



MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2011

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatele (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

10/252 Apologies for absence

District Councillor Tony Cussen and County & District Councillor Bob Boyce

10/253 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 26th January 2011, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.* The minutes of the Extra Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 4th February 2011, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs S Winter and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

10/254 Declaration of Interests

Cllr B Noye declared a personal interest in agenda item 10/259

10/255 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

There was some discussion with members of Althorne Community Together ("ACT") regarding the payment of an invoice from monies being held by the Parish Council on their behalf. The Chairman apologised on behalf of the council for any perceived delay in responding but noted that the Clerk had acted properly within the council procedures. ACT requested that the Parish Plan be an agenda item at the parish council meetings, however it was noted that all issues the council had agreed to, bar one, had been covered so it did not need to be a regular item. It was noted by ACT that they had received a letter from a Senior Planning Officer at Maldon District Council saying that the Parish Plan would be used as background information.

10/256 Transport Report

Mrs Benjafield provided a detailed report including an update on the Community Bus which was full on both days the previous week, the Bus Users' Group are holding a meeting with Richard Howitt (Labour MEP) to discuss any possible funding for an enhanced bus service and there was some discussion regarding supported bus services. Mrs Benjafield emailed an idea to Essex County Council Big Society "Call for ideas" regarding an enhanced 31X bus service and will be attending a RCCE transport event.

10/257 District Councillors Report

None

10/258 Clerks Report

The election timetable is now available, papers have to be returned to Maldon District Council by 4th April. Papers have been returned to the Queen Elizabeth II Field Challenge and the field will be inspected on 23rd March. Cllr P Davies noted that the request from ACT regarding release of funds had to be in relation to the production of the parish plan.


10/259 Issues relating to Parish Plan

After some discussion regarding the issues listed in the ACT Parish Plan as the Parish Council responsibility it was agreed that a notice would be published in the AVN explaining to the public the actions the Parish Council had agreed to. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.*

10/260 Royal British Legion Poppy Party

After some discussion it was agreed that the council would not sponsor a poppy party. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour.*

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10/261 Finance

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

£925.84	Point Graphics (money transferred from Parish Plan account)
£50.00	Rent to Parish Hall
£163.27	BT
£554.85	Clerk wages to 28 th February 2011
£124.00	MDLandscape – spiking
£15.75	Bremmins PAT
£21,500.00	Monster Play (grant monies received)
£224.40	Token box for pavilion
£153.52	Mrs M Cheatle (paper towels, ink and paper)

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

10/262 Health Report

Cllr Mrs M Davies gave some details from the PCT Board meeting attended at the end of January, including two new centres for blood testing in Chelmsford, A&E standards fell below the standard for a few days due to an increase in winter bugs, the 18 week standard for operations is at risk because of the backlog but plans are in place to clear the backlog. Mid Essex Health Trust have seen improvements in cleanliness.

10/263 Planning

- 10/263.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council
Week ending 21st January 2011
FUL/MAL/10/01098 – Replacement four bedroom dwelling
Pamorama, Fambridge Road, Althorne
Week ending 28th January 2011
HOUSE/MAL/11/00016 – Two storey rear extension using timber frame construction
The Limes, Burnham Road, Althorne
Week ending 11th February 2011
FUL/MAL/10/01010 PP-01298041 – Minor material amendment to planning consent
FL/MAL/06/00912. Amendments to chimney stacks, dormers and balcony railings
New Property at Stokes Hall, Burnham Road, Althorne
- 10/263.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council
FUL/MAL/10/00986 – Retrospective application for new timber stable building and change of use of land from agricultural to recreational equestrian use
Buttons Hill Farm, Southminster Road, Althorne APPROVE
- 10/263.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council since last meeting
FUL/MAL/10/01098 – Replacement four bedroom dwelling
Pamorama, Fambridge Road, Althorne
Althorne Parish Council supports this application
HOUSE/MAL/11/00016 – Two storey rear extension using timber frame construction
The Limes, Burnham Road, Althorne
Althorne Parish Council supports this application
- 10/263.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council
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New Property at Stokes Hall, Burnham Road, Althorne
It was agreed that Althorne Parish Council support this application

10/264 Highways and Paths

Clerk to contact Highway Rangers directly as there has been no response to emails to Highways Department. The recent outflow of water by Highfield Rise has been repaired. Anglian Water advised it is possible that a tanker may be discharging into the sewer system and any suspected incidents should be reported. Clerk to chase Norman Hume office for response to letter regarding kerb by Station Road. There was some discussion regarding the localism panel and speed limit extensions.

10/265 Recreation Ground

We are waiting for the ground to dry before installation of play equipment can continue. Bins and benches have arrived and need to go into pavilion until installed. Clerk to ask if anyone from football club can help. Clerk to purchase anchorage for benches. Repairs to tennis court will take place in the next couple of weeks. Cllr B Noye to look into the drains outside pavilion.

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10/266 Neighbourhood Action Panels

Clerk to find out dates and location for next NAP meeting.

10/267 Reports from Meetings and Events attended

Cllr Mrs M Davies and Cllr P Burgess: Crime Reduction meeting 9th February

10/268 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interests

There was some discussion regarding the Parish Plan and perceived opposition from the council. There was some discussion on the sewage situation in the lower part of the village and it was explained that the council have no influence over Anglian Water and it is better for a number of residents to lodge complaints than a singular one by the council.

10/269 Any Other Business/Information Exchange

Laura Stacey, the local Village Agent will be attending the next parish council at 7.00pm. Cllr P Davies has spoken to the owners of the property near the post office where it is proposed to locate the new notice board and will take photos to be sent to Highways department. Clerk to contact David Moore, in writing, regarding the quotation for repairs to the youth shelter base.

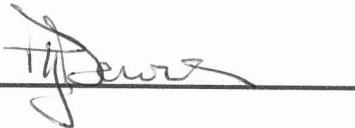
10/270 Date of next meeting

23rd March 2011 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by email before 14th March 2011

10/271 Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 9.20pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council