

## Castle Hedingham Parish Council Meeting

Report of a meeting of the Parish Council of Castle Hedingham held in Castle Hedingham Club on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

**Police Report:** A written report was read out by the Clerk.

Crime Statistics in the last month were:

1x Burglary other (non-dwelling)

1x Attempted Burglary

1x Disturbance

1x Road Traffic Collision and Decamp of driver

1x Obstruction

1x Criminal Damage

Essex Police warns residents that thefts from sheds are on the increase. Advice is available from the Essex Police website: <http://www.essex.police.uk>

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting.** The minutes were proposed by Mrs J Hart seconded by Mr G Pewter and signed by the Chairman.

### Clerk's Report and Matters Arising from the Minutes

#### St Nicholas Churchyard Wall:

The builder will commence repairs on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August, and weed removal will commence on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August.

#### Bingham Pottery:

**Resolved:** To keep the collection in the village. Measurements and photographs of individual pieces to be taken to supply to cabinet makers.

**Telephone Box, Nunnery Street:** The clerk will contact BT again to find out how a resident could purchase and remove this.

**High speed Broadband:** County Broadband will be asked to make a presentation at the 16th September meeting, between 7.15 and 7.45pm

#### Essex CC and Braintree Reports:

Cllr Wendy Scattergood reported that she had organised a recent Charity Golf Day which raised £4,041.00.

A Hedingham School student reached the final of the Jack Petchey awards, gaining fourth place overall which is an excellent achievement.

Cllr Scattergood has been working with local businesses to identify ways of improving their success in employing suitable apprentices. Jobs are available and motivated apprentices with the right skills are now needed.

There is no news from the substation consultation with National Grid, but they have organised meetings with Braintree District Council for October.

Cllr Hylton Johnson reinforced concerns about the increase in thefts from sheds in the area.

He also reported that Braintree District Economic Development has completed their Prospectus and aims to achieve a target of 14,000 new jobs in the district by 2026. Parishes are encouraged to give their comments by 20<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at [economicd@braintree.gov.uk](mailto:economicd@braintree.gov.uk). The clerk has a copy of the Prospectus.

**Correspondence:****Items for Consideration.**

**Site Allocations and Development Management Plan** – Consideration by Council 23rd September 2013. The draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan was published for a 6 week period in January and February this year for public comments. Around 1600 comments were received on the document and these responses have been considered by the Local Development Framework Sub-Committee at their meetings in March, April, May, June and July, and changes have been recommended to the draft plan. Braintree District Council will be approving the next version of the plan known as the Pre Submission draft Site Allocations and Development Management Plan for consultation at a special meeting on Monday 23rd September at Causeway House. This meeting replaces the previously advised date of the 25th July. The Pre Submission draft document will be published on the Council's website before the meeting via the link below and the meeting will also be webcast. <http://www.braintree.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/499/council>

Following approval by the Council, the document will be published for a further 6 week engagement period, before it is submitted for public examination by an independent planning inspector appointed by the government. This will take place later in 2014.

**Braintree District Council** In the last few weeks the Government has made a number of changes to the legislation governing the development that can take place as "permitted development" and thus not require planning permission. These changes have expanded the scope of permitted development and are one element of the government's objectives "to make the planning system work more efficiently and effectively". There has been some national media coverage of these changes, particularly the increase in the size of home extensions, but the other changes are more complex. A Summary of the changes has been forwarded to the Planning Committee.

**Other**

**Braintree District Council** – Superfast Broadband Campaign materials have been delivered to the Parish Clerk for local distribution, and have been supplied to village shops and the surgery.

**Braintree District Council.** A Waste & Recycling Doorstepping Campaign will be carried out locally from 22<sup>nd</sup> August to the end of September, to encourage recycling of dry recyclables and use of food waste bins.

**Highways Matters:****Highway Reports:**

The first stage traffic request for the Wheatsheaf Corner has been refused by Highways, on the grounds that many historic villages have a similar problem and there have been no personal injury collisions in the last 5 years in this area

**Weight Restriction B1058**

The request for the weight restriction sign at the entrance to Station Road is to be moved to the entrance to Rippers Court has been refused, since by then it is too late for HGVs to turn round. The passage of HGVs through the village will be monitored to see if additional signs are needed.

**Future Discussions with Hedingham Castle about leases and land use**

**Resolved:** To await the decision of the Planning Inspectorate on the use of land at the Recreation Field.

**Resolved:** To relinquish back to Hedingham Castle the portion of land between the Memorial Garden and Rippers Yard.

**Action:** Clerk to inform Jason Lindsay of these resolutions.

**Service Level Agreement from Braintree District Council for transfer of Public Toilets.**

**Resolved:** To arrange a meeting with the Head of Operations at BDC to agree a simpler arrangement.

**Local Government Boundary Commission request for feedback on ward boundaries.**

**Resolved:** To respond that Castle Hedingham Parish Council did not wish for the reduction in District Councillors from 60 to 50, and therefore does not want to re-draw the ward boundaries.

**Purchase of Boiler for Memorial Hall:**

The Memorial Hall Committee is applying for grants for the replacement of the heating and hot water boilers.

**Any Other Business**

**Footpath by timber yard.** The clerk will ask Highways to visit the wood yard site to request that the problems are remedied.

**Footpath New Park.** Nettles and brambles are obstructing the footpath. The clerk will contact Greenfields.

**Obstructions St James Street.** The clerk will contact Braintree Planning.

**Kerbs and drains St James Street.** The clerk will request that these are cleaned.

**Telephone Box St James St.** The clerk will request an update from The Bell about progress with the renovation.

**Date of Next Meetings:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.15pm.  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2013 at 7:45pm