



MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 25th FEBRUARY 2009

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), District Councillors B Boyce and A Cussen, 7 members of the Public,

09/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr D Channer

09/27 MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28th January 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed, *proposed by Cllr I Drinkwater and seconded by Cllr R Gill, all in favour.* The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 10th February 2009 having been previously circulated were agreed, *proposed by Cllr I Drinkwater and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

09/28 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

Cllr P Burgess declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application TPO/MAL/09/00108, Chestnuts, and FUL/MAL/09/00019 under planning due to close proximity

Cllrs Mrs M Davies and P Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in planning application TPO/MAL/09/00108, Chestnuts, under planning due to their relationship with the applicants

Cllr Mrs P Channer declared an interest and took no part in the discussions relating to Bush Grove Farm

09/29 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

No comments

09/30 CLERKS REPORT

- 09/30.01 It was proposed that Cllr P Burgess be appointed Press Officer. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs P Channer and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour*
- 09/30.02 Payment of overtime of 19 hours at normal rate for Clerk was authorised. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs P Channer and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.* A review of the clerks hours was suggested which will be discussed at an extra ordinary meeting to be arranged.
- 09/30.03 The Call for Sites information will be available late April; once this has been received a date will be set for the RCCE to attend a meeting
- 09/30.04 It was proposed to invite British Energy's New Nuclear Build Team to attend a meeting to discuss proposals relating to Bradwell. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour.* Clerk to arrange
- 09/30.05 It was agreed that the Clerk would attend the EALC Law & Procedures course 11/03/09 as part of training previously discussed and would hopefully be attending SLCC Training Day/AGM on 28/03/09
- 09/30.06 Cllr P Burgess to attend Rural Housing Task Group 17th March 2009.

09/31 TRANSPORT REPORT

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report, including the following: there has been no progress with repairs to the Station, parking continues to be a problem in Station Road, buses will be convoyed through the road works

09/08 PLANNING

- 09/32.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council
Week ending 6th February 2009
FUL/MAL/09/00031; Erection of steel container for purpose of storage. Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne
Week ending 13th February 2009
TPO/MAL/09/00108; Group 1 Horse Chestnut – removal of overhanging branches, Coppiced Limes – Reduce by 30-40%, Pollarded Lime – Re-pollard. Chestnuts, Burnham Road, Althorne
- 09/32.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council
None
- 09/32.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council
FUL/MAL/09/00019 – PP 06624037, Detached Chalet, Capri, Burnham Road, Althorne. Althorne Parish Council object to the above application as the design of the property is not sympathetic with surrounding buildings and there may, in addition, be loss of privacy for neighbouring houses

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LDE/MAL/08/01244, Huntsman and Hounds, Green Lane, Althorne, Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use – general camping and caravanning on adjoining field. Althorne Parish Council are aware that functions and camping have taken place at the location and, therefore, support this application.

09/32.04 The Enforcement Officers responses on Bush Grove Farm and The Bungalow, Green Lane is that planning applications have been requested. Clerk asked to write as both areas still in use, to find out what current permission is for and indication of what action will take place. Cllr Mrs P Channer took no part in the discussion,
In addition the Clerk was asked to check planning applications for The Cottage, Endway and for Bridgemarsh Lane where a barn seems to be being constructed.

09/33 HEALTH

At a recent review meeting it was commented that the new community hospital would hopefully be ready for 2013 and that the St Peters site was being primarily considered; Portree was still listed as a GP surgery

09/34 HIGHWAYS and PARISH PATHS

09/34.01 After some discussion regarding the bollards erected along Burnham Road it was decided that Cllr P Burgess would compile a list of issues to be discussed with Highways at the next meeting. Councillors to pass items to Cllr Burgess who would forward it to Highways.

09/34.02 Temporary road closure at Rectory Lane 9th/10th March, issues regarding road closures to be discussed with Highways

09/34.03 Full funding for the Speed Indicator Device has been granted. Highways will deal with all aspects

09/34.04 It was agreed to invite Mr Richards to become Footpath Representative, working with Cllr I Drinkwater and P Burgess. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Channer, all in favour*

09/35 FINANCE.

09/35.01 To advise members of the following receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

Chq No 101728	£500.00	ACT – remaining agreed monies paid
Chq No 101729	£281.76	Mrs M Cheatle (wages to 25th February 2009)
DD	£117.29	BT
DD	£29.66	EON (Electric bill for pavilion)

09/35.02 Movement of £390.95 in respect of monies paid into Parish Councils account for Parish Hall Bond Finance report *proposed by Cllr R Gill and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour*

09/35.03 It was agreed to spend up to £65.00 on a cross shredder for office. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Channer, all in favour*

09/35.04 It was agreed to have the grass cut twice a month from April to September and once in March, October and November. *Proposed by Cllr R Gill and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour*

09/36 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED.

Dengie Health meeting – Cllrs Mrs P Channer and Mrs M Davies
RCCE/ECC Presentation – Cllrs I Drinkwater and P Davies

09/37 RECREATION GROUND

09/37.01 No progress regarding program of works as per RoSPA report due to weather conditions

09/37.02 Clerk to add Youth Shelter to asset register and insurance. Clerk to organise official opening

09/37.03 Cllr R Gill will be Project Manager for Phase 1 of new play equipment

09/37.04 After some discussion it was agreed to allow the youth football team to play at Althorne Recreation Ground subject to the agreed terms and conditions previously distributed with the following amendments – no access key would be given for the emergency access barrier and subject to further discussion the club would not be allowed to put a container on the field but would be allowed to use the one in situ for storage. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs P Channer, 5 in favour, 1 against.*

09/38 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANELS

09/38.01 There was no meeting since last Parish Council meeting

09/38.02 Next meeting is 16th March, at which fly tipping will be added to the Althorne list

09/39 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

District Councillor Mr B Boyce gave details of the council tax breakdown, there was some discussion regarding the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and funding to be available and car park charges at Promenade Park.

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09/40 PUBLIC FORUM PLACEMENT AND USE

There was some discussion regarding the recent best practice recommendation from EALC over the use of public forums on the Agenda. It was felt that allowing the public to speak at the beginning of the meeting would mean that comments could be heard regarding agenda items before the decisions had been made.

09/41 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

There was unanimous support regarding the proposed manner of dealing with public forums. There were further questions raised regarding Affordable Housing, including concerns over wording used in the meeting report published in the AVN. It was noted that the minutes of the last meeting incorrectly used Mrs instead of Mr Hilary Wheeler, for which the Parish Council apologised. Concerns were raised over parking in roads around stations and around Garden Close. The Parish Clerk will send minutes and agendas to any parishioner who supplies their email address for that purpose whilst the website is under construction.

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It was agreed that the Public Forum would be split so there would be 15 minutes available at the start of the meeting and the end of the meeting for the public to speak with each speaker being restricted to 3 minutes. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr R Gill, all in favour.* The Clerk will amend and issue revised copies of Standing Orders for consideration.

09/43 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Cllr P Burgess asked for any items that people wanted to put in the Maldon and Burnham Standard be forwarded to him. Cllr Mrs M Davies has numbers for the water and electricity authorities where vulnerable people can register.

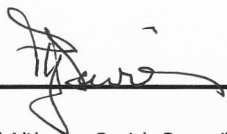
09/44 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

March 25th 2009 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 16th March 2009.

09/44 CLOSURE.

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.35pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council