

## MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2010

**Present:**

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

**In Attendance:**

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk) and 6 members of the public. District Councillor Tony Cussen arrived during the presentation on the Highways Panel.

Before the commencement of the council meeting, Cllr Roy Martin from Stow Maries Parish Council and our local representative on the Highways Panel, discussed with the council the remit of the panel as he understood it and the details of the meeting held in October. A Speed Management Strategy at Essex County Council is to be implemented, the cost of Highway Rangers who will carry out some works is to be met from the Localism budget, There was discussion regarding prioritising the overall lists from parish councils, the reinstatement of the Althorne Parish sign at the entrance to the village along Fambridge Road. Cllr Martin will bring up any items on the Althorne Priority list that are not on the Essex County Council Highways list.

**10/186 Apologies for absence**

Cllr M Bassenger

**10/187 Minutes of Meetings**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> October 2010, having been previously circulated were agreed. Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, all in favour. The minutes of Extra Ordinary meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2010, having been previously circulated were agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Winter and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour. The Chairman signed them as a true record.

**10/188 Declaration of Interests**

None

**10/189 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda**

It was felt that Essex County Council should know about the items discussed regarding highways, there was some discussion regarding a planning application (HOUSE/MAL/10/00922 – Restawyle, Fambridge Road) as the site notice was not easily visible and there was an enforcement notice in place with regards to a separate issue, there was also concern raised regarding the funding of projects in the precept in light of the current financial situation.

**10/190 Transport Report**

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report including an update on the Dengie Bus Users Group meeting with John Whittingdale, the tv programme regarding the 31X bus has been aired, there are new bus timetables from 12<sup>th</sup> December, but the D6 will no longer meet the evenings trains, there is a proposal regarding hospital demand responsive transport service for the Dengie starting around April 2011 – further details to follow, the Althorne Community bus is not used by many people and it may be discontinued after the first year if underused.

**10/191 District Councillors Report**

Maldon District Council have adopted the job evaluation project at the last meeting. Cllr Mrs Davies queried the request for legal advice on Bush Grove Farm asked for in a set of Maldon District Council minutes – there is no legal recourse for action against Bush Grove Farm. Cllr Cussen has been assured that systems are being put in place by the planning department to ensure that the consultation period for planning applications is the same for public notices and parish councils. Cllr Davies queried the suggestion made by Maldon District Council CEO, Fiona Marshall at a recent meeting that some services may have to be provided by parishes due to budget constraints – Cllr Cussens will ask for details of services that will affect the parish council. There was some discussion regarding the use of section 106 funding.

**10/192 Clerks Report**

10/192.01 It was agreed that the December council meeting would be held on 15<sup>th</sup> December and that wine and mince pies would be purchased. Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, all in favour

10/192.02 A letter has been received from Althorne Community Together regarding the councils response to the action plan – the council's response will be put on the agenda for next meeting. The benches as previously agreed will be delivered to Cllr P Davies once delivered. Cllr B Noye will speak to Mr Bugg about installation

**10/193 Finance**

10/193.01 To advise members of the following receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing:

£443.70	Mrs M Cheatle - Clerk wages to 24th November 2010
£15.00	EALC - Election kit
£175.08	MDLandscapes – grass cutting November
£24.35	Mrs M Cheatle – Ink, pens
£101.93	Mr P Davies - paint and sundries for pavilion

10/193.02 Finance report proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs S Winter, all in favour  
It was agreed to purchase the Election Kit from EALC at a cost of £15.00. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour.*

**10/194 Health Report**

Cllr Mrs M Davies will give a report on the PCT Board Meeting that was held today at the next meeting – issues raised include the reception of Burnham Clinic not being manned all day due to budgets and funding.

**10/170 Planning**

10/195.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council

*Week Ending 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010*

LDE/MAL/10/00780 – Proposed extension of residential mobile home

Creeksea View, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne.

10/195.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council

*Week Ending 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010*

LDE/MAL/10/00780 – Claim for lawful development certificate for existing use of caravan for holidays and weekends

Plots 76 & 77 Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne. APPROVE

*Week Ending 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010*

FUL/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. . APPROVE

HOUSE/MAL/10/00683 – 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. APPROVE

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

Rosebank, Burnham Road, Althorne. APPROVE

10/195.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council

None

10/195.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council

HOUSE/MAL/10/00922 – Erection of wooden storage shed

Restawyle, Fambridge Road, Althorne

After some discussion it was agreed that Althorne Parish Council object to this application as it believes the size of the development will have a detrimental impact on the surrounding area. The council are also concerned regarding the future intentions of the applicant considering the number of proposed parking spaces

10/195.05 Response from Enforcement Officer regarding entrance at Buttons Hill Farm has been received and circulated – it was decided that the Clerk will contact planning enforcement stating that the entrance has been there for as long as the stables and that there needs to be a retrospective application for the entrance made.

**10/196 Highways and Paths**

There has been an accident near the War Memorial and the grass verge has gone leaving no safety margin for vehicles, the white line is now missing along the kerb before Station Road. The battery in the SID has been replaced and we are waiting for a quote from Highways regarding the cost of rotation. Cllr P Burgess to chase Environment Agency have cut back the vegetation along Footpath 12, all unlicensed obstructions have been removed, step over stile has been reinstalled, a dog friendly access will be put in. The site will be visited shortly and enforcement will become involved if necessary.

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Signed by 

**10/197 Recreation Ground**

- 10/197.01 Drawings and specifications of skate park sent to Steve Krolzig at Maldon District Council for approval. Work on the play area should commence around mid December
- 10/197.02 It was agreed to have the tennis court repaired at a cost of £760.00. Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour
- 10/197.03 It was agreed to have the football pitch aerated and fertilised at a cost of around £300.00. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour
- 10/172.04 Cllr Mrs M Davies noted thanks to Steve Krolzig for repairing the Youth Shelter roof, Clerk to contact David Moore regarding the base

**10/198 Neighbourhood Action Panels**

- 10/198.01 The next meeting will be on 30<sup>th</sup> November at Mundon
- 10/198.02 The issues to be put forward will be speeding. There was some discussion with District Councillor Cussen regarding the NAPs as there is a suggestion that Neighbourhood Watch may be reintroduced into communities.

**10/199 Reports from Meetings and Events attended**

- Cllr P Davies: PCT Board meeting, Budget presentation by Maldon District Council and DHGPC Quiz.
- Cllr Mrs M Davies: PCT Board meeting, Budget presentation by Maldon District Council and DHGPC Quiz
- Cllr P Burgess: Budget presentation by Maldon District Council and DHGPC Quiz
- Cllr Mrs M Winter: Budget presentation by Maldon District Council and DHGPC Quiz

**10/200 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interests**

It was suggested that the dates on the planning notices placed near the property be compared to the dates on the planning notices posted on the Maldon District Council website. A resident has complained to the refuse collection company regarding speeding trucks and they are looking into it. There was a discussion regarding the entrance to the field along Summerhill.

**10/201 Any Other Business/Information Exchange**

Cllr P Davies has received quotation for the footpath map at the Recreation Ground – this will be on a future agenda.

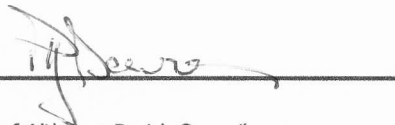
**10/202 Date of next meeting**

15<sup>th</sup> December 2010 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by 6th December 2010

**10/203 Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 9.35pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council