

## MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2009

**Present:**

Councillors P Davies (Chairman), P Burgess, Mrs M Davies, Mrs P Channer and I Drinkwater (arrived during item 09/149)

**In Attendance:**

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), and 3 members of the public

The Chairman read out Cllr R Gill's resignation

**09/145 Apologies for absence**

None

There had been one response to the notice regarding the vacant position of councillor. The Chairman invited Mr Brian Noye to join the Council

**09/146 Minutes of Meetings**

The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 7th July 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.* The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 13th July 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.* The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

**09/147 Declaration of Interests**

None

**09/148 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda**

It was commented that the cutting of hedges around the village looks good although concerns were raised that the nesting season had not finished, however it was explained that complaints had been received regarding the visibility of the Recreation Ground

Concerns raised regarding cutting of the verge opposite the Black Lion Pub as there are posts in the way

There was some discussion regarding the new hiring conditions of the tennis court. Cllr P Burgess to put note in the AVN asking for volunteers to manage the court.

**09/149 Transport Report**

Mrs Benjafield provided a full report which included the following: there is a Line Action Sheet with possible actions such as lighting on Station Road, fencing in car park, CCTV and resurfacing of car park, fence round cattle dock still not repaired, the Bus Stop signs at Highfield Rise have been completed.

**09/150 Clerks Report**

The Clerk will be taking holiday over the next couple of weeks. A cheque from RCCE for ACT has been received made payable to the Council, after some discussion it was decided that the Clerk would contact RCCE to find out the terms of use and pay it into the council's account

**09/151 Finance**

09/151.01 To advise members of the following receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

Chq No 101754	£282.59	Mrs M Cheatle (Clerk wages to 22 <sup>nd</sup> July)
Chq No 101755	£52.00	EALC (law and Procedures Training)
Chq No 101756	£414.00	MDLandscape (Grass cutting 1 <sup>st</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> June)
Chq no 101757	£86.25	RoSPA Playground Inspection
Chq No 101758	£250.00	Peter Grimes (Hedge Cutting)
SO	£200.00	Rent to Parish Hall for April, May, June and July

09/151.02 The Clerk will order the new printer

09/151.03 Finance report proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour

**09/152 District Councillors Report**

None

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**09/153 Health Report**

Cllr Mrs M Davies has a report/letter regarding the workshop held on 17<sup>th</sup> February, which does not include any information about transport. Sally Wallis-Bore will be attending the Ladies Club meeting in September to discuss issues. There have been breakfast meetings to discuss 5 year strategy. There was some discussion regarding waiting list for treatment at St Peters and possible use of Burnham Clinic

**09/154 Website**

09/154.01 It was agreed that the original Minutes Book should be scanned at a cost of approximately £150.00 and then passed the Essex Records Office for safe keeping. Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour

09/154.02 In relation to charging for business to advertise on the Council website, after lengthy discussion it was proposed that the site be left up and further queries be made regarding the legality of listing unsolicited entries. Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr B Noye, 3 in favour, 3 abstentions. Clerk to print out business in Althorne from Website and pass to Enforcement Office to check registrations

**09/155 Planning**

09/155.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council  
Week Ending 19th June 2009 –

FUL/MAL/09/00504 – Conversion of unused barn to group holiday accommodation and alter elevations, Althorne Hall Farm, Fambridge Road, Althorne, Essex

09/155.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council  
Week Ending 26th June 2009 –

LDE/MAL/09/00267 – Application for a certificate of lawfulness for an existing use of land for the stationing of a mobile home/caravan, Witchwood, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne, Essex. REFUSE

LDE/MAL/09/00379 – Claim for Lawful Development for existing residential use by people not connected to main house, Flat above Garage, Stitches Farm, Lower Chase, Althorne. REFUSE

09/155.03 Responses made by Althorne District Council

LDE/MAL/09/00379 – Claim for Lawful Development for existing residential use by people not connected to main house, Flat above Garage, Stitches Farm, Lower Chase, Althorne. Althorne Parish Council have no evidence regarding this application

FUL/MAL/09/00473 PP – 00741434 – Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension plus new garage to front drive, Austral Farm, Burnham Road, Althorne. Althorne Parish Council are unable to comment on this application, as we do not have a quorum due to Councillors proximity to the property

FUL/MAL/09/00504 – Conversion of unused barn to group holiday accommodation and alter elevations, Althorne Hall Farm, Fambridge Road, Althorne. Althorne Parish Council are unable to comment on this application as we do not have a quorum of Councillors able to comment

FUL/MAL/09/00213 – Temporary site living accommodation for the duration of the build project (part retrospective), The Thicket, Summerhill, Althorne. Althorne Parish Council support the amendment to this application to clarify the position of the structure as it stands, however this does not materially change decisions advised on 24th April 2009 and 11th May 2009 regarding our objections to the size of the building and possible invasion of privacy

09/155.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council

None. although there are two new applications which require a response before next meeting.

There will be an Extra Ordinary Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July at 8.00pm

09/155.05 Clerk to contact Enforcement Officer regarding possible use of a summerhouse along Fambridge Road. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour

**09/156 Highways and Paths**

09/156.01 After some discussion regarding the cutting of grass verges in the village it was agreed that the verge in front of the Recreation Ground by cut every other month. Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour

09/156.02 The hedge at the Recreation Ground has been cut at a cost of £250.00. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour

09/156.03 Five positions for the Speed Indicator Device have been agreed, and it will be moved quarterly with ECC paying for the costs involved. The SID will no longer be supplied by Radarlux as they have a licensing fee of £900.00 per year.

09/156.04 There are overgrown hedges along Burnham Road. Cllr M Davies to provide details to Clerk, Cllr P Burgess to include note in AVN update

09/156.05 Cllr P Burgess has started work tidying up the War Memorial, the Ramblers Association has noted that a couple of paths need work – Cllr I Drinkwater to contact, the field next to the dog walk has been cleared for grazing, there is camping near Stoke Hall which is private land but dogs have been straying on to the footpath which could be a police matter

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**09/157 Reports from Meetings and Events attended**

Cllr P Davies attend a meeting with Highways with other councillors

Cllr P Burgess additionally added the Essex Shoreline Management Plan meeting regarding sea walls

**09/158 Recreation Ground**

- 09/158.01 The RoSPA report is in the office. Cllr B Noye take joint responsibility for the Recreation Ground with Cllr I Drinkwater
- 09/158.02 The Tennis Court is now free to use for a trial period as discussed earlier
- 09/158.03 Litter bins and grass matting to be deferred to next year's precept
- 09/158.04 Plaque at Youth Shelter to be deferred to future meeting
- 09/158.05 David Moore will deal with cracked tarmac around Youth Shelter
- 09/158.06 Phase 1 of the play equipment is waiting final approval and a date to be scheduled for the official opening.
- 09/158.07 Clerk to get up to date quotes for Phase 2
- 09/158.08 There was some discussion regarding seating in the play area, Cllr B Noye to look into moving the bench from near the slide to inside the play area.
- 09/158.09 It was agreed to purchase a kettle, paper towel holder, toilet brush holder and top soil bin. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour
- 09/158.10 There was some discussion regarding enforcement of bylaws and dog orders. To be deferred for further investigation
- 09/158.11 It was agreed to charge the Youth Club £4.00 per hour for use of the Pavilion. Proposed by Cllr Mrs P Channer and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour

**09/159 Neighbourhood Action Panels**

- 09/159.01 Hall was not booked for last meeting
- 09/159.02 Next meeting in 3 months time; safety issues on Fambridge Road, Parking on pavements and speeding to be taken forward

**09/160 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest**

There was some discussion regarding walking dogs on the Recreation Ground. Clerk to contact MDC to ask for dog warden to visit around 9.00am to talk to dog walkers.

A Parishioner thanked the Council for sorting out the wires tied to a post outside the Recreation Ground

There was some discussion regarding business in the village

Concern was expressed that a picture of the private beach on the website may make visitors/residents think that the beach is accessible to the public

**09/161 Any Other Business/Information Exchange**

Football Club to be charged £5.00 per hour to hire pavilion for possible social event

The hedge along Fambridge Road has been cut

Clerk to send letters of thanks to Clare North and Robin Gill

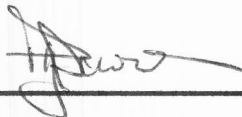
**09/162 Date of next meeting**

August 26th 2009 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 17th August 2009.

**09/163 Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.40pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council