available.
The monthly website report had been distributed.
- 13 **Correspondence** There were no items of correspondence.
- 14 **Consideration of Items for the Next Meeting** No items were suggested.
- 13 **Date of Next Meeting** 23rd February 2011.

Signed:

Date:

Position on Parish Council: