



## MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011

### Present:

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

### In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), District Councillor Tony Cussen and 5 members of the public.

### 10/229 Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs S Winter and County & District Councillor Bob Boyce

The Chairman expressed condolences, on the behalf of Althorne Parish Council, to Cllr Bob Boyce on the recent passing of his wife.

### 10/230 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 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.

### 10/231 Declaration of Interests

None

### 10/232 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

None

### 10/233 Transport Report

The recent incident involving a lorry overturning into the field near the War Memorial was reported to Highways. There was some discussion regarding the responsibility for correcting the problem along that stretch of road, whereby the verge has been previously removed by Essex County Council Highways dept. Cllr P Davies wrote, with the permission of the councillors, to Norman Hume and is awaiting a response. There was some discussion regarding concerns over the Local Highways Panel and the handling of issues by the representatives. Clerk to email priority list given to the Althorne Rep to District Councillor Tony Cussen.

Mrs Benjafield provided a detailed report. It included details of the recent activities undertaken by the Dengie Hundred Bus Users Group, the continuation of the funding by Essex County Council for the Community Shopper Bus to Maldon and information regarding the Essex County Council Local Transport Plan 2011-2016. Mrs Benjafield has submitted some written evidence to the parliamentary Transport Select Committee on bus services after the Spending Review which has been accepted and is now included on their website

### 10/234 District Councillors Report

District Councillor Tony Cussen advised that the budget would presented to council next Thursday, there have been cuts in grants so there will be impact on spending. There was some discussion regarding the free green waste collection service and the meaning of Localism.

### 10/235 Clerks Report

- 10/235.01 It was agreed to defer the February Parish Council until Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Annual Parish Assembly meeting will be held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April and the Annual Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> May.
- 10/235.02 The leaflets and posters as previously distributed were agreed. It was agreed that the council would pay to have the leaflets placed in the AVN for the two months prior to the election, if possible. Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour. Clerk to contact AVN regarding publication of the leaflets.

### 10/236 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

It was agreed to accept the amendment to the Standing Orders in relation to Planning as previously distributed. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour

### 10/237 Queen Elizabeth 2 Field Challenge

It was agreed to complete the form of intent in relation to registering the Recreation Ground under the Field Challenge. Proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr P Davies, 4 in favour, 1 against. Clerk to contact.

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**10/238 Royal British Legion Poppy Party**

It was agreed that Cllr P Burgess would place an article in AVN asking interested residents to contact Cllr B Noye who will be acting in a private capacity

**10/239 Finance**

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

£374.53	Mrs M Cheatle – Clerks wages to 26 <sup>th</sup> January
£14.29	Mrs M Cheatle – postage
£400.00	Althorne Parish Hall Rent
£23.35	Mr P Davies – decorating sundries for pavilion
£22.81	Pavilion Utilites
£29.00	CPRE – membership
£15.00	Viking Transport membership
£497.03	Fawns – Coloured picnic bench for play area
£1,756.34	British Recycled Products – bench and wheelchair access picnic bench
£1,015.80	Streetmaster – three Cardiff Bins
£63.45	MDLandscapes – grass cutting

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

It was agreed to renew the membership to the Viking Community Transport for a further year, *proposed by Cllr B Noye and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies*

Cllr Mrs M Davies asked that councillors speak to the Clerk in advance of the meeting regarding questions on the finance sheet as it is distributed along with the agendas.

**10/240 Emergency Planning**

Cllr Mrs M Davies reported that the volunteer list has been updated and a new telephone cascade and duties list is to be distributed with a new explanation letter. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour*

**10/241 Health Report**

Cllr Mrs M Davies will give a summary of the PCT Board Meeting attended today at next meeting. The PCT are proposing to hold a new consultation regarding radiotherapy services which are currently held at Colchester and Southend – it is important for individuals to complete the questionnaire in relation to services being provided at Broomfield Hospital.

**10/242 Planning**

- 10/242.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council  
*Week ending 7<sup>th</sup> January 2011*  
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  
LDE/MAL/10/01091 – Claim for Certificate of Lawfulness: Siting of two static and one touring carvan for leisure use only
- 10/242.02 Plots 123 & 124 Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne  
Decisions advised by Maldon District Council  
None
- 10/242.03 Responses made by Althorne Parish Council  
None
- 10/242.04 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish 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  
After some discussion it was agreed that Althorne Parish Council support this application.  
LDE/MAL/10/01091 – Claim for Certificate of Lawfulness: Siting of two static and one touring carvan for leisure use only  
Plots 123 & 124 Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne
- 10/242.05 It was agreed that Althorne Parish Council have no knowledge regarding this application  
Clerk reminded Councillors there were two more applications in the Planning Book requiring a response. Clerk noted that a response had been received from the Enforcement Officer regarding some queries that had been raised: Witchwood - Appeal lodged; Flat Above Garage at Stitches Farm – Appeal being submitted; Land near Peyton Cottage – new planning application received for temporary permission for containers

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**10/243 Highways and Paths**

10/243.01 It was agreed that the Chairman will speak to the owners of the property near the Post Office where the council are proposing to situate the new notice board. Clerk waiting confirmation from Highways in order to apply for planning permission.

10/243.02 Cllr Burgess contacted Highways regarding the overturned lorry and asked for signs to be put up, his comments and query has been logged at Highways. Clerk to request new organisation chart. Cllr Burgess asked the council to consider purchasing a new SID battery as the current one did not appear to be holding its charge. Clerk to contact Rangers to reposition SID outside Fords Garage. Stokes Hall have installed a new Kissing Gate along the seawall.

**10/244 Recreation Ground**

10/244.01 It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for RoSPA to carry out the annual playground check. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr P Davies, all in favour*

10/244.02 Discussion regarding grass cutting contract will be deferred to next meeting

10/244.03 Community Payback have completed the repainting of the pavilion interior, bar approximately half a day's work. Cllr P Davies will get prices for the fixing of benches.

**10/245 Neighbourhood Action Panels**

Issues to be put forward will be discussed at the next meeting.

**10/246 ECC Transport consultation document**

It was agreed to hold an EOM on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2011 at 10.00am at the Pavilion, Althorne Recreation Ground to complete the consultation. Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr P Burgess, all in favour

**10/247 Reports from Meetings and Events attended**

*Cllr P Davies: Mid Essex Forum, Highways Localism Panel, Turncole Wind Farm as an observer, Mid Essex PCT Board Meeting*

*Cllr Mrs M Davies: Turncole Wind Farm as an observer, Mid Essex PCT Board Meeting*

*Cllr P Burgess: Highways Localism Panel*

**10/248 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interests**

There was some discussion regarding the recent letter sent by the Parish Council to residents of Highfield Rise whose properties back onto the dog walk in relation to access.

**10/249 Any Other Business/Information Exchange**

Cllr P Burgess requested that the British Legion Poppy Party be put on the next agenda. The Clerk reminded councillors that the Mineral Development Consultation was available in the office. Cllr Mrs M Davies noted that the Village Agents had received sufficient funding to continue which was good news.

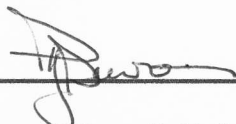
**10/250 Date of next meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 – items for Agenda to be notified to Clerk by email before 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011

**10/251 Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting was closed at 10.15pm

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Chairman of Althorne Parish Council