

**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

