

April 2009

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

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk) and 4 members of the public

**09/63 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

Cllr Mrs P Channer and District Councillors A Cussen and B Boyce

**09/64 MINUTES OF MEETINGS.**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed, *proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

**09/65 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.**

None

**09/66 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There was some concern that the Agenda is not more widely distributed – it was pointed out that the Agenda is distributed in accordance with statutory requirements and, additionally, meetings notifications are displayed, kindly, by the Post Office

**09/67 CLERKS REPORT**

09/67.01 It was resolved to adopt the revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour.*

09/67.02 The revised date of 6<sup>th</sup> May 2009 was announced for the Parish Assembly.

09/67.03 It was resolved to adopt the Complaints Procedure as previously distributed. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr D Channer, all in favour.* Clerk to send copy to AVN

09/67.04 The Clerk was asked to write to MDC regarding the blue recycling bins and the manner in which they are left, often dangerously, after emptying.

09/67.05 Cllr P Burgess to advise regarding attendance at the Local Strategic Partnership event

**09/68 TRANSPORT REPORT**

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report, including the following: there have been no parking signs erected in Station Road, which appears to have resulted in less parking; the East Essex Transport Forum has been wound up; attended the Community Rail Partnership.

**09/69 HEALTH**

A pancreatic cancer consultation has been sent out

**09/70 PLANNING**

09/70.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council  
FUL/MAL/09/00213 – Temporary site living accommodation for the duration of the build project. The Thicket, Summerhill, Althorne.

09/70.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council  
FUL/MAL/09/00031 – Erection of steel container for purpose of storage. Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne. APPROVE

09/70.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council  
None

09/70.04 Bush Grove Farm – Enforcement are due to site visit on 21<sup>st</sup> April, give 7 days grace and then take enforcement action. Original B1 was for a previous named application and this is not transferrable  
The Bungalow, Green Lane – no indication that enforcement will happen as vehicles/boats being kept as a hobby

Bridgemarsh Lane – it was decided that the Council would not take any action as it appears that the barn is part of an equestrian centre.

The Cottage, Endway – Enforcement are due to site visit on 21<sup>st</sup> April

It was resolved that the Council would ask the Clerk to write to Alan Storah, Head of Planning Services regarding the delays in enforcement action being taken on Bush Grove Farm and The Bungalow. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour*

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**09/71 HIGHWAYS and PARISH PATHS**

Several of the issues raised with Jackie Roerig at the March Parish Council meeting are still outstanding and waiting for a response when she returns from holiday. Cllr P Burgess will discuss the situation of cattle on Footpath 12 with the MDC Footpath Rep as it could become a public safety issue.

The grass verges are cut yearly by Essex County Council, Cllr P Burgess feels that the overgrown verge in front of the Recreation Ground is spoiling the appearance of the facility. Clerk to write to ECC.

Future cutting of the verge by the Recreation Ground by the Parish Council to be put on a future agenda.

**09/72 FINANCE.**

09/72.01 To advise members of the following receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

Chq No 101??? £282.59 Clerk wages to 22nd April

09/72.02 Finance report *proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr D Channer, all in favour*

**09/73 REPORTS FROM MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED.**

Cllr D Channer attended the Dengie 100 Group of Parish Councils meeting; there will be a new windfarm proposal out soon and ECC can survey the roads if requested. Cllr P Burgess to contact. The annual DHGPC Quiz will be 18<sup>th</sup> November at Burnham Yacht Club and the next meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> June.

**09/74 RECREATION GROUND**

09/74.01 Work needs to be done on the slide in relation to the rust. Clerk to book annual RoSPA inspection

09/74.02 Litter bins and grass matting to be deferred to future meeting

09/74.03 Plaque at Youth Shelter to be deferred to future meeting

09/74.04 It was resolved to go ahead with the revised quote (G) from Sutcliffe and place order for play equipment and installation. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr D Channer, all in favour.* Clerk to action.

09/74.05 It was resolved to purchase a new toilet seat and paper towel holder for the Pavilion. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour.* Cllr P Davies to get toilet seat, Clerk to order towel holder.

09/74.06 Cllr Mrs M Davies noted that the guttering was leaking, possibly causing damage to the inside of the door and needs to be fixed

**09/75 REFURBISHMENT OF WAR MEMORIAL**

There are several nuts/bolts missing on the War Memorial. Cllr P Burgess to get quotes for repairs. Paths along Station Road on land belonging to Network Rail have been damaged. Cllr P Burgess to contact to discuss repair

**09/76 WEBSITE**

The proposed website was viewed and everyone was in agreement that it go forward for hosting. Cllr P Davies will be webmaster. A vote of thanks was proposed to the Chairman for all the work that has gone into it. It was resolved to spend up to £100.00 per year for hosting costs. *Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour.*

**09/77 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION PANELS**

09/77.01 No meeting since last Parish Council meeting

09/77.02 Discussion was held regarding drinking on the Recreation Ground which has been reduced and the youths that are camping near Stokes Hall Farm on a ad hoc basis. It was decided that Speeding, rubbish/litter near Stokes Hall Farm and mud on the pavements would be put forward to next meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> May at Latchingdon.

**09/78 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORT**

None present

**09/79 PUBLIC FORUM WITH RESPECT TO MATTERS OF MUTUAL INTEREST**

Concerns were raised regarding youth hanging around the Hall of an evening, banging on windows which can be intimidating for elderly. Parish Council will raise this with the police

It was suggested that the Guides be asked to participate in a village litter pick

Cllr P Burgess will contact Highways regarding an Althorne Village sign at the entrance to the village by Green Lane

There was some discussion regarding listed buildings in the village

There was some discussion regarding the difficulty in proving the pursuit of a hobby or running a business

Concerns were raised over the continued parking on the grass at Garden Close

It was noted that not all residents received black bin bags – individuals need to contact MDC

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Concern was raised over the current status of Stanley Bank and possible Health and Safety issues. Clerk will contact MDC

**09/80 ANY OTHER BUSINESS/ INFORMATION EXCHANGE**

Community Initiative Fund (Youth) grant application has been refused, for future applications they require greater input from the youth

Still waiting for Highways to receive funds for installation of the Speed Indicator Device

Waiting for news on training day in relation to Emergency Plan

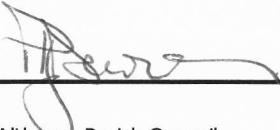
**09/81 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.**

May 27th 2009 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 13<sup>th</sup> May 2009.

**09/82 CLOSURE.**

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.15pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council