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MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th MAY 2008

Present:

Councillors P Davies (Chairman), I Drinkwater, Mrs P Channer, R Gill, Mrs M Davies and District Councillor B Boyce

In Attendance

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk)
5 members of the Public

Apologies for Absence

District Councillor Tony Cussen

Declaration of Interests

None

Election of Officers

Cllr P Davies was proposed as Chairman by Cllr R Gill, seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, 3 in favour, 2 absentions

Cllr Mrs M Davies was proposed as Vice Chairman by Cllr Mrs P Channer, seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour

Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr R Gill, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

Matters Arising from Minutes

Funding for Speed Indicator Device – funding sites and information available in the office. Clerk to pass to Cllr P Davies

The meeting with the MDC Monitoring Officer, Simon Quelch, was interesting and informative. Clerk to prepare notes and pass to Councillors

Ayletts Trust fund is for the “poor and needy” – Cllr P Davies advised that the Youth Club would fall into this category

Transport Monies to be itemised in accounts

Correspondence

The following items were read and discussed

EALC COUNTY UPDATE

Clerk to File

EALC A12 REPORT

Clerk to File

MDC VICTORIAN EVENING INFORMATION

Pass to Linda Keeble

EALC TRAINING INFORMATION

Clerk to File

LETTER FROM ALTHORNE GUIDES

Clerk to put on June Agenda

RRCE VILLAGE HALLS AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

Clerk to file

ECC MAKING THE LINKS

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LETTER FROM MR P BURGESS REGARDING CO-OPTION

Clerk to deal with

LETTER FROM E-ON REGARDING ACCESS TO READ METER

Cllr R Gill dealt with

INVITATION FROM RURAL HOUSING TRUST FOR 30TH MAY 2008

Clerk to file

THE CLERK MAGAZINE

Clerk to file

MDC MINUTES AND REPORTS OF COUCNIL AND COMMITTEES

Clerk to file

Planning and Health

Planning

Planning Applications:

week ending 9th May 2008

- FUL/MAL/08/00535
- FUL/MAL/08/00537

Planning Responses

- FUL/MAL/08/00412

Health

Meeting at held by MDC and PCT regarding Improving Health and Well-Being on 21st May. An extra meeting re the Braintree Community Hospital was notified late so no one was able to attend

Cllr MRs M Davies has questionnaires regarding Mid Essex Hospital Services moving to a Foundation Trust Status

Recreation Ground

RoSPA will be undertaking Safety Inspection this month. Cost of £60.00 (plus VAT) for annual inspection

Cllr R Gill reported on the vandalism at the field; porch light and small slide damaged. Cllrs R Gill, I Drinkwater and P Davies to make small slide safe

Cllr R Gill was meeting with Wicksteeds Area manager to look at Playing Field and discuss new equipment

Cllr P Davies said he was not satisfied with the grass cutting at the Recreation Ground. The Clerk reported that the Contractors had called to express their concerns regarding the grass cutting schedule. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange a meeting with the Contractors for the Cllrs to resolve the issue.

Cllr Mrs M Davies asked if it was necessary to undertake a health and Safety Assessment of the Pavilion. Cllr R Gill and I Drinkwater will complete.

Finance

Parish Council Account Balances

Aylett Trust Account	£437.20
Business Premium Account	£1,038.95
Business Reserve Account	£317.53
Current Account	£14,874.12

Of which:

Accounts Payable	Total £770.31
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- £25.42 – Clerks expenses (mileage&parking £21.10 and stamps £4.32)
- £427.98 - Clerks wages up to Wednesday 4th June – incl 3 weeks holiday
- ££281.94 – Affiliation Fee 2008/09 for EALC

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- £35.00 – RCCE Affiliation Fee
- Approximately £1,557.44 – Aon Insurance costs (incl 15% discount of £274.84)
 - NB – we are waiting for corrected documentation

Reissue of cheque number 101647 not cleared in respect of Clerk Wages for December

Recreation Ground Account Balances

Business Premium Account £114.21
Current Account £3,274.95

Accounts Payable Total £25.87
Of which

- £25.87 – Eon Electricity Bill for Pavilion

Clerk to check fees for Internal Auditor – papers to be returned by 21st July to Audit Commission

Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour

Transport Report

Mrs Benjafield provided a full and detailed report; there will be a nature walk on Saturday 17th May as part of the 10th Anniversary of Essex and South Suffolk Community Rail Partnership, Mrs Benjafield attended the Parish Reps meeting and there has been a petition regarding locating a bus stop on Summerhill at the lower end of Highfield Rise.

Neighbourhood Action Panels

It was agreed that the issues to be taken forward are the speeding, fly tipping and vandalism.

Cllr P Davies closed the meeting for Public Comment
Cllr P Davies reopened the meeting following Public Comment

Matters Arising from Public Comment

None

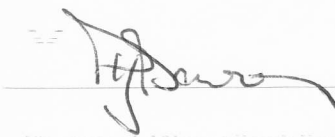
Any Other Business

None

Date of Next Meeting

Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 25th June at 7.30pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.05pm



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THE FOLLOWING ISSUES WERE RAISED DURING THE PUBLIC SESSION

- Concern was expressed over E-consulting as documents are difficult to read on screen
- Concern was expressed over the grass cutting at Garden Close
- A Parishioner queried the availability of Footpath Maps