

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
MONDAY 11th August 2014 AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB AT 7.45PM**

Present: Cllrs Allfrey, Hart, Higgins Moffat, Pewter, Scrivens, Southgate,
In the Chair: Cllr Allfrey
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: 2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Philp and Cllr Worley for absence, also from Cllrs Finch, Johnson and Beavis

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 14th July 2014 were approved as a correct record of events.

Proposed: Cllr Scrivens Seconded: Cllr Moffat Signed by the Chairman

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

A resident requested permission to install a bench under the tree at Crouch Green, in memory of her late husband. The Parish Council welcomes the idea in principle as long as it is properly anchored. The bench recently installed in St Nicholas Churchyard gives an example of the type of fixings needed. The clerk will check with the relevant authorities to ensure no additional permission is required.

5. PROGRESS CHECK

1141 4 Cllr Moffat has been contacted by the Definitive Map Officer at Essex County Council regarding the proposed diversion of Footpath 11 behind Nunnery Street. A compromise may be possible whereby the residents will accept the diversion if the landowner plants a hedge between the footpath and their gardens. This would be an informal agreement and not legally enforceable. The Braintree District Council dog warden also advises that it is easier to enforce dog fouling laws on a footpath which is bounded by a hedge or fence.

1094 6.3 A quote and drawings have been received for a bespoke cabinet to be built to house the Bingham Pottery in St Nicholas Church. The clerk will organise a meeting in the church with the contractor, Councillors and Revd Laurie Bond to formalise the plans and discuss the practicalities.

1115 7 Essex County Council Highways have responded to the request for another speed check on the A1017, further north from the junction with Nunnery Street. The speed check has to be at least 50 metres inside the 40mph limit. The request will be put to Braintree Traffic Panel.

6. HIGHWAYS

The clerk will report the following issues:

- Potholes along Rosemary Lane
- Potholes along Kirby Hall Road between Hewsons and Lippingwells
- Blocked storm drain at the junction with Bayley Street and St James St
- Blocked drains at Station Road, and drain problem on green at Sheepcot Rd.
- Request jet washing of blocked drains throughout the village.

7. REPORTS

Police/PCSO: A written report for 12th July to 9th August 2014 was received from PC Carter: 1x nuisance noise, 1x road traffic collision, 2x abandoned 999 (both children playing on the phone), 1x obstruction, 2x abandoned vehicle, 1x criminal damage (1 male arrested and charged for 2 counts of causing damage to a motor vehicle), 1x highway disruption, 1x suspicious circumstances, 1x disturbance (youths making noise after midnight at De Vere School), 1x drugs warrant (a positive result with 1 male dealt with), 1x theft of garden furniture. The police ask residents to continue to report any information regarding the use or supply of drugs. Several complaints have been received of local residents driving home after drinking at the local pubs. They urge any potential drink driver to be reported to the police with as much detail as possible at the time.

10. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Mortimers Ground Maintenance: Mortimers, our village contractor, have reported an increase in injuries caused by breakage of glass items in the Cemetery while they are working. Glass jars etc. have been removed from the Cemetery and visitors are reminded that the Cemetery Rules & Regulations do not permit glass to be left on graves or ashes plots. Some glass items which appear to be of personal value have been saved and labelled. These can be collected from the clerk (call 07845 056597, or email at castlehedinghamparishclerk@gmail.com).

The Bell Beer Festival: Emails and verbal reports have been received from around a dozen parishioners, expressing their support for the Bell Beer Festival. The festival is felt to be a happy community event, providing an opportunity for residents to get together and enjoy good beer and music. The professional security was welcomed and in general this year's festival was regarded as the best yet. Next year, the Bell has suggested a Magna Carta theme for the Beer Festival to link with the 800th anniversary celebrations.

Essex County Council: The Essex Minerals Local Plan was formally adopted by the Council on July 8th 2014. The Inspector's Report on the Examination of the Development Plan Document is available to view at all Essex district / borough / city council offices and at all Essex libraries (please contact each directly for individual opening hours). The Minerals Local Plan documents, as well as the Sustainability Appraisal and the Sustainability Appraisal Adoption Statement, can be viewed at County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH - Mondays to Fridays between 9am to 5pm via appointment and on the County Council website at www.essex.gov.uk/MLPexamination

Essex County Council: A copy has been received of the new 2014-2015 Mobile Libraries Service timetable which comes into effect from September 1st 2014. This is displayed on the noticeboards in St James Street and Kirby Hall Road. Any queries relating to these timetables can be directed to Ann Offord, Group Libraries Manager on ann.offord@essex.gov.uk

NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group: The Way Ahead; What's your view? A guide to healthcare commissioning plans 2014 – 2019 for the people of Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon. The five-year plan sets out a series of innovative transformation programmes designed to improve health and meet the rising demands of our growing population. Full details on how to have your say, including dates for open public discussion workshops, are given on the website www.midessexccg.nhs.uk/public-consultations

Following a misleading article in the Halstead Gazette, plans for a new medical centre in Sible Hedingham were discussed. No decision has been taken about the proposals, and further consultation with the NHS is

needed to ensure that residents' needs are met effectively. Cllr Beavis has been working to improve health provision in the Heddinghams for the last 3 years and will continue to campaign for a medical centre which meets local needs. Cllr Higgins and the clerk will attend the public meeting in Braintree on 11th September.

Church Commissioners: Proposed pastoral scheme, uniting the parishes of Sible Heddingham and Castle Heddingham, to be named "The Parish of Sible and Castle Heddingham", with the church of St Peters being the Parish Church of Sible Heddingham and St Nicholas being the Parish Church of Castle Heddingham. A number of residents have expressed their concern about this proposed scheme, fearing it will lead to the loss of St Nicholas Church as a place of worship. The church is the heart of the Castle Heddingham community, not just for those who attend services but for residents who visit for private prayer and reflection and all the parishioners who support church events. The clerk will write on behalf of the Parish Council to express opposition to the scheme. Responses are required by August 18th.

11. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

11.1 Magna Carta 2015: Cllr Scrivens reported on progress with a grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The main focus will be an exhibition; Braintree Museum has offered support. Music, drama and textiles projects are planned in conjunction with the primary and secondary schools. A village celebration event will also be held at Heddingham Castle on 21st June.

11.2 War Memorial: The War Memorials Trust has awarded a grant of £12,855 towards the renovation of the War Memorial, which represents 75% of the estimated cost. The clerk will arrange a meeting of the War Memorial Working Party with the Conservation Engineer to agree the next steps.

11.3 High Speed Broadband: Nothing to report.

12. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Consideration of installation of Christmas Lights at Forge Green.
- Report from Revd Laurie Bond on Chancel Roof Repair at St Nicholas Church
- Consideration of financial support for Magna Carta 800th anniversary celebrations
- Report on NHS Mid Essex Clinical Commissioning Group meeting 11th September

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Normal Parish Council

Monday 15th September 2014

Normal Parish Council

Monday 13th October 2014

Normal Parish Council

Monday 17th November 2014

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE