

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON
MONDAY 14th July 2014 AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB AT 7.45PM**

Present: Cllrs Allfrey, Hart, Moffat, Pewter, Philp, Scrivens, Southgate, Worley
Cllr H Johnson, Cllr W Scattergood
In the Chair: Cllr Allfrey
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: 3 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Higgins and Cllr Pewter for absence, also from Cllrs Finch and Beavis

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 16th June 2014 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

A resident of 2 King Street reported that the long-standing flooding problem at their property has now been identified and rectified by Essex Highways.

2 residents of Nunnery Street attended to express their objections to the proposed diversion of Footpath 11 along the back of their gardens, due to increased risk of burglary. At least 3 burglaries of outbuildings have already occurred here. Dog mess is also a problem along the existing footpath. The clerk explained that the proposals are in the pre-submission stage, and will forward to the residents contact details for the Definitive Map Officer at Essex Highways so the residents can express their objections directly to him.

5. PROGRESS CHECK

1078 6.12 The clerk forwarded a message of thanks from Mr Buckley-Saxon for the efforts of the Parish Council in getting the redundant BT poles removed. This item is now closed.

1094 6.3 Cllr Johnson agreed to discuss with a colleague the possibility of constructing a cabinet to house the Bingham Pottery collection in St Nicholas Church.

1102 6.2 Cllr Southgate will speak to BK Sargeant who are currently undertaking repairs to the Tennis Club wall, and ask them to quote for minor repairs to the Churchyard Wall.

1115 7 Highways conducted a speed check on the A1017, and recorded average speeds of 43.5mph which is not sufficient to warrant a 40mph speed indicator device. However, their speed check was close to the junction with Nunnery Street which would have reduced the average speed recorded due to turning traffic at the crossroads. The clerk will request a repeat survey at the start of the 40mph limit. Cllr Johnson has also contacted Essex Highways regarding this matter.

6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 A resident of Station Road has objected to proposals for the 7.5t weight limit to start after Rippers Court, due to turning traffic. The clerk has forwarded the objection to Essex Highways planning team, who have stated they will respond directly to the resident.

7. REPORTS

Police/PCSO: A written report for 15th June to 12th July 2014 was received from PC Carter: 1x road traffic collision with injuries, 1x advice required, 2x concern for welfare, 1x theft of motor vehicle, 1x attention (to a local person drink-driving) 1x nuisance communications, 1x property related incident. PC Carter and Sgt Wright have also visited the pubs to discuss behaviour of drinkers leaving the premises. They report that the Bell has made careful preparations to increase security for the Beer Festival, and have restricted advertising to make the event more accessible and enjoyable for local residents.

ECC report: A written report was received from Cllr David Finch

BDC report: Cllr Scattergood reported on the decision for Braintree District Council to produce a new Local Development Framework, following the instruction to identify more sites for housing development in the district. The details of the original plan will remain, and additional sites are already being identified. Cllr Johnson reported that vehicles are still parking on the verge at Crouch green causing difficulties for drivers emerging from Nunnery Street, also blocking the footpath in many instances. Two houses are persistent in this matter. He also brought up concerns about dog fouling on Footpath 11 near the railway and dogs being left outside all day barking whilst the owners are at work, at Crouch Green area in particular.

8. PLANNING

14/00192/TPOCON Hedingham Castle Bayley Street Castle Hedingham Essex CO9 3DJ
Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area – Prune one field maple and one cherry plum. No objections but it is requested that the plum is pruned in the summer and the maple in November.

10. OPEN GARDENS/CHANCEL ROOF REPAIR

Since Open Gardens was in aid of general church funds, the Parish Council is unable to provide funding. The Parish Council does have a power to contribute to the preservation of historic buildings, including churches, under section 48 of the Essex Act 1987. Revd Laurie Bond will be invited to attend the September meeting of the Parish Council to discuss progress with the Chancel Roof repair project.

11. HIGH SPEED BROADBAND

The options for the Parish Council to invest in the County Broadband wireless broadband project were reviewed.

RESOLVED: To make no financial contribution to the project at this stage.

Proposed: Cllr Worley Seconded: Cllr Scrivens Agreed unanimously

12. RECREATION FIELD REVIEW

Following the report from the recent safety inspection, Councillors noted the declining state of the recreation field but regretfully are unable to make improvements because the Parish Council has no lease on the land.

13. MAPPING OF ORDINARY WATERCOURSES

Cllr Southgate reported on a meeting with ECC Highways on 20th June. The project aims to encourage local volunteers be involved in mapping potential drainage problems and flooding sites affected by gulleys, culverts etc. No further action is expected until October.

14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Essex Replacement Minerals Local Plan: The Inspectors report has now been received approving the plan subject to certain modifications. The plan will now go through the process of formal adoption as Council Policy. The report and its appendix 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. The report will also soon be available to view at all Essex district / borough / city council offices and at all Essex libraries. Cllr Scattergood reported that BDC has objected to the number of sites being in Braintree District due to the increase in heavy traffic, but with limited success.

Castle Hedingham Parochial Charities: Request for Parish Council Nominative Trustee following the resignation of Mrs Kay Poulton. Mrs Sue Southgate has agreed to stand as Nominative Trustee. The Clerk has responded to the Hon. Secretary of Castle Hedingham Parochial Charities.

East Anglia's Children's Hospices: Newsletter and request for continued support. EACH is currently supporting 9 children and their families in the Braintree District area.

Telefónica UK Limited and Vodafone Limited: Cllr J Beavis forwarded notification of plans to install/upgrade a base station for mobile phone transmission at Kirby Hall Road CO93EB. Cllr Philp as landowner of the site had not been informed. Cllr Scattergood will report this to Telefonica/Vodafone.

Church Commissioners: Proposed pastoral scheme, uniting the parishes of Sible Hedingham and Castle Hedingham, to be named "The Parish of Sible and Castle Hedingham", with the church of St Peters being the Parish Church of Sible Hedingham and St Nicholas being the Parish Church of Castle Hedingham. Cllr Moffat reported that this means combining the Parochial Church Councils of both parishes and amalgamating the accounts. A single treasurer currently keeps the accounts for both parishes. Earmarked reserves will be maintained for the fabric of each individual church, but general church funds will be shared. Both PCCs have passed resolutions in support of these proposals. A copy of the draft pastoral scheme can be inspected at St Peter's and St Nicholas' Church, or on the Commissioners website at www.ccpastoral.org/consultation. Anyone can make representations to the Church Commissioners for or against any parts of the draft pastoral scheme by 18th August 2014, in writing to James Davidson-Brett, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ, or by email to james.davidson-brett@churchofengland.org.

12. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

12.1 Magna Carta 2015: Preparations for various activities to celebrate this event are underway, with a grant application submitted. Schools and other local organisations are keen to be involved.

12.2 War Memorial: A full grant application to the War Memorials Trust with quotes from 3 specialist contractors was submitted by 30th June 2014. Bakers of Danbury has been nominated the Parish Council's preferred contractor as their comprehensive quote is less subject to escalating cost.

12.3 High Speed Broadband: County Broadband is in the process of submitting the full Faculty application to the Diocese of Chelmsford for installation of a transmitter on St Nicholas Church.

18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Magna Carta: Site for noticeboard/display and possible memorial garden
- Consideration of installation of Christmas Lights at Forge Green.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Normal Parish Council
Normal Parish Council

Monday 11th August 2014
Monday 15th September 2014

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE