

**MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL  
EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

**Present:**

Councillors P Davies (Chairman), P Burgess, Mrs M Davies, I Drinkwater and B Noye

**In Attendance:**

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk) and 2 members of the public

Chairman opened the meeting and explained it was a meeting of the Council but members of the public would be allowed to speak under Agenda item 09/166

**09/164 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllrs Mrs P Channer

**09/165 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr I Drinkwater declared a personal interest in Planning application FUL/MAL/09/00587

**09/166 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

Objections have been put in writing regarding planning application FUL/MAL/09/00587, Councillors were thanked for attending a site visit to Gilder Lodge in respect of the planning application. Members of the public were pointed towards the website for further information on how the planning process works

Concerns were raised regarding the 7 day week proposed by planning application FUL/MAL/09/508 especially in relation to the cars and machinery in use

Members of the public were advised to put objections in writing to Maldon District Council

**09/167 PLANNING**

After some discussion the following responses were agreed:

**APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: FUL/MAL/09/00587  
Proposed garage conversion and first floor side extension  
Chartleas, Fambridge Road, Althorne, Essex**

Althorne Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds

- The owners of Gilder Lodge have given advance written notification to the owner of Chartleas and the District and Parish Councils that access to their property for construction and maintenance of the proposed extension will be denied, therefore construction cannot take place
- The privacy of Gilder Lodge will be compromised
- There are no references to the trees and hedges on the application
- A full height wall on the boundary line is undesirable and, in this case, will increase density in a low density area.

**APPLICATION REFERENCE NO: FUL/MAL/09/00508  
Change of use to B1 (C) and B8 mixed  
Bush Grove Farm, Southminster Road, Althorne, Essex**

This is a retrospective planning application since the business had been in operation on this site for in excess of one year. Althorne Parish Council has documentary evidence indicating that this was brought to the attention of the District Council in August 2008.

Althorne Parish Council objects strongly to this application on the following grounds:

- The site is outside the village development envelope
- It is not appropriate that this agricultural barn, in its rural farming village location, be change for use as a vehicle repair and general scrap metal business. This type of business, especially with the working hours concerned, is unsuitable for a village setting and is detrimental to the surrounding residential and countryside area. This type of business is better suited on an industrial site
- The operator does not have a valid certificate for the handling of hazardous materials on these premises. The certificate supplied with the application is for another premise.

EO 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009

Signed by

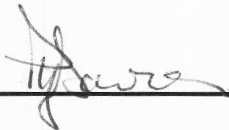
**09/168 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

MDLandscape have quoted £60.00 for spraying weedkiller on tennis court, outside pavilion, Recreation Ground car park and the car park at the Parish Hall. This will be put on the Agenda for the next meeting

**09/169 CLOSURE.**

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 9.00pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council

Note: After the meeting the Clerk was requested to add the following to the response for Planning application FUL/MAL/09/00508

- At our planning meeting a member of the public who lives adjacent to the Bush Grove Farm advised this council that he was not consulted about the change of use and informed us that car spares removed from scrap vehicles are being sold to the public. We thought this should be brought to your attention.