



## MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2009

### **Present:**

Councillors P Davies (Chairman), P Burgess, R Gill, D Channer, Mrs M Davies and I Drinkwater

### **In Attendance:**

Michelle Cheatele (Clerk), 10 members of the Public,

### **09/01 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Mrs P Channer

Cllr Mrs M Davies arrived prior to Minute Reference 9/05

Prior to the Minutes of the last meeting being approved Cllr P Davies made the meeting aware of the recent sad loss of Mr Harold Slade and Mrs Hilary Wheeler – condolences were expressed to both families

### **09/02 MINUTES OF MEETINGS.**

The Minutes, having been previously circulated were agreed with the following amendment – it was Cllr Mrs M Davies and not Cllr Mrs M Channer who updated the meeting in Minute Reference 08/127, *proposed by Cllr D Channer and seconded by Cllr R Gill, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

### **09/03 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr D Channer declared a personal and prejudicial interest in The Thicket, under planning due to close proximity

### **09/04 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

None

### **09/05 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

- 09/05.01 It was advised that the cost of reissuing the Affordable Housing Survey would be around £2,000.00
- 09/05.02 After some discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council do not go ahead with an additional survey. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies, seconded by Cllr R Gill, 5 in favour, 1 abstention*
- 09/05.03 After some discussion, it was proposed that the Parish Council move onto the next stage regarding Affordable Housing as decided in August 2008. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies, seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, 5 in favour, 1 abstention.* Clerk to contact Moira

### **09/06 CLERKS REPORT**

- 09/06.01 General Correspondence – information distributed regarding Mencap and the Henry Gilder Drake Almshouse Charity and a précis of the MDC advice on pre-determination  
MDC advice on pre-determination
- 09/06.02 Consultations -Environment Strategy 2009-2012. Councillors to respond individually if so wish

### **09/07 TRANSPORT REPORT**

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report, including the following: there has been no action regarding bus stop at Highfield Rise - Clerk to write to Adrian Summons at ECC, request for suggestions of transport projects in the Dengie, no progress with repair to Station, parking continues to be a problem in Station Road, The repairs are still outstanding at the Railway Station – the Clerk has chased this up.

### **09/08 PLANNING**

- 09/08.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council  
Week Ending 16<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
FUL/MAL/09/00019 Detached Chalet, Burnham Road, Althorne
- 09/08.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council  
None
- 09/08.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council  
None
- 09/08.04 The MDC Enforcement Officer regarding letter sent to them re the height of hoarding at The Thicket, Summerhill has confirmed that temporary hoarding is allowed but Highways will be checking to ensure that it is not causing problems with visibility
- 09/08.05 The MDC Enforcement Officer regarding Bush Grove Farm and The Bungalow, Green Lane has stated that applications are due to be submitted


**09/09 HEALTH**

Nothing to report

**09/10 HIGHWAYS and PARISH PATHS**

09/10.01 ECC Highways offer a meeting to look at areas of concern – Clerk to invite to a meeting  
 09/10.02 Notice regarding temporary road closure 2<sup>nd</sup> March for 1 week means no bus service through village. Clerk to contact Jackie Roerig and District Councillor Bob Boyce regarding bus service and access to Station.  
 Clerk to advise Highways of address of land owner regarding overgrown vegetation once advised by a Parishioner  
 There has been some confusion regarding overgrown vegetation along Summerhill – Clerk to write to Mr & Mrs Bugg regarding vegetation growing over the verge of the road between Wedgewood and Portree.  
 We are still waiting a response regarding the Speed Indicator Device

**09/11 FINANCE.**

09/11.01 To advise members of the following receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

Chq No 101722	£75.00	Riverview (Xmas party – monies to be transferred from Ayletts Trust)
Chq No 101723	£75.00	Over 60s (Xmas party – monies to be transferred from Ayletts Trust)
Chq No 101724	£155.25	Audit Commission Fee
Chq No 101725	£21.10	Mrs M Cheatle (mileage/parking for training course)
Chq No 101726	£422.64	Mrs M Cheatle (wages to 28 <sup>th</sup> January 2009 at new hourly rate of £8.805 as per national agreement)
Chq No 101727	£63.84	Mrs M Cheatle (back dates pay increase to April 1 <sup>st</sup> 2008 to December 17 <sup>th</sup> 2008 as per national agreement)

09/11.02 Finance report distributed – Business Premium and Reserve accounts now closed and monies in a Instant Access Saver Account

09/11.03 External Auditors Report received – everything is fine and available in office for viewing  
*Finance Report Proposed by Cllr P Davies, seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour*

**09/12 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED.**

DHGPC – Cllrs Mrs M Davies and D Channer attended  
 Saint FM looking for donation – Clerk to advise next meeting  
 There is a possibility of visiting Sizewell 26<sup>th</sup> March – details to follow  
 Maldon and District Burnham Paper – info can be sent through central contact point in village. Clerk to put on Agenda for next meeting

**09/13 RECREATION GROUND**

09/13.01 No further action of program of works as per RoSPA report due to weather  
 09/13.02 Youth Shelter almost completed – opening to be organised by Clerk once advised that shelter is finished  
 09/13.03 Funding application for play equipment sent to Awards for All, should hear around early March  
 09/13.04 Cllr I Drinkwater to contact electrician regarding PAT

**09/14 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANELS**

09/14.01 Police monitored speeding on Summerhill; 25 tickets first time and 6 on second time, although not all tickets issued for speeding  
 09/14.02 Speeding and parking on pavements to go forward to next meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> March. Clerk asked to add bollards and narrowing of road to next Agenda

**09/15 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

No District Councillors present at meeting

**09/16 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

Concern was raised regarding parking at Garden Close and outside the Post Office. The Parish Council replied that it will be inviting Highways to a meeting to discuss issues like this  
 Interest was expressed in the manner the Ayletts Trust monies were distributed and a parishioner queried if the monies could be applied for. In response the Council stated that the distribution of the monies was agreed at a previous Council meeting  
 A parishioner expressed disappointment in Council's attitude towards people who have disagreed with Affordable Housing.

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Signed by 

Interest was expressed in having goal nets made available when youth wanted to play football. Council was concerned in how that could be managed

Concern was expressed that post was not being passed to the Youth Club – after some discussion it was pointed out that the Youth Club agreed to collect their post from the office on a Tuesday afternoon

Interest was expressed in when the Parish website would be ready

The village entry into the Best Kept Village contest was queried – that information did not come from the Parish Council and would involve villagers as well

**09/17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

**No decisions can be made under this item.** Matters may be raised by members and requested to be itemised on the next meeting agenda.

Clerk asked to add Project Management of Phase 1 of Recreation Ground to agenda

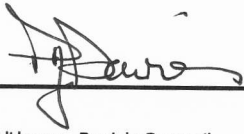
**09/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

February 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 16<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**09/19 CLOSURE.**

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.05pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council