



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

Presentation by Highways

There was an informative discussion with Highways regarding issues within Althorne

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), Mrs J Roerig and Mr Ed Brown on behalf of Essex County Council Highways Department, 16 members of the public for the Highways Presentation and 9 members of the public for the Parish Council meeting

09/45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Cllr Mrs P Channer and District Councillor A Cussen

09/46 MINUTES OF MEETINGS.

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 25th February 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed, *proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr D Channer, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

09/47 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None

09/48 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

In response to a question regarding the New Nuclear Build Team it was confirmed that a date has not yet been set.

09/49 CLERKS REPORT

- 09/49.01 It was agreed to hold an Extra Ordinary Meeting at 8.00pm on Tuesday 14th April 2009 to discuss Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, Consultations, Planning Policy and the Project Management of Phase One of the Play Equipment at the Recreation Ground
- 09/49.02 Reviewing of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to be done at EO Meeting
- 09/49.03 It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th June 2009 and the Annual Council Meeting would be held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 27th May 2009. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.*
- 09/49.04 No one wished to attend courses previously circulated
- 09/49.05 The discussion and decision regarding adoption of complaints procedure would be carried forward to next month's meeting

09/50 TRANSPORT REPORT

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report, including the following: confirmation of the new bus stop at Highfield Rise has been received, there has been no progress with repairs to the Station or Station Road, parking continues to be a problem in Station Road, we may be able to get new railings for the Railway Garden, and there will be a meeting to discuss the winding up of the East Essex Transport Forum.

09/51 PLANNING

- 09/51.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council
FUL/MAL/09/00111; Construction of detached double garage, Chestnut Cottage, Chestnut Farm Drive, Althorne, Essex, Mr & Mrs Neale
- 09/51.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council
FUL/MAL/08/01097; Demolition of existing agricultural building to be replaced with a agricultural dwelling, Dairy Farm, Dairy Farm Road, Althorne, Essex, Mr & Mrs Dowling - REFUSED
- 09/51.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council
FUL/MAL/09/00031; Erection of steel container for purpose of storage, Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne, Essex – Althorne Parish Council supports this application
TPO/MAL/09/00112; TPO 9/87 Group 1 – Horse Chestnut – Removal of overhanging branches.
Coppiced Limes – Reduce by 30 – 40%. Pollarded Lime – Re-pollard, Chestnuts, Burnham Road, Althorne, Essex - Althorne Parish Council are unable to comment on this application due to declarations of personal interests.

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FUL/MAL/09/00111; Construction of detached double garage, Chestnut Cottage, Chestnut Farm Drive, Althorne, Essex - Althorne Parish Council supports this application

09/51.04 Reviewing suggested Planning Policy for the Council to be done at EO Meeting

09/51.05 An application has been made regarding Bush Grove Farm as detailed on the MDC website and there is currently no information regarding, The Bungalow, Green Lane. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Enforcement Officer regarding Bridgemarsh Lane once details have passed on details of property, *proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour* and that the Clerk would also write regarding The Cottage, Endway in relation to the possibility that agricultural land is incorporated into a domestic garden, proposed by *Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour*

09/52 HEALTH

There was an Essex & Suffolk Link meeting held discussing the future of St Peter's, there is a document regarding the new Community Hospital available from Cllr Mrs M Davies, details of future meetings should be made available

09/53 HIGHWAYS and PARISH PATHS

Cllr P Burgess suggested that the War Memorial was in need of some attention and asked for it to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting.

It was reported that the grass verge at Summerhill has been cleared, the sign at Dairy Farm Road/Endway is still down and it was questioned whether the hedge overhanging the verge along Summerhill where the daffodils are growing was a potential safety issue.

Mr Mike Richards, as part of the Footpath Team, will regularly walk the footpaths with the Ramblers Association and report back to Cllrs I Drinkwater and P Burgess with any issues that need to be dealt with.

09/54 FINANCE.

09/54.01 To advise members of the following receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

Chq No 101731	£293.07	Clerk wages to 25th March 2009 (including £10.48 backdated pay increase to April 2008)
Chq No 101732	£182.53	Clerk expenses (£21.10 mileage/parking, £26.03 postage, £135.40 ink)
Chq No 101733	£145.50	Viking Direct
Chq No 101734	£7.00	Mr I Drinkwater (key cutting)
Chq No 101735	£52.00	EALC training – Law and Procedures
DD	£13.78	EON Electricity for Pavilion (meter read)

09/54.02 Finance report *proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr R Gill, all in favour*

09/55 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED.

NHS Mid Essex Board Meeting – Cllr Mrs M Davies information for anyone interested

PCT Board Meeting – Cllrs Mrs M Davies and P Davies

Essex & Suffolk Link meeting - Cllrs Mrs M Davies and P Davies

Mid Essex Forum – Cllr P Davies

Affordable Housing Task Force meeting – Cllr P Burgess

Neighbour Action Panel – Cllr I Drinkwater

09/56 RECREATION GROUND

09/56.01 Wendy House has been removed, ground needs levelling, other works continuing

09/56.02 Paviillion works - PAT testing completed, guttering and doors to be fixed. New toilet seat and paper towel holder required.

09/56.03 MDC have confirmed they will empty bins on Recreation Ground. It was proposed that two news bins be purchased up to a cost of £600.00. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies, seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour.* Grass matting area for path to Youth Shelter to be measured and cost obtained

09/56.04 Costs to be obtained for dedication plaque for Youth Shelter

09/56.05 Cllr Mrs M Davies offered to clean the Pavilion.

09/56.06 It was agreed that the Phase 1 of the Play equipment project would be reviewed at EO Meeting

09/56.07 The Youth Shelter opening was well attended with good press coverage

09/57 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANELS

09/57.01 Meeting held at Stow Maries; actions relating to Althorne are not shown as active on the website – Cllr I Drinkwater to inquire

09/57.02 Actions to go forward to the next meeting to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting

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09/58 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT

None present

09/59 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST

Attention was drawn to the Fast Forward Consultation documents – details are displayed on notice board. A resident read out a letter regarding the charges for the pavilion – it was explained that charges have been agreed and the intention is to bring activities and an income from the Recreation Ground. A discussion was held regarding the format of NAPs. Any events in the village should be notified to Cllr P Burgess who will forward them to the Burnham and Maldon Standard

09/60 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ INFORMATION EXCHANGE

Clerk informed the meeting that MDC would be holding a workshop regarding Fear of Crime at the Parish Hall on 1st April at 7.30pm Cllr Mrs M Davies noted that there had been complaints from residents regarding the emptying of the blue recycling bins. Cllr P Davies will be showing the proposed website to residents at the next ACT meeting on 15th April.

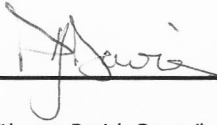
09/61 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

April 22nd 2009 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 13th April 2009.

09/62 CLOSURE.

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 9.40pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council

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