

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
MONDAY 17th FEBRUARY 2014 AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB AT 7.45PM**

PUBLIC FORUM

A parishioner attended to discuss his proposal for the removal and renovation of the telephone kiosk at Nunnery Street. The terms of the contract with BT for the adoption of the kiosk by the Parish Council will be checked, and this will be an agenda item for the next meeting on 17th March.

PROGRESS CHECK

- Clerk will request a replacement dog waste bin to replace damaged bin by tennis court.
- A sign will be attached to the bin at Bowmans Park to request it is used for street waste only

REPORTS

Police/PCSO: None.

ECC report: Cllr D Finch supplied a report via the clerk. ECC portion of Council Tax has been frozen for the coming year. £17m additional funding has been committed to Highways, and £3m for flood issues, £1m in this financial year and £2m next year. £1m will be put to education and £1m to youth projects.

BDC report: Cllr H Johnson supplied a written report about his discussions on parking, speeding and antisocial behaviour issues with the Police and flooding with the Environment Agency.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION REVIEW

The consultation is now open for the draft recommendations on the review of Braintree District, reducing the total number of District Councillors from 60 to 49. The proposals are to create a joint Hedingham Ward with 2 District Councillors. Castle Hedingham Parish Council regrets the loss of a valuable District Councillor. The clerk will respond on behalf of Castle Hedingham Parish Council. Interactive maps can be viewed and comments given at www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk

HIGHWAYS

- A request for resurfacing Nunnery Street has been refused on the grounds it is not high priority. A new pothole report for Nunnery Street will be sent by the clerk.
- Drainage problems at Queen Street/Sheepcot Rd have been reported to Anglian Water and Essex Highways. A blocked gully has been identified by Essex Highways.
- The fallen tree at Pye Corner has now been removed by Essex Highways, but damage to the wall is still blocking part of the road. Police warning signs and cones have been left in place.

BDC SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT FOR PUBLIC TOILETS

RESOLVED: The revised Service Level Agreement was accepted and signed by the Chairman
Proposed: Cllr Southgate Seconded: Cllr Worley Agreed unanimously

BDC PLANS FOR LOCAL HERITAGE LIST

RESOLVED: The clerk will respond to express an interest in the proposals. Cllrs Worley, Scrivens and Higgins agreed to be involved.

Proposed: Cllr Scrivens Seconded: Cllr Worley Agreed unanimously

MAGNA CARTA 2015

RESOLVED: to make the requested £100.00 contribution to Heritage Lottery Fund match funding

RESOLVED: to agree to pre-order one Magna Carta book for the village at the cost of £40.00, and to ask Jason Lindsay if he wishes to purchase one for Hedingham Castle.

Proposed: Cllr Southgate Seconded: Cllr Worley Agreed unanimously

CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Cllr Kay Twitchen Chairman ECC Invitation to Chairman and guest to attend Choral Evensong to mark the 125th Anniversary of ECC, at Chelmsford Cathedral on Sunday 30th March 2014 at 6.00pm. Cllr & Mrs Southgate will attend on behalf of the Chairman.

Parish Emergency Planning EALC Cllr Southgate and Clerk attended a Parish Emergency Planning Workshop on 14th February 2014 – cost £45 each

Memorial Hall Cllr Southgate reported that the Memorial Hall is delighted with the new boiler thanks to the grant from Awards for All.

Essex Police Challenge A selection of questions will be put to Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh by Police and Crime Commissioner Nick Alston at Anglia Ruskin University, Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford on Thursday February 27th 2014 starting at 7.30pm. Questions can be submitted at EssexPoliceChallenge@essex.pnn.police.uk.

Public Engagement on Braintree Council Planning Guidance

Braintree Council Site Allocations and Development Management Plan is now available to review, which will determine planning guidance for the village. Comments are requested in the consultation period which ends on 28th March. Community information events are being held at:

Halstead Queens Hall Monday 24th February 2.30-7.30pm

Braintree Town Hall Wednesday 26th February 2.30-7.30pm

Braintree Town Hall Thursday 27th February 2.30-7.30pm

Unmanned displays of proposals will be at Halstead Public Library between 14th and 24th February and at Causeway House, Braintree between 14th and 28th March, during normal opening hours. The plan is available to view at www.braintree.gov.uk, following the links to Planning Policy.

Consultation responses are encouraged directly at <http://braintree-consult.limehouse.co.uk/portal/>; for alternative ways to respond call Braintree District Council on 01376 552525.

14. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

14.1 War Memorial: A working party meeting will be held on Friday 7th March at 7pm to take forward the next stage of the War Memorials Trust Grant application.

14.2 High Speed Broadband: A County Broadband community consultation event will take place at the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm to 8.30pm on Thursday 20th February. All parishioners are encouraged to attend to find out how we can quickly achieve better broadband speed in the village. Leaflets have been delivered to over 560 properties in the village to publicise the event.

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- BDC Site Allocations and Development Management Plan
- Adoption of Telephone Kiosk, Nunnery Street
- Purchase of road signs for use in Parish Emergencies

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: **Monday 17th March 2014**
 Monday 14th April 2014