

MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

HELD WEDNESDAY 27th OCTOBER 2010

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheadle (Clerk) and 1 members of the public

Before the meeting commenced Laura Stacey, Village Agent, gave a presentation explaining the background and purpose of the Village Agent scheme and the services it can provide.

10/160 Apologies for absence

None

10/161 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 22nd September 2010, having been previously circulated were amended to include the following addition to 10/139.05 "as well as major developments", the minutes were then agreed. *Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.* The minutes of Extra Ordinary meeting 30th September 2010, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.* The minutes of Extra Ordinary meeting 12th October 2010, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

10/162 Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Mrs M Davies and P Davies declared personal interests in agenda item 10/171.04. Cllr Mrs S Winter declared a personal interest in 10/172.06.

10/163 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

None

10/164 Transport Report

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report including the Dengie Hundred Bus User Group meeting on 28th September. A letter has been sent to John Whittingdale to try to arrange a meeting regarding government funding for the 31X. Althorne has been awarded Highly Commended in the Community Rail Awards Best Small Station category. New train timetables will be effective 10th December with trains at 40 minute intervals. The Community Bus is not well used despite having over 100 members.

10/165 District Councillors Report

None

10/166 Clerks Report

An EOM was arranged for 9th November at 8.00pm to discuss and agree a response to the ACT Action Plans which are to be supplied to the Clerk by Mrs Benjafield in advance of the meeting. Cllrs Mrs M Davies, Mrs S Winter and P Davies will be attending the Budget and Service Prioritisation meeting on 15th November and the DHGPC Quiz on 10th November. Clerk will advise.

10/167 Finance


10/167.01

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

£402.29	Mrs M Cheadle – wages to 26 th October 2010
£326.65	MDLandscapes – grass cutting 13 th and 27 th September
£0.26	NIC – to be paid by 5 th January
£15.00	DHGPC – affiliation fee
£50.00	Royal British Legion

10/167.02 Finance report proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, all in favour
Cllr P Burgess objected to the full budget spreadsheet not being available, Cllr Mrs M Davies pointed out that consideration must be given to the current family situation of the Clerk and RFO, Cllr P Davies stated that any payments to be made since the last meeting were agreed at the PC meeting and last month's financial papers were in order.

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10/168 Health Report

Cllr Mrs M Davies gave details of the NHS Mid Essex Trust meeting. The Central Referral System started on 6th September which redirects GP referrals to appropriate services. Pancreatic cancer centre at Addenbrooke is completed. Cllr Mrs M Davies has a copy of the PALS (Patient Advice Liaison Service) Directory. Annual Reports are available from Central Essex Community and NHS Mid Essex.

10/169 Essex County Council Budget Consultation

Cllr P Davies gave a presentation on the meeting and urged councillors to complete the Budget Maker available on the ECC website.

10/170 Planning

10/170.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council

Week Ending 17th September 2010

HOUSE/MAL/10/00733 – Proposed extension of residential mobile home
Creeksea View, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne.

Week Ending 24th September 2010

LDE/MAL/10/00808 – Claim for lawful development certificate for continued use of caravan for holidays and weekends

Plots 73 & 74 Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne.

HOUSE/MAL/10/00809 – Garage and single story extension to existing property

Rosebank, Burnham Road, Althorne

10/170.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council

None

10/170.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council

LDE/MAL/10/00808 – Claim for lawful development certificate for continued use of caravan for holidays and weekends, Plots 73 & 74 Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne.

It was agreed that Althorne Parish Council have no evidence regarding this application

LDE/MAL/10/00780 – Claim for lawful development certificate for continued use of caravan for holidays and weekends, Plots 76 & 77 Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne.

It was agreed that Althorne Parish Council have no evidence regarding this application

HOUSE/MAL/10/00733 – Proposed extension of residential mobile home, Creeksea View, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne.

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

- No flood plan submitted
- No details of footings to indicate compliance with building regulations in flood plain area
- Appears to be creating a hybrid mobile/fixed structure
- This application is retrospective
- Has the mobile home permanent residential use?

FUL/MAL/10/0683 – The siting of temporary accommodation for a period of one year or until the completion of main dwelling house, whichever is the sooner, The Thicket, Summerhill, Althorne.

Althorne Parish Council supports the above application, subject to the following condition:

- The temporary accommodation must be removed within a maximum of one year with no further time extension.

HOUSE/MAL/10/00809 – Garage and single story extension to existing property, Rosebank, Burnham Road, Althorne

Althorne Parish Council supports this application

10/170.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council

None

10/170.05

Response read from Jennifer Candler regarding the difference between dating of public notices and Parish Council. Cllr Mrs M Davies not happy with response as we will need to check the dates on the site notices and if different contact Planning Department. It was agreed that the Clerk would re draft the Standing Order regarding the procedure for dealing with planning applications.

10/171 Highways and Paths

10/171.01 Cllr P Burgess to invite Cllr Roy Martin, the Highways Panel Representative to the next PC meeting. Cllr P Burgess will resend the priorities list.

10/171.02 Clerk to contact Jackie Roerig regarding funding SID movement for next year

10/171.03 Cllr P Burgess to contact Jackie Roerig regarding the disappearance of the extension of 30mph limit to the Fambridge Road parish boundary from Highways Priority List

10/171.04 It was agreed that the Clerk would respond to ECC Highways stating that the Council supported the extension of the footway at Mansion House but would allocate it as a low priority on the Highways Localism priority list for Althorne/

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10/172 Recreation Ground

- 10/172.01 It was agreed to disband the Recreation Ground Advisory Committee as only one member of the public came forward. The Clerk will notify Mrs Smith. *Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, all in favour*
- 10/172.02 The work on the slide has been completed. A quote from Monster Play has been requested for the refilling of the sand for the Climbing Frame.
- 10/172.03 The tender process has been completed and the Youth Club chose Monster Play as the provider of both the Play Equipment and Skate park. Approximate locations have been discussed with the provider and drawings will be available. It was agreed to appoint Monster Play as the contractor for Phase 2 of the Play Equipment. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, 5 in favour, Cllr Mrs S Winter declared a personal interest*
- 10/172.04 A quote had been received from Monster Play for the car park extension. Cllr P Davies will investigate grant options.
- 10/172.05 Discussion regarding repairs to the tennis court will be deferred to next meeting
- 10/172.06 It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter to properties 40, 42 and 44 Highfield Rise stating that no permission had been granted to access the PC land from their gardens and that no one is permitted to annexe land along the boundary line and ask that owners desist from further cultivation of parish council land. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour*
- 10/172.07 Cllr P Davies will put small tables and chairs from Pavilion into skip and Clerk would arrange for collection as the community service team would not be back until 10th and 13th November

10/173 Neighbourhood Action Panels

- 10/173.01 *The next meeting will be on 30th November at Mundon*
- 10/173.02 Issues to be discussed at next parish council meeting

10/174 Fibre Optic Broadband

It was agreed that Cllr P Burgess would put an article in the AVN.

10/175 Reports from Meetings and Events attended

Cllr P Davies: Bus User Group, NAPs, NHS Mid Essex Board meeting, EALC AGM and ECC Budget meeting.
Cllr Mrs M Davies: Bus User Group, NAPs, NHS Mid Essex Board meeting,
Cllr P Burgess: NAPs

10/176 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interests

There was some discussion regarding the interpretation of the Code of Conduct and the council's Standing Orders in relation to councillors speaking with prejudicial interests.

10/177 Any Other Business/Information Exchange

Clerk reminded councillors of the Waste Consultation which would be on the next agenda. The council completed the RCCE Big Society questionnaire. Cllr Mrs M Davies queried the allowable height on a gazebo – 4m for pitched roof and 3m for a flat roof. *Cllr B Noye will lay the Remembrance Wreath on behalf of the council. Cllr P Burgess will update the AVN with councillor details*

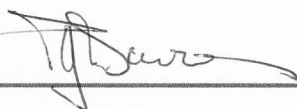
10/178 Date of next meeting

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

10/179 Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.35pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council