

Castle Hedingham Parish Council Meeting

Draft minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council of Castle Hedingham held in Castle Hedingham Club on Monday 17 June 2013.

Public Forum: Parishioners asked about the parking situation at Crouch Green, following warnings from police that fixed penalty fines would be issued for damaging the verge and obstructing the sight lines turning onto the A1017. Police have asked residents and motorists to report registration numbers of parked vehicles by calling 101. The clerk will contact Essex County Council to request action to repair damaged areas.

Police Report: 7 reported incidents since 20th March, none of them were crime related.

St Nicholas Churchyard Wall: The builder has now submitted a quote. It was agreed to arrange removal of the conifer which is damaging the wall. Councillors will also look at weeds along the whole churchyard wall in preparation for a decision on their removal at the July meeting.

Premdor Site: Cllr Worley reported from Braintree Planning meeting that the Bloor Homes application has now been approved.

Braintree District Council A hard copy of the revised Emergency Plan is now available and will be kept on file by the clerk

Braintree District Council. Improvements to Halstead Leisure Centre will commence during summer 2013 with new cardiovascular and weight resistance equipment in the gym, a refurbished studio and a new spin studio, along with improvements to the sports hall and dry changing facilities.

Essex County Council. Superfast Broadband. To date the survey at www.superfastessex.org has received more than 10,200 responses. A map of current Essex Superfast Broadband Coverage is posted on St James St and Kirby Hall noticeboards.

Wheatsheaf Corner: It was agreed that a First Stage traffic assessment be requested from Highways following an accident and several near misses at this dangerous corner.

Drains along St James Street: Several drains continue to be blocked. Clerk to report

Works required as Playing Field following safety inspection: The village contractor will be contacted to discuss works needed from a priority list and obtain quote.

Castle Hedingham Website: The website is available for Councillors to view on the server before its full launch. Suggestions as to content are welcomed by the clerk. The Village Design Statement, list of village contacts, organisations and footpath maps were suggested. A more concise form of minutes was discussed for posting on the website when launched.

Magna Carta Celebrations for 2015: Cllr R Worley reported from the initial meeting on May 28th in Bury St Edmunds. An association is proposed which will require commitment, financial support and proposals for activities. An inaugural meeting will take place, probably in Leicester, in September. The clerk has spoken to Hedingham Castle and forwarded information and links to websites. For agenda July meeting

Footpath Sheepcot Rd to New Park: Nettles are very high. Clerk to contact contractor to ask for these to be cut.

Footpaths maintenance. A letter will be sent to Mr Charlie Bird to express thanks for his work on the village footpaths.

Telephone Box at Nunnery Street: Clerk to request again for BT to remove this

Tennis Club Wall: A grant application is to be submitted by the tennis club to Essex Heritage Trust for repair of this historic wall.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 15th July 2013 at 07:45 pm