

MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24th MARCH 2010

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatele (Clerk), and 8 members of the public

09/336 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs S Winter and District Cllr T Cussen

09/337 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 24th February 2010, having been previously circulated were agreed. Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour. The minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting 10th March 2010, having been previously circulated were agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour. The Chairman signed them as a true record.

09/338 Declaration of Interests

None

09/339 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

None

09/340 Transport Report

Cllr P Davies read the transport report which included the following; the damaged posts at the station will be reported at the Community Rail Partnership meeting on 14th April, a bus complaint form will be in the AVN for comments relating to the Community Bus, there will be a meeting in Burnham on Crouch on 15th April regarding setting up a Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group.

09/341 District Councillors Report

None

09/342 Clerks Report

Clerk requested to send Council's apologies to the resident raising concerns over the wording in the AVN regarding the support for a power station in Bradwell. A correction from the Council will be printed in the next edition

09/343 Annual Parish Meeting

It was agreed to set the date of the Annual Parish Meeting as Wednesday 19th May 2010 at 7.30pm. Clerk to check if One Place on Wheels can attend

09/344 Adoption of Standing Orders

It was agreed to adopt the amended Standing Orders as previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour

09/345 Finance

09/345.01 To advise members of the following receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

£428.11	Mrs M Cheatele – Clerk wages to 24th March
£ 3.43	Mrs M Davies – Refreshments for DHGPC meetings
£ 25.50	Althorne Parish Hall – hire for DHGPC meeting
£100.00	Althorne Parish Hall Office Rent (two months as delay in taking SO)
£25.00	EALC – Standing Orders
£149.61	BT bill

It was proposed that the potential under spend of around £3,500.00 be transferred into the Reserves

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

09/345.02 It was agreed to increase in Clerk wage from salary point 18 to 19 with effect from 1st April 2010 in accordance with contractual obligations acknowledging successful completion of CiLCA. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.



09/346 Health Report

The PCT Board Meeting is on 31st March at Earls Colne. There was some discussion regarding the request from South Woodham Ferrers Town Council to sign their petition as a council. Cllrs to advise before 26th March if they wish this to be added to the agenda of the extra ordinary meeting on 1st April

09/347 Planning

- 09/347.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council
Week Ending 5th March 2010
HOUSE/MAL/10/00100 – Relocating of approved detached garage ref: FUL/MAL/09/00111
Chestnut Cottage, Chestnut Farm Drive, Althorne
LDE/MAL/10/00123 – Claim for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of a permanent mobile home, Plots 4&5 Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne
- 09/347.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council
Week Ending 5th March 2010
FUL/MAL/09/01048 – Erection of 6 No 2 bed apartments in car park of existing public house & change of use of public house to residential use to form one dwelling, Black Lions Public House, Burnham Road – REFUSE
FUL/MAL/09/01049 - Change of use of public house to residential use to form one dwelling and internal alterations associated with change, Black Lions Public House, Burnham Road – REFUSE
Week Ending 12th March 2010
FUL/MAL/10/00037 – proposed garage conversion and first floor side extension, Chartleas, Fambridge Road, Althorne - APPROVE
- 09/347.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council
FUL/MAL/10/00004 – Construction of nine wind turbine generators with an overall height to tip of 125m, and associated crane hard standing areas, access tracks, substation building, 80m meteorological mast, hard standing area for marine access, temporary lay down area, temporary construction compound, and associated electrical infrastructure
Land between Middlewick Farm and Wraywick Farm, The Marshes, Southminster
Althorne Parish Council support this application
- 09/347.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council
HOUSE/MAL/10/00100 – Relocating of approved detached garage ref: FUL/MAL/09/00111
Chestnut Cottage, Chestnut Farm Drive, Althorne, Essex.
It was agreed that Althorne Parish Council would support this application. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour*
LDE/MAL/10/00123 – Claim for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of a permanent mobile home, Plots 4&5 Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne
It was agreed that Althorne Parish Council does not have any evidence regarding the length of time the residents have occupied the accommodation. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour*

09/348 Highways and Paths

Cllr P Burgess has raised issues as set out in last minutes – there is no indication of when the maintenance works will be undertaken, the gateway sign is in process of being approved, the changing of the speed limit on Fambridge Road is pending consideration
Regarding routing of footpath the line of footpath is the line and does not move; changes may be considered under Shoreline Management
Cllr P Burgess has confirmed that the farmer has no objection to replacing existing styles on Footpath with kissing gates. Forms to apply for kissing gates grant to be in by 31st March
There is no information regarding the moving of the SID. Cllr P Burgess to check. Clerk to chase Jackie re cost of moving for precept next year.
Clerk to speak to Environmental Health re fly tipping on Station Road

09/349 Reports from Meetings and Events attended

Cllrs Mrs M Davies and P Davies – DHGPC and village agents meeting
Cllr P Davies also attended The Mid Essex Forum
Cllr P Burgess attended the DHGPC

09/350 Recreation Ground

- 09/350.01 Waiting for cost for works to embankment slide, Cllr I Drinkwater will take down timber climbing frames, councillors advised next RoSPA inspection is booked.
- 09/350.02 It was agreed that the small table & chairs and the stereo unit in the Pavilion be disposed of if there was no response to an advert to be placed in the AVN. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr I Drinkwater, all in favour.* T

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Signed by

09/350.02

The new container is in place with no cost to the Parish Council. There was some discussion regarding the football pitches, Cllr P Davies noted that NLYFC have been maintaining them. Cllr I Drinkwater and Cllr P Davies to look at situation regarding top soil

09/351 Neighbourhood Action Panels

The next meeting is at Althorne Parish Hall on Wednesday 30th March. Dog fouling, bird scarers and cold calling to be raised at next meeting

09/352 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interests

There was some discussion regarding planning enforcement issues

There was lengthy discussion regarding the setting of the Pre cept; it was felt by some of the residents present at the meeting that the budget for 2010/11 was a wish list and the overall percentage increase set by the Parish Council was too high. The Parish Council responded that the items in the budget reflect residents requests throughout the year and the Althorne Community Together questionnaire results

There was some concern regarding the use of the Recreation Ground by football teams and it was agreed that when the weather permitted the access gate to the field would be opened to allow for better car parking. It was noted by the Council that New Latchingdon Youth Football Club have donated in excess of £7,000.00 to the Recreation Ground by way of new goals and container.

09/353 Any Other Business/Information Exchange

Clerk to look into cold calling and possibility of stickers and no go zones

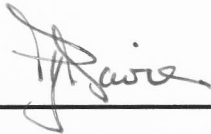
Cllr M Davies asked if PAT testing and letter to Lester Wright has been arranged

09/354 Date of next meeting and Closure

28th April 2010 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by ~~19th~~ 19th April 2010

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.00pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council