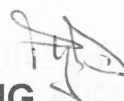


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MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26th MAY 2010

Present:

Councillors P Davies (Chairman), P Burgess, B Noye, Mrs S Winter and Mrs M Davies

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), District Councillor T Cussen and 2 members of the public

10/27 Election of Chairman

It was proposed that Cllr Philip Davies be elected Chairman of the Council. *Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour*

10/28 Chairman to sign Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Forms duly completed

10/29 Election of Vice Chairman

It was proposed that Cllr Mrs M Davies be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council. *Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mr P Davies, all in favour*

10/30 Apologies for absence

County and District Councillor Bob Boyce

The Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr Ian Drinkwater has resigned from the council. A vote of thanks was proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour and the Clerk asked to write a letter to Mr Drinkwater expressing the council's gratitude for his time and effort.

10/31 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28th April 2010, 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.

10/32 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Mrs M Davies, P Davies and P Burgess declared a personal interest in planning application HOUSE/MAL/10/00330

10/33 Confirmation of Roles and Responsibilities

Roles and Responsibilities	
Chairman	Cllr P Davies
Vice Chairman	Cllr Mrs M Davies
AVN & Press Reporting	Cllr P Burgess
Health	Cllr Mrs M Davies / Cllr Mrs S Winter
Planning	Cllr Mrs M Davies / Cllr Mrs S Winter
Finance	Cllr P Davies
Highways	Cllr P Burgess
Web Master	Cllr P Davies
DHGPC Representative	Cllr Mrs M Davies/ Cllr B Noye
Police Liaison	Cllr P Davies/ Cllr P Burgess
Recreation Ground Representative	Cllr P Davies/ Cllr B Noye
Emergency Planning/Liaison	Cllr Mrs M Davies / Cllr B Noye
EALC Representative	Cllr Mrs M Davies / Cllr Mrs S Winter
Essex Forum Representative	Cllr P Davies

Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, all in favour

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10/34 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

None

10/35 Transport Report

The filming for the programme on the 31x, as reported at a previous meeting has started.

10/36 District Councillors Report

District Cllr T Cussen will chase MDC Planning Department regarding outstanding enforcements issues and clarified the situation with regards to the reported monies offered to PCT towards the new hospital by MDC, which was a loan that was never taken up.

10/37 Clerks Report

Clerk reminded Cllrs to review their Declaration of Interests.

Cllrs P Davies and Mrs M Davies confirmed attendance at Fly the Flag Armed Forces Day Monday 21st June – other councillors wishing to attend will contact Cllr P Davies.

It was agreed that the July meeting date would be altered to 4th August and the meeting scheduled for 25th August cancelled.

Andrew McDonald representing the wind farm developers at Southminster will be attending the 4th August meeting LCLC meeting 9th June at 3 Rivers 10.00 to 13.00. Numbers needed for lunch

It was agreed to hold an extra ordinary meeting to discuss the planning applications received this week on Thursday 10th June at 9.30am at the Pavilion, Recreation Ground.

10/38 Decision regarding possibility of establishing of No Cold Calling Zone

A briefing report had been previously distributed to Cllrs. After some discussion it was decided that an article would be posted in the AVN asking if residents were interested in establishing a Protection Zone. Clerk to draft article for Cllr P Burgess.

10/39 Discussion and response regarding Commission for Rural Communities questionnaire on mobile phone coverage

It was agreed that most mobile phone networks were of an acceptable standard in the village

10/40 Discussion regarding how the Parish Council will manage their response to the Althorne Community Together Parish Plan results

After lengthy discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council would consider their response to any actions directly concerning the Parish Council at an Extra Ordinary Meeting and it would not follow up on any actions arising from the Parish Plan that were not related to the Parish Council. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, 4 in favour, 1 against*

10/41 Finance

10/41.01 To advise members of the following automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

Chq 101810	£443.70	Mrs M Cheatle – Clerk wages to 26th May
Chq 101811	£326.65	MDLandscapes – grass cutting 12th & 26th April
Chq 101812	£96.49	Mrs M Chatle – First Aid Kit and Ink
DD	£168.55	BT phone
TBA	£ 0.96	NIC (44p Employee / 52p Employer)

Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour

10/41.02 Finance Report was distributed by email – there was some discussion on format of spreadsheet
10/41.03 It was agreed to approve and sign the end of year accounts and to agree and sign the Statement of Assurance section of the Annual Return. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour*

10/42 Health Report

Information leaflets will be available regarding North Chelmsford NHS Health Care Centre. There was some discussion regarding the provision of out of hours care from the same location. Cllr Mrs M Davies will provide details of the new extended opening hours of the Blackwater Pharmacy. At the NHS Mid Essex Board Meeting there was discussion regarding the problems with the hospital trust including the improved cleanliness and the increase in waiting lists.

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10/43

Planning

10/43.01

Applications advised by Maldon District Council
Week Ending 7th May 2010

HOUSE/MAL/10/00330 – The erection of rear extension. Construction of a new roof and porch extension to the front, and the construction of a new driveway and crossover.
Havengore, Burnham Road, Althorne

10/43.02

Decisions advised by Maldon District Council
None

10/43.03

Responses made by Althorne Parish Council

HOUSE/MAL/10/00267 – Creation of in/out vehicle access, Longwood, Summerhill, Althorne
Althorne Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds

- There will be an additional access onto a busy main road
- It could set a precedent and create a demand for other driveways with drop kerbs to the detriment of the village

HOUSE/MAL/10/00214 – Erection of a two storey rear extension, incorporating existing flat roof extension, Merrilies, Fambridge Road, Althorne
Althorne Parish Council support this application.

HOUSE/MAL/10/00303 – Addition of chimney, alteration to windows, doors and ground floor plan of Planning Application FUL/MAL/09/0821, Lonach, Chestnut Drive, Althorne
Althorne Parish Council support this application.

FUL/MAL/10/00275 – Extend time limit for implementation: two storey extension to flank (FUL/MAL/07/00288), 2 Limes Cottages, Burnham Road, Althorne
Althorne Parish Council support this application.

LDE/MAL/10/00279 – Claim for Lawful Development for existing residential use by people not connected to main house, Flat Above Garage, Stitches Farm, Lower Chase, Althorne
Althorne Parish Council have no evidence regarding this application.

FUL/MAL/10/00292 – Variation of conditions 2 – increase the retail floor area, 3 – allow sale of alcohol, 4 – permit Mr D Hull to operate the shop, 5 – alter hours of operation to Mon – Sun 7am 5pm and 7am – 9pm from 10 December to 24 December (inc) of FUL/MAL/09/00166

Wrekin Farm Shop, Burnham Road, Althorne
Althorne Parish Council support this application.

10/43.04

Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council

HOUSE/MAL/10/00330 – The erection of rear extension. Construction of a new roof and porch extension to the front, and the construction of a new driveway and crossover.
Havengore, Burnham Road, Althorne

It was agreed to make the following response:

Althorne Parish Council object to the above applications for the following reasons:

1. There will be an additional access onto a busy main road
2. There is an oak tree sited very near the crossover which could be damaged
3. There is no evidence that checks for Great Crested Newts in nearby dyke had been carried out

10/43.05

Clerk to contact Enforcement Officer regarding additional entrance made at Buttons Hill Farm.
District Cllr T Cussen noted that MDC have received no applications for development on the land to the rear of Highfield Rise that had been previously raised.

10/44

Highways and Paths

The hedge that was obscuring the Speed Indicator Device has been cut. The gates on Footpath 12 are to be replaced by the Project Manager of the Stokes Hall Project, Clerk to send a letter of thanks for resolving the issue regarding the Kissing Gates. Footpath walk on 6th June at 3.00pm to leave from Pavilion, Cllr P Burgess will contact landowner regarding footpath at Dairy Farm.

10/45

Reports from Meetings and Events attended

NHS Board Meeting – Cllrs P Davies and Mrs M Davies
NAPS – Cllr P Burgess,

10/46

Recreation Ground

10/46.01

Wooden structures removed. Welding on embankment slide completed, Cllr B Noye to organise painting of slide.

10/46.02

Two residents have applied to join the Recreation Ground Advisory Committee, Cllr B Noye to re-advertise committee and will advise of meeting date.

10/46.03

Cllr M Davies to advise Clerk of contact for replacement tiles on Youth Shelter.

10/47

Neighbourhood Action Panels

Distraction burglary has been highlighted as a concern by the police, there are some communication issues with the NAPS and attendance. Issues going forward will be dog fouling and speeding.

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10/48 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interests

There was some concern regarding footballs being kicked into trees by members of the football club, Clerk to speak to football club. An update regarding Affordable Housing was given – the housing association are contacting land owners.

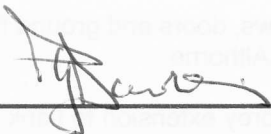
1049 Any Other Business/Information Exchange

DHGPC meeting 16th June at 7.30pm in Asheldham and Dengie.

10/50 Date of next meeting and Closure

23rd June 2010 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 14th June 2010

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.10pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council