

MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2009

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), 4 members of the Public,

The Chairman read out Cllr Mrs P Channer's resignation, a letter has been sent expressing the council's thanks for the years of service given to the community and good wishes for her ongoing district and county responsibilities.

09/196 Apologies for Absence

Cllr P Burgess

09/197 Minutes of Meetings

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 26th August 2009, were amended under Highways Report to read that ECC are compiling paperwork regarding speed limit changes in MDC, *proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour.* The Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 10th September 2009 having been previously circulated were agreed, *proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

09/198 Declaration of Interests

None

09/199 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

No comments

09/200 Transport Report

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report, including the following: the patching up of the car park fence is being replaced with proper concrete posts and new wire, Mrs Benjafield and Mrs Cloke will be piloting a bus buddy scheme.

09/201 Clerks Report

09/201.01 The amendments to the Standing Orders in relation to Planning Applications was agreed. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour*

09/201.02 The registration fee for the CiLCA exam was approved. *Proposed by Cllr P D Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.*

The dog warden has visited Althorne and inspected the field – no dog walkers were out at the time.

Clerk to provide a report on Dog Orders

Gambling consultation from MDC available in office

MDC have issued a residents survey which is available on line MDC Alcohol Watch are asking for photos of bottles and details of location found.

09/202 Finance

09/202.01 To advise members of receipts, approve payments and receive Finance Report

Chq No 101766	£120.00	Mr P Davies (top soil for recreation ground)
Chq No 101767	£150.00	SLCC (CILCA registration fee)
Chq No 101768	£282.59	Mrs M Cheatle (Clerk wages to 23/09/09)
Chq No 101769	£139.12	Allianz (additional insurance premium for play equipment)
Chq No 101770	£ 29.00	CPRE subscription
Chq No 101771	£138.00	MD Landscapes (grass cutting for 18/08/09)
Chq No 101772	£118.00	EALC (training – Chairman Day and Budget/Precept)
DD	£ 50.00	Parish Hall Rent for September
DD	£ 1.20	BT Broadband Accelerator

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

09/203 District Councillors Report

None


09/204 Health Report

Cllr Mrs M Davies gave details on Dr Norths recent talk on the 5 year plan, the new service available in Maldon – Improving Access and Psychological therapies in Mid Essex and the Mid Essex Forum PCT presentation about the nationwide vascular screening programme being rolled out from 1st October for 40 to 75 age group

09/205 Website

Modifications to the business page have been made and the Clerk has sent the list of business on the website to the MDC Enforcement Officer – there has been no response yet. Financial Audit information has been added.

09/206 Emergency Planning

Cllr Mrs M Davies and Cllr P Davies attended a meeting at MDC; in the event of an emergency services will knock on doors and contact for the Council will be made through MDC, those living near the river are urged to register with Floodline, residents should have a grab bag ready for emergencies. A meeting has been arranged for 27th October for the volunteers to go through the plan. The Council has been asked to compile a vulnerable person list- Cllr Mrs M Davies and Cllr B Noye will contact the AVN, Over 60s Club, Smugglers Ground and Riverview. There is a Flood Fair on 10th October in Maldon. 15th October at 2.00pm Latchingdon will have a rest centre set up as a test and anyone may attend. The contact details in the Rest Centre Box have not been updated – Cllr Mrs M Davies to contact MDC.

09/207 Planning

09/207.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council

Week Ending 21st August 2009 -

FUL/MAL/09/00663 – Replacement dwelling, Creekview, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne

Week Ending 11th September 2009 -

FUL/MAL/09/00776 – Change of use of farm buildings to carpentry workshops with external generator, Buttons Hill Farm, Southminster Road, Althorne

09/207.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council

Week Ending 4th September 2009 –

FUL/MAL/09/00587 – Proposed garage conversion and first floor side extension, Chartleas, Fambridge Road, Althorne - REFUSE

09/207.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council

FUL/MAL/09/00652 – Detached chalet, Capri, Burnham Road, Althorne;

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

FUL/MAL/09/00663 – Replacement dwelling, Creekview, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne

Althorne Parish Council support this application subject to the satisfaction of Clause C of Policy CC22 and the meeting of flood warning/evacuation procedures

Cllr Mrs M Davies requested that it be noted she and Cllr P Davies did not support this application

09/207.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council

FUL/MAL/09/00776 – Change of use of farm buildings to carpentry workshop with external generator, Buttons Hill Farm, Southminster Road, Althorne.

It was agreed to make the following response,:

Althorne Parish Council object to the applications as it should be retrospective and it requires a B1 application. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr Davies, all in favour*

09/207.05 Update was received from Enforcement Officer regarding container in field along Summerhill – it does not need planning permission as it is temporary.

Clerk read out Enforcement Officer response regarding the Summerhouse at Capri. Cllr Mrs M Davies to provide details regarding a property with an in and out drive without dropped kerb, there is not a quorum of Councillors able to vote on the planning application for Thanmory.

09/208 Highways and Paths

The Speed Indicator Device will be an asset of the Councils and will need to be insured, the sockets have been installed and a complaint regarding the location received – complainant advised to contact ECC. Clerk to confirm installation date. The resurfacing of the Fambridge Road footpath from Station Road to the Church is almost complete, and the path from Three Horseshoes to Mansion House has been marked out for repair. Temporary road closure notice has been received for Rectory lane for two days from 14th December

09/209 Reports from Meetings and Events Attended.

Cllr P Davies and Cllr Mrs M Davies attended the ECC Mid Essex Forum on 11th September – let people decide the roadworks that need doing through Highways Forum in districts, need to raise 20% through the Precept, need to understand how PC feeds in priorities.

Cllr P Davies and Cllr I Drinkwater attended the Parish Plan Marketplace on 14th September

Cllr P Davies and Cllr Mrs M Davies attended the Emergency Planning at MDC on 14th September

Cllr P Davies attended the Village Agents meeting on 15th September

September 2009

Signed by



Cllr P Davies, Cllr Mrs M Davies and Cllr I Drinkwater attended NAPs on 15th September – MDC Environmental Health need to attend with police during speed check sessions to measure noise before police can act. Clerk to contact

Cllr P Davies and Cllr Mrs M Davies attended DHGPC – NHS Mid Essex are establishing a Residents Panel that anyone can become involved in, details on noticeboard and Annual Quiz night to be held on 18th November, PC can pay entry fee – Clerk to check

09/210 Recreation Ground

09/210.01 Two wooden climbing frames to be removed by Cllr I Drinkwater, Cllr B Noye to get quotes for slide
09/210.02 Waiting for quote to repair tennis court post, clearing moss and repainting lines. Clerk to agenda decision regarding management of tennis court

09/210.03 Clerk to ask grass cutter to strim around posts on grass verge, guttering to be fixed before winter if possible, Clerk to write to David Moore and ask when base of Youth Shelter will be repaired. Cllr I Drinkwater to look into getting sign for play area saying no dogs

09/211 Neighbourhood Action Panel

09/211.01 Last meeting was at Althorne on 15th September; speeding, noise and pavement parking were raised as issues. Crime rate, in particular daytime burglary is up across district

09/211.02 Speeding, noise and fly tipping to go forward to next meeting, date to be confirmed. Clerk to find out about Community Services Scheme.

09/212 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest

There was some discussion regarding MDC response to the Summerhouse at Capri and the containers in the field along Summerhill, as well as general concern over action from planning enforcement, a resident thanked the Council for the new play equipment and there was some discussion regarding seating options at the Recreation Ground, concerns were expressed regarding the noise and smell from the chicken farm – Environment Agency number is available at MDC

09/213 Any Other Business/Information Exchange

None

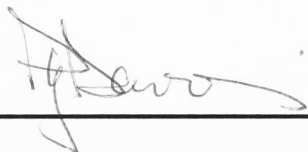
09/214 Date of Next Meeting

October 28th 2009 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 19th October 2009.

09/215 Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 9.50pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council