

MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26th AUGUST 2009

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), and 4 members of the public

The Chairman read out Cllr R Gill's resignation

09/170 Apologies for absence

None

09/171 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 29th July 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.* The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22nd July 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed *Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

09/172 Declaration of Interests

Cllr P Burgess declared a personal interest in Planning Application FUL/MAL/09/00652 due to proximity

09/143 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

None.

09/174 Transport Report

Mrs Benjafield provided a full report which included the following: the fence repair has been completed, although there are two new holes now waiting repair, and there are a number of issues still being pursued.

09/175 Clerks Report

Upcoming courses and meetings including; EALC Annual AGM 23rd September, EALC Health and Safety Training course 6th November, Budget/Precept training 15th October – Clerk and Cllr P Davies to attend and Emergency Planning meeting at MDC on 14th September – Cllrs Mrs M Davies and P Davies to attend

It was agreed to accept the quote of £60.00 for weed spraying the Recreation Ground car park, tennis court and Parish Hall car park. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.* Clerk to arrange.

It was agreed to accept the quote for £250.00 for cutting back the dead trees in the Recreation Ground and trimming overhanging branches in the Dog Walk. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and Cllr B Noye, all in favour.*

The EALC are proposing a Statutory Planning committee and are asking for councillors who are interested to attend a meeting in October for the formation of a committee – Clerk to get additional information for Cllr P Burgess BT are inviting local communities to adopt the red telephone kiosk in their areas; the kiosk outside Riverview will be disconnected and available for adoption. Clerk to contact Riverview to check interest.

There is a meeting regarding the future of the street light pilot scheme at MDC – no response to be sent

A letter from a resident regarding the recreation ground and the new play equipment to express thanks for how nice it looks and is being maintained

There are two streams of funding available – the Mid Essex Forum (deadline 9th October) and ECC Community Initiative Fund (deadline 6th November). After some discussion the Clerk was asked to put bids together regarding Phase 2 of the Play Equipment and bring to the next meeting

It was agreed that members of the public would be asked to put concerns in writing to the Parish Council, although, obviously, individuals would not be identified. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour*

09/176 Finance

09/176.01 To advise members of the following receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

Chq No 101759	£ 76.50	Citizens Advice – monies to moved back from Aylett Trust
Chq No 101760	£ 138.00	MDLandscape (Grass cutting 27 th July)
Chq no 101761	£32,119.16	Sutcliffe Play (Phase 1 equipment/installation)
Chq No 101762	£ 196.30	Mrs M Cheatle (purchase of printer)
Chq No 101763	£ 155.25	Audit Commission
Chq No 101764	£ 353.24	Mrs M Cheatle (Clerk wages to 26 th August 2009)
Chq No 101765	£ 43.58	Mr P Davies (Pavilion expenses)

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SO	£ 50.00	Rent to Parish Hall for August
Trans	£ 2,000.00	Transfer to Reserves
DD	£ 31.85	EON (electricity for Pavilion)
DD	£ 137.79	BT

The monies from MDC for the grant of £17,390.00 have been received. Cllr P Burgess to arrange a suitable time with the Clerk to go through the financial spreadsheets.

The External Auditors have returned the Annual Accounts and there were no issues raised.

The monies from RCCE have been banked under a separate account "Althorne Parish Council – Parish Plan" 09/176.02 *Finance report proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour*

09/177 District Councillors Report

None

09/178 Health Report

The Guinness Trust - publicising their Independence at Home scheme providing home support after hospital release

09/179 Website

The website has been updated, reminding people to stay on the footpaths as the land either side may be private. Cllr P Davies has added a disclaimer to the Business page similar to the one on the MDC website. It was decided to add the audited annual accounts to the website

09/180 Emergency Planning

After the Emergency Planning meeting at MDC on 14th September, Cllr Mrs M Davies will advise the council and make arrangements for a meeting to be held with the volunteers

09/181 Planning


- 09/181.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council
FUL/MAL/09/00652 – Detached chalet, Capri, Burnham Road, Althorne
- 09/181.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council
Week Ending 31st July 2009 –
FUL/MAL/09/00473 -Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension plus new garage to front drive, Austral Farm, Burnham Road, Althorne. APPROVE
Week Ending 14th August 2009 –
FUL/MAL/09/00213 – Temporary site living accommodation for the duration of the build project (part retrospective), The Thicket, Summerhill, Althorne. APPROVE
- 09/181.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council
FUL/MAL/09/00508, Change of use to B1(C) and B8 mixed, Bush Grove Farm, Southminster Road Althorne – object
FUL/MAL/09/00587, Proposed garage conversion and first floor side extension, Chartleas, Fambridge Road, Althorne – object
- 09/181.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council
FUL/MAL/09/00652 – Detached chalet, Capri, Burnham Road, Althorne
It was agreed to make the following response:
Althorne Parish Council support this application but would like to request that if this application is approved then the residential use of the summerhouse at the property is not permitted once building has been completed
An Extra Ordinary meeting will be held on 10th September at 7.30pm to discuss planning application FUL/MAL/09/00663
- 09/181.05 There was some discussion regarding the response from the Enforcement Officer in relation to concerns raised on the use of a summerhouse on Burnham Road (see 09/181.04). It was proposed that the Clerk would write to the Enforcement Officer and ask to clarify whether the summerhouse needs planning permission for residential use and that access to facilities are currently available and expressing concern that the use in this instance would set a precedence for establishing accommodation for other developments. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.*

09/182 Highways and Paths

- 09/182.01 After some discussion it was proposed that the council would not pursue the option to take over the contract for cutting verges throughout the village. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour.*
- 09/182.02 Road closures of Station crossing 23rd August and Old Heath Road 29th September advised
- 09/182.03 SID has been ordered, five locations agreed are Fambridge Road, outside Hall Cottage, Fambridge Road outside Linjay, Burnham Road opposite Oakleigh, Burnham Road (Summerhill) outside

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 recreation ground and Burnham Road property boundary of Capri. Clerk to contact Hihgways to confirm insurance liability of SID device
MDC are compiling paperwork regarding speed limit changes in MDC
There is some carriageway o ongoing on Burnham Road between Endway and DF Clarke, and a footway reconstruction is to be completed on Fambridge Road east from Station Road
Cllr P Burgess will raise issue regarding footpath outside Mansion House
Still waiting information regarding footpaths

09/183 Reports from Meetings and Events attended

Cllr P Davies attended the Village Agents meeting 24th August; it is hoped they will be in place by 14th October

09/184 Recreation Ground

09/184.01 Work needs to be done on wooden structures. Cllr P Davies asked for a programme of works to be provided outlining works to be completed

09/184.02 Cllr P Davies to contact Tennis 2000 regarding repairs to tennis court

09/184.03 Plaque at Youth Shelter to be deferred to future meeting

09/184.04 A tile has been ripped off the Youth Shelter and will need to be put back, regarding dogs off lead in the field need to pass number plates to MDC, Clerk to look for no dogs allowed signs for play area, Official Opening of play area to be 3rd October at 2.00pm – Clerk to contact Sheila Young, Chair of MDC, Cllr B Noye to look at seating options for play area, Cllr Mrs M Davies noted that the Pavilion's guttering needs to be fixed and a note in Pavilion toilets regarding turning off taps, the NLYFC will be installing new goals shortly, Cllr P Davies to look at top soil container, a youth 7v7 team have asked to play home matches at Althorne – it was decided to refuse permission, the NLYFC to be told they can attach posts to the container

09/185 Neighbourhood Action Panels

09/185.01 No meeting since last month

09/185.02 Next meeting 15th September at Althorne; safety issues on Fambridge Road, Parking on pavements and speeding to be taken forward

09/186 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest

It was suggested that deposits be taken for the Pavilion in case cleaning required, there was some discussion over the use of the summerhouse at Capri, leaflets from Guinness Trust are in racks, concern was raised regarding a portacabin on Sutton field, concern was raised over the smell from the chicken farm – environmental agency to send diary sheets for completion, Ladies Club are hosting a meeting on Health on 8th September, charging for the tennis court was discussed with an offer from a resident to become key holder.

09/187 Any Other Business/Information Exchange

Vacancy notice received from Alms Houses, details on notice board

Cllr Mrs M Davies requested that a list of councillor actions be sent to councillors with the minutes each month

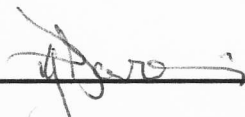
09/188 Date of next meeting

September 23rd 2009 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 14th September 2009.

09/189 Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.20pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council