

MINUTES OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 26th OCTOBER 2011

Present:

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

In Attendance:

Michelle Cheatle (Clerk), and 1 member of the public.

11/141 Apologies for absence

Councillor Mrs S Winter and District Councillor Tony Cussen

11/142 Minutes of Meetings

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 28th September 2011, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.* The minutes of the extra ordinary Parish Council meeting 5th October 2011, having been previously circulated were agreed. *Proposed by Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour.* The Chairman signed them as a true record.

11/143 Declaration of Interests

Cllr P Burgess declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 11/152.01

11/144 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

None.

11/145 Transport Report

Mrs Benjafield gave a detailed report including details of the Community Rail Partnership Adopter Awards in which Althorne Station was a finalist in the Best Small Station category, the D6 Bus extension to September 2012 and an update on the Dengie Connections Contract 2012. The consultation on the contract requires residents to complete an online survey, Cllr P Davies will contact the Village Agents manager to discuss assistance where needed.

11/146 P3 Report

None.

11/147 District Councillors Report

None.

11/148 Clerks Report

Cllr Mrs M Davies expressed her sadness that the Clerk had resigned and planned to comment further during AOB It was agreed that the council would not take part in the building and lighting of Beacons for the Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Cllrs to advise attendance at the DHGPC Quiz on 16th November. It was agreed that the council were happy to be nominated by Chelmsford Borough Council to take part in BIOPICCC (Built Infrastructure or Older People in Conditions of Climate Change) project, proposed b7 Cllr P Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour

11/149 Finance

11/149.01 The following payments were approved for payment and signing:

£190.00	MDL grass cutting 12 th September
£50.00	Royal British Legion Poppy Wreath
£444.14	Mrs M Cheatle – Clerk wages
£1,512.00	Grippit
£538.00	Mr J Bugg – sandpit boards and tennis court maintenance

The confirmed quote from Grippit was received re new notice board (£1,260.00 plus vat), and it was agreed to proceed with the purchase. *Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour.* The date for the precept meeting was set for Saturday 12th November at 7.00pm. The bank have confirmed that Cllrs B Noye and Mrs S Winter have been added to the mandate.

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

11/150 Quality Council Progress Report

The council will not be able to apply until it is known whether the new clerk will have the CiLCA qualification.

11/151 Health Report

None

11/152 Planning

11/152.01 Applications advised by Maldon District Council

Week ending 23rd September 2011

FUL/MAL/11/00756 – Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and construction of two single storey dwellings. Construction of additional vehicular access to the highway.

Trelanner, Summerhill, Althorne

FUL/MAL/11/00831 – Install two systems of solar panels on existing livestock building

Birs Yard, Lower Burnham Road, Latchingdon

Week ending 30th September 2011

FUL/MAL/11/00699 – Claim for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of residential mobile home.

Plot 78, Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne

Week ending 7th October 2011

FUL/MAL/11/00846 – Removal of agricultural occupancy condition of planning consent MAL/594/82-condition 2.

Hill Farm, Burnham Road, Althorne

11/152.02

Decisions advised by Maldon District Council

Week ending 30th September 2011

FUL/MAL/11/00467 – Removal of condition 1 of approval FUL/MAL/99/00919 to enable the property to be used for unrestricted residential use

Stockmans Lodge, Stokes Hall Farm, Burnham Road, Althorne. REFUSED

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. APPEAL ALLOWED

Week ending 14th October 2011

FUL/MAL/11/00643 – Use of existing building as a weekend and holiday retreat.

Land Adjacent to Limes Cottages, Burnham Road, Althorne. REFUSED

11/152.03

Responses made by Althorne Parish Council since last meeting

FUL/MAL/11/00791 – Two general purpose agricultural buildings connected with livestock and ancillary storage. Replace previous approval FUL/MAL/04/00866 at holding known as Bir's Yard

Bir's Yard, Lower Burnham Road, Latchingdon

Althorne Parish Council support this application subject to the following:

- The development be for the sole purpose of agricultural use and should not be permitted to develop for residential purposes.

- Previous approval FUL/MAL/04/00866 is over ridden and no longer valid

FUL/MAL/11/00831 – Install two systems of solar panels on existing livestock building

Bir's Yard, Lower Burnham Road, Latchingdon

Althorne Parish Council support this application

FUL/MAL/11/00756 – Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and construction of two single storey dwellings. Construction of additional vehicular access to the highway.

Trelanner, Summerhill, Althorne

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

- There will be an additional access onto a busy main road
- The site will be over developed

FUL/MAL/11/00699 – Claim for Lawful Development Certificate for existing use of residential mobile home.

Plot 78, Smugglers Club Ground, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne

Althorne Parish Council have no evidence regarding this application

11/152.04

Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council

FUL/MAL/11/00846 – Removal of agricultural occupancy condition of planning consent MAL/594/82-condition 2.

Hill Farm, Burnham Road, Althorne

It was agreed to make the following response:

Althorne Parish Council object to the above application as it believes that the agricultural residency and tye should remain as the house is situated in a farm area and once sold without any tye further properties could be built.:

11/152.05

It was agreed to make the following representation to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the appeal on 8 Highfield Rise, Althorne. Proposed by Cllr P Burgess and seconded by Cllr Mrs M Davies, all in favour

With reference to the above appeal Althorne Parish Council would like to make the following comment:

- This property is a bungalow situated in an estate of bungalows where most residents take a pride in their properties and their front gardens.

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Signed by 

- However, No 8 is the exception to this. The parish council has received a number of written and verbal comments complaining about the appearance of the front garden of this property, which has for a number of years resembled a builders yard, with piles of paver bricks, sand and ballast, topsoil and other materials.
- Occupant operates a garden maintenance and landscaping business from the premises and seems to be using the front garden for the storage of materials used in the business as material seems to come and go.
- This property is most unsuitable for this purpose.
- We understand that the occupant has appealed the MDC order to clear up the site, claiming that all the materials stored are there for the purpose of landscaping his own front garden. If this is the case, as it has been like this for approximately the last six years, if this appeal is allowed, then it would be reasonable to put a condition on the approval that the work be completed in a reasonable time, after which the site should be cleared whether the work has been completed or not

11/153 Highways and Paths

11/153.01

After some debate it was agreed that the council would prefer that a barrier rail along Fambridge Road from the junction with Summerhill to just before the entrance of 'The Old Rectory' be added as well as the road widened.

11/153.02

Emails to ECC Highways regarding white line marking along Fambridge Road and the repositioning of the Speed Indicator Device has been acknowledged. Cllr P Davies will speak to Highways asking them to have a look at the overgrown hedge at the corner of Kirk Mews. Clerk to respond the correspondence from Highways regarding the outstanding items on the Reserve Scheme List.

11/154 Recreation Ground

11/154.01

The sandpits at the climbing frame and rocking animals has been replenished and a border installed. Waiting for a quote for the installation of bollards to prevent parking outside the pavilion.

11/154.02

Cllr B Noye noted that PC Bowen will be attending the field to speak to a dog owner who has persistently walking a dog off lead in the Recreation Ground. There is broken glass near the pavilion that needs to be cleaned up. Top soil to be ordered by Cllr P Davies.

11/155 Textile Recycling Bin

Clerk to find out more information from Air Ambulance

11/156 Queen Elizabeth II Field Challenge

The outcome of the public meeting was discussed where the public present voted unanimously in favour of proceeding under a Non Charitable Trust status. It was agreed that the council would proceed with this process on a Non Charitable Trust basis and with the added proviso that the council reserves the right to build a community hall if the need arises in the future. Proposed by Cllr Mrs M Davies and seconded by Cllr B Noye, all in favour

11/157 Neighbourhood Action Panel

None

11/158 Reports from Meetings and Events attended

Cllrs B Noye, Mrs S Winter and P Davies attended the MDC Strategic Planning meeting

11/159 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest

None

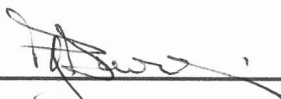
11/160 Any Other Business/Information Exchange

There was lengthy discussion regarding the clerk vacancy and the procedures. Cllr P Burgess to draw up a new procedure. Cllr Mrs M Davies expressed her sadness at the Clerks resignation and thanked her for all the work that had been done for the council. 7th November is the deadline for applications. Cllr P Davies has amended the clerk contract to include the Parish Hall duties, it will be distributed to councillors for comment

11/161 Date of next meeting and Closure

Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm. The next meeting will be held on 23rd November 2011, items for the agenda to be notified in writing to the Clerk by 14th November

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Chairman of Athorne Parish Council