

MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

HELD WEDNESDAY 27th January 2010

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), District Councillor T Cussen and 7 members of the public

09/286 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs S Winter. The Chairman explained to the meeting that Cllr Mrs S Winter's husband had recently passed away and expressed the condolences of the Council to Cllr Mrs S Winters and her family.

09/287 Minutes of Meetings 

The minutes of the ~~Extra Ordinary~~ Parish Council meeting held 16th December 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.

09/288 Declaration of Interests

None

09/289 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

None

09/290 Transport Report

09/290.01

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report including; there have been further meetings regarding the 31X bus and the issue of trains not hooting at Cliffords Farm crossing has been passed on.

09/290.02

The Community Bus is scheduled to start on 16th February, literature will be provided by ECC to be passed to residents and tickets will be issued once applications received.

09/291 District Councillors Report

The Wind Farm appeal failed; Planning Enforcement Officers have found 11 breaches of planning consents at Smugglers when looking into plans regarding electronic gate across smugglers - no details of breaches but action will be taken. D Cllr will clarify if planning permission needed to put electronic gates. Jennifer Burns is acting head of dept as Alan Storah resigned. There was some discussion regarding Bridgemarsh Road being private road.

The recent district planning meeting where the public were allowed to speak went well

09/292 Clerks Report

09/292.01

It was agreed to adopt the Equal Opportunities Policy with the following amendment: add Age Discrimination and Marriage and Partnership. Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.

09/292.02

It was agreed to notify with the Information Commissioners Office. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour

09/292.03

The Clerk was asked to go ahead with the order for Flood Guides, which will be distributed with AVN

09/292.04

It was agreed to adopt the Risk Management Schedule. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour

09/292.05

The Clerk advised that One Place on Wheels are now attending 9.30 to 10.00 at Recreation Ground and 10.00 to 10.30 at Parish Hall Car Park on 2nd Tuesday of month

09/293 Finance

09/293.01

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

Chq No £3.15

Phil Davies for phone batteries for office

Chq No £570.82

Mrs M Cheatle Clerk wages from 17th Dec to 27th Jan (took 8 hrs unpaid due to bad weather)

Trans £50.00

Parish Hall rent

Chq No £25.59

Allianz (premium for SID)

Finance report proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour

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- 09/293.02 It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for hall hire costs for hosting the DHGPC meeting if the Parish Hall Charity Trust would not provide the hall for free. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour*
- 09/293.03 The Clerk requested that an external hard drive be purchased up to a cost of £50.00 for backing up the office computer. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour*
It was agreed that the Clerk would attend the Audit and Risk Management training course on 12th February costing £54.00. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour*
The Clerk was asked to look into contracts that the ECC Highways have with contractors for moving the SID as this will become the responsibility of the Council in two years time. There was some discussion regarding the future of the SID

09/294 Health Report

Cllr Mrs M Davies gave some details on NHS Mid Essex meeting 7th December and the NHS Mid Essex Board meeting, the NHS drop in centre at the side of Sainsbury's now open - more details will be sent out

09/295 Planning

- 09/295.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council
Week Ending 8th January 2010
FUL/MAL/09/01048 & LBC/MAL/09/01049 - 1.Erection of 6 No 2 bed apartments in car park of existing public house 2.Change of use of public house to residential use to form one dwelling and internal alterations associated with change of use
Black Lion Public House, Burnham Road
- 09/295.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council
Week Ending 15th January 2010
FUL/MAL/09/00957 – Use of land and outbuilding for purposes incidental to the residential use of Viking Cottage (retrospective), Viking Cottage, Station Road - APPROVE
- 09/295.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council
None
- 09/295.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council
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After some discussion it was agreed to object to this application on the following grounds:
- The apartments would be detrimental to the surrounding area
 - The frontage of the apartments are very close to the edge of the road
 - The development would be contrary to Maldon District Policy BE16 Extensions, Alterations to and Additional Buildings in the Curtilage of Listed Buildings
- 09/295.05. There has been an application received after the agenda was issued which will need to be discussed on 3rd February at 8.00pm

09/296 Highways and Paths

- 09/296.01 Cllr P Burgess has been in contact with the P3 and will be sending a letter (copy to be passed to Clerk) outlining issues
- 09/296.02 Rotation of SID - waiting for information from Highways, crack in road before war memorial reported to Highways, lorries mounted kerb/verge along Fambridge Road and now looks awful – Cllr P Burgess will contact Highways, gateway signs - Highways do plan to reinstate but will be in next financial year, number of support 31x signs stuck to posts which need to be taken down, Cllr Mrs M Davies asked about bollards outside Riverview Park that need replacing or repairing – Cllr P Burgess will speak to Highways. Cllr Mrs M Davies asked if it is possible to organise footpath walks for residents in the spring

09/297 Reports from Meetings and Events attended

Cllrs P Davies and Mrs M Davies attended DHGPC meeting - Mayland PC were invited to meeting concerning changes to sea defences and gave details of some of proposed changes, but have no details of any changes to defences around Althorne, Clerk to contact Agency who are dealing with to see if any changes to our coast line – D Cllr Cussen advised Karen Thomas at Environment Agency may have maps and there will be a public consultation in March regarding plan

09/298 Recreation Ground

- 09/298.01 Waiting for cost for works to embankment slide, Cllr I Drinkwater will take down timber climbing frames, councillors advised next RoSPA inspection due in May
- 09/298.02 Clerk was asked to get quotes for the removal of dead tree in dog walk

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Cllr Mrs M Davies has completed the risk assessment for the Pavilion, a copy to be sent to the Clerk. Clerk to purchase first aid kit for pavilion, there was some discussion regarding disabled access and contact being made regarding community service. The Clerk advised that £6,500.00 grant had been approved by the Mid Essex Area Forum for new play equipment for the Over 12's

09/299 Neighbourhood Action Panels

09/127.01 Anti social behaviour at Parish Hall was raised and police asked to increase patrols. There was some discussion regarding recent problems and D Cllr Cussen will chase for follow up reports
09/127.02 The next meeting is in March – anti social behaviour will be pursued

09/300 Bradwell Power Station

There was some discussion regarding the councils response to the power station development. It was agreed to send Cllr P Davies to the meeting with ECC, *proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.* It was agreed that the PC representative would present the council view that the council supports application but have issues relating to traffic and transportation during construction phase, *proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, 4 in favour, 1 against*

09/301 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest

There was some discussion regarding the increase to car parking charges at Promenade Park, there was a complaint that Bush Grove Farm are trading 7 days a week – stop notices cannot be issued during appeal period but noise is a statutory nuisance and complainant should speak to Environmental Health, there was some discussion regarding the Black Lion pub planning notice – individuals should write to the planning department outlining objections, concerns were raised regarding the grass verges along Fambridge Road as at least at the moment lorries can pass by using them, there was some discussion regarding the 31X buses and the power station

09/302 Any Other Business/Information Exchange

Cllr Mrs M Davies advised that confirmation that Bush Grove Farm received its HGV operating licence and that they had appealed the planning refusal.

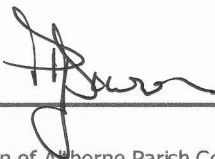
09/303 Date of next meeting

24th February 2010 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 15th February 2010

09/304 Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.50pm

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Chairman of Athorne Parish Council