

## Castle Hedingham Parish Council Meeting

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council of Castle Hedingham held in Castle Hedingham Club on Monday 15 July 2013.

**Public Forum:** Revd Laurie Bond thanked the Parish Council for arranging removal of the conifer tree which was damaging the Churchyard wall in Church Lane. A specialist builder has been instructed to carry out repairs to the wall in Church Lane and Church ponds, but is not able to start work immediately.

**Police Report:** None.

### Redundant Telephone Poles:

BT has applied for two way traffic lights for removal of the poles from St James Street, Queen Street and Sheepcot Road. This application may take 12 weeks. The clerk will inform Mr Buckley Saxon of progress.

### St Nicholas Churchyard Wall:

**Resolved:** To accept quote from village contractor to remove weeds at base of wall in Church Lane and Church Ponds, and to kill weeds damaging the wall at the end of the growing season.

### Cemetery:

**Resolved:** Mr J Philp will re-stake the Millennium Oak and remove the sycamore sapling. The clerk will contact the village contractor to check if the compost store proposed is big enough for the grass clippings, and obtain an alternative quote for replacement of the Perspex in the noticeboard

### Bingham Pottery:

The clerk will contact Braintree Museum to obtain advice about storage and display cabinets.

**Parked Caravan in Conservation Area:** This is not a planning issue as long as nobody is living in the caravan. Complaints should be directed to Carter Jonas, who let the property.

**Allotment Field by Memorial Hall:** Hedingham Castle requests a donation of £50 to the Friends of St Nicholas Church each time the allotment field is used for overflow parking. This is equal to the amount it costs in labour, machinery and diesel to mow the field.

**Telephone Box, Nunnery Street:** A resident wishes to remove this. The clerk will check who should be contacted at BT.

**Braintree District Council.** Open Spaces Action Plan 2013. Review of Formal Sports and Recreation Facilities (includes Multi Use Games Areas (MUGA) and sports pavilion / changing facilities, but excludes Playground Equipment). Response requested to survey by 9<sup>th</sup> August 2013.

**Rural Services Network.** Superfast broadband provision will be expanded so 95% of UK premises will have access to superfast broadband by 2017. Previously the target had been 2015. The National Audit Office has criticised a process that lacks competition and transparency. Only British Telecom has bid for a £530m government subsidy to build superfast rural internet networks.

**Ashley House plc.** GP practice profiles have been received, ready for the architect to compile a schedule of accommodation for the 3 practices in Castle and Sible Hedingham at the Premdor site development.

**Parish Transport Meetings.** Services are being re-tendered to commence in September and the autumn meeting dates have been arranged.

### Highway Reports:

The following problems will be reported

1. Potholes in Nunnery Street

2. Potholes in Kirby Hall Road
3. Blocked drains at Sudbury Hill
4. Buried drain at Queen Street

The clerk now keeps a list of all reported Highways problems so that these can be chased and reported to Cllr David Finch if no action has been taken.

#### **Weight Restriction B1058**

An "Unsuitable for HGVs" sign has been installed at the junction of Yeldham Road and Station Road. A weight restriction sign has been attached to the Castle Hedingham direction sign in Swan Street. The weight restriction sign at the entrance to Station Road is to be moved to the entrance to Rippers Court.

#### **Participation in the 2013/2014 Winter Salt Bag Partnership Scheme:**

**Resolved:** To apply for a pallet of 42 x 25kg bags, to be delivered to the village contractor and stored in the Pump House.

#### **Superfast Broadband.**

A Parish Summit has been arranged by Braintree District Council to address the low response in the district to the Superfast Essex Campaign. Mr G Southgate will attend. The Friends of St Nicholas have agreed for representatives from BDC to attend the Parish Picnic on September 14<sup>th</sup> to promote the campaign.

A representative from County Broadband, an alternative local supplier, will be asked to attend the August Parish Council meeting to make a presentation.

#### **Magna Carta 2015.**

**Resolved:** A small committee will co-ordinate planning of events. The first meeting is planned in late August. The clerk will return the completed expression of interest form to Peter Sinclair, the Magna Carta organiser.

#### **Castle Hedingham Website:**

**Resolved:** To prepare the website for launch by August 12<sup>th</sup> 2013

**Footpath overgrown by timber yard:** The clerk will request for this to be cleared..

**Footpath between New Park and Pottery Lane.** The laurel bush has been trimmed. The clerk will request the hedges are cut back on the rest of the path.

**Overgrown hedges in Bayley Street and Kirby Hall Road** The clerk will request for these to be cut.

**Overgrown hedges Bowmans Park:** The clerk will contact Greenfields.

**Churchyard grass.** The village contractor will be asked to cut this once a week if necessary.

**The Bell Beer Festival:** This will take place from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**Winter Gritting, Kirby Hall Road.** The clerk will request that this approach to the primary school is done with Nunnery Street.

**Date of Next Meetings:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7:45pm.  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at 7.45pm.