



# MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2009

**Present:**

Councillors P Davies (Chairman), B Noye, Mrs M Davies (arrived during), Mrs S Winter, P Burgess and I Drinkwater

**In Attendance:**

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), District Councillor T Cussen, 30 members of the Public,

Moira Groborz, RCCE Rural Housing Enabler discussed the report regarding possible affordable housing sites within Althorne and answered questions from the public and members of the council

**09/243 Apologies for Absence**

District Councillor B Boyce

**09/244 Minutes of Meetings**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 28th October 2009, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr I Drinkwater and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

**09/245 Declaration of Interests**

Cllrs I Drinkwater and Mrs S Winter declared personal and prejudicial interests in the some of the proposed sites

**09/246 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda**

There was some further discussion regarding affordable housing.

**09/247 Affordable Housing**

Cllrs I Drinkwater and Mrs S Winter left the room.

After some lengthy discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would contact RCCE with the following site preference: Site 7 Garden Close, Site 5 Homestead and Site 10 Black Lion Pub. *Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour*

**09/248 Transport Report**

09/248.01 After some discussion it was agreed that the council would ask Viking to provide the following service: Tuesday and Friday morning around 9.30am for about 3 hours. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour*

09/248.02 The Clerk read the report supplied by Mrs Benjafield

**09/249 Clerks Report**

One Place are providing a mobile service and will be in Althorne Recreation Ground on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month from 09.30am to 10.30am. Clerk to check if this can be split between the Parish Hall and Recreation Ground.

**09/250 Finance**

09/228.01 To advise members of receipts, approve payments and receive Finance Report

101779	£50.00	Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath
101780	£342.91	Mrs M Cheatle – Clerk wages to 25th November
Trans	£150.00	Hall Rent Transfer
101781	£110.66	Viking – Stationery
101782	£263.18	Mr P Davies – Top Soil Bunker
101783	£586.50	MDL (Grass cutting Oct and Nov +dead tree removal

The payment for the Clerk includes the NALC Pay agreement backdated to 1st April £21.82 owed to Clerk (pay scale 18 £8.831 to £8.919) and overtime of 4 hours for Clerk re Public Meeting £35.68

Finance Report was approved. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour*

**09/251 District Councillors Report**

District Cllr T Cussen gave details of seminars that had been held for members recently. There was some discussion regarding the recent application for HGV licence at Bushgrove Farm – there is an onsite meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> December that District Cllr T Cussen and Cllr Mrs S Winter will be attending. Cllr Mrs M Davies asked if MDC would be holding a planning seminar as it has done for the past two years, District Cllr T Cussen will check

**09/252 Health Report**

There is a NHS Mid Essex leaflet available regarding Seasonal Flu and Keeping Warm, Cllr Mrs M Davies gave out details of the pancreatic cancer services and is attending the Mid Essex 5 year plan meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December

November 2009

Signed by



**09/253**

**Planning**

- 09/253.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council - None  
09/253.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council  
Week Ending 30th October 2009  
FUL/MAL/09/00504 – Conversion of unused barn to group holiday accommodation and alter elevations, Althorne Hall Farm, Fambridge Road, Althorne – APPROVE  
Week Ending 6th November 2009  
FUL/MAL/09/00782 – Proposed new tiled pitched roofs to replace existing flat roofs to front and rear dormers, Thanmory, Burnham Road, Althorne – APPROVE  
Week Ending 13th November 2009  
FUL/MAL/09/00799 – Single storey rear extension and re-siting of existing garage, The Limes, Burnham Road, Althorne - APPROVE
- 09/253.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council  
FUL/MAL/09/00799 – Single storey rear extension & resiting of garage, The Limes, Burnham Road, Althorne  
Althorne Parish Council supports the application  
FUL/MAL/09/00821 – Alteration & extension existing dwelling, Lonach, Chestnut Farm Drive, Althorne  
Althorne Parish Council supports the application
- 09/253.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council - None  
09/253.05 Bushgrove Farm HGV Licence – a letter of objection was sent to the Traffic Commission after the Chairman got agreement, by phone, from the council  
The Burger Van outside Bushgrove Farm – there is no environmental issue but Highways will look into the signs being put up on the signpost

**09/254**

**Highways and Paths**

- 09/254.01 Cllr B Noye outlined the incident that occurred along the pathway on Summerhill – ECC Highways are investigating to discover who the land belongs to
- 09/254.02 A rota needs to be established for changing the battery of the SID, the PDA does not connect to the PC as extra cable is needed. Clerk to contact Highways regarding solar panel and getting it moved. There was a complaint received about Footpath 3 being blocked, Cllrs I Drinkwater and P Burgess will investigate, the gate at Footpath 12 will be replaced.

**09/255**

**Reports from Meetings and Events Attended.**

Cllrs P Davies, P Burgess and I Drinkwater attended the NAPs meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> November  
All the Councillors attended the meeting with ECC and Viking on 12<sup>th</sup> November  
Cllr P Davies attended the MDC LSP meeting on transport on 19<sup>th</sup> November

**09/256**

**Recreation Ground**

- 09/256.01 Cllr B Noye is looking into costs fixing the slide, Cllr I Drinkwater is dealing with the timber structure  
09/256.02 Still waiting for quote from Tennis 2000, tennis court sign and net removed and in pavilion  
09/256.03 Pavilion has been replaced, Cllr Mrs M Davies will report on risk assessment at a later meeting

**09/257**

**Neighbourhood Action Panel**

Police will attend the burger van in Southminster Road, police have been advised of problems at the Post Office

**09/258**

**Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest**

There was some discussion regarding affordable housing including the site at Garden Close has a pond, Clerk to advise RCCE.  
There was discussion regarding increasing the precept to provide additional community buses. Concern was raised over the environmental impact on the extension of Southend airport and the increased parking around Highfield Rise.

**09/259**

**Any Other Business/Information Exchange**

Clerk to contact planning enforcement regarding Violet Lodge, Bridgemarsh Lane having skips on premises, it was confirmed that the pathway will be closed by the Parish Hall on Boxing Day. Cllr Mrs M Davies has had a request that the Althorne Emergency Plan be forwarded to the Cabinet Office (minus confidential information) as an example – to be deferred to another meeting. Cllr Mrs M Davies will put a note in AVN asking if anyone wishes to be added to the Vulnerable Persons Register.

**09/260**

**Date of Next Meeting**

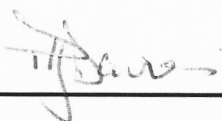
It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm, Cllr M Davies will get the wine and mince pies.  
*Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour*

**09/261**

**Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.10pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council