



Parish of Castle Hedingham

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 22nd JUNE 2015 AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB AT 7.45PM

Present: Cllrs, Higgins, Moffat, Pewter, Philp, Scrivens, Southgate, Worley
In the Chair: Cllr Southgate
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Hood & Toocaram, and for lateness due to train delay from Cllr Pewter. Apologies for absence were also received from County Cllr Finch and District Cllr Beavis.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 18th May 2015 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None

Cllr Pewter arrived.

5. PROGRESS CHECK

5.1 Mortimers have been instructed to carry out repainting of lines at the Memorial Hall car park, and new hatching to prevent blocking of fire exits from the Hall and Club.

5.2 The deteriorating condition of the Castle Hedingham Club shed was noted. In the absence of Cllr Hood, the Club representative, this will be an agenda item for the July meeting.

5.3 Following a meeting in the village with the director of Essex Playing Fields Association, Cllrs Hood, Higgins and the clerk will meet with Mr & Mrs Lindsay and the EPFA director on June 29th to discuss playing field options for the parish.

5.4 Overgrown trees and shrubs blocking the Bayley Street footpath have been reported by residents. The Clerk will contact Hedingham Castle to request that this is trimmed back

5.5 Cllrs Worley, Scrivens and the clerk will attend a meeting on June 25th at the Colne Valley Railway to hear an update on their plans for the future.

6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 A Local Highways Panel Scheme request has been submitted for a speed survey at the 30mph limit approaching the village from Station Road, together with a repeat of the previous request to reduce the speed limit of the length of Station Road from 40mph to 30mph. Clarification has also been sought about the legality of parking at the section of dropped kerb in Queen Street, as some cars parked here are forcing pedestrians to walk in the road.

6.2 A response has been received from Essex County Council and Braintree District Council regarding their cutting of the special verge at Delvyn's Lane, which is destroying the protected plant species. No clear information was given about who does this and how it could be corrected.

Action: Cllrs Worley and Philp will visit the verge to consider options for cutting it correctly.

Action: Clerk will try to gain more specific information from ECC & BDC about Special Verges.

6.3 The Local Highways Panel agenda for June 25th includes consideration of a previous request for extension of the footpath at Sudbury Road to the junction with Rosemary Lane.

6.4 A speed survey at Sheepcot Road recorded an average speed of 29mph over 7 days, so a request for speed reduction measures has been refused.

7. REPORTS

Police/PCSO: A written report was received of theft from a building site in Sible Hedingham. Police also warn residents that thefts of catalytic converters continue to be a problem in the area.

ECC report: None

BDC report: Cllr Johnson is now a member of the BDC planning committee. He reported on:

7.1 The Open Spaces Action Plan, which list the requirements for recreational space in the district

7.2 MiCommunity grants for local projects, which can be topped up year on year. He has endorsed successful applications from many other villages for MiCommunity grants.

7.3 A parish sweep of kerbs has been carried out by BDC, but weeds are still blocking the kerbs at Kirby Hall Road.

Action: Clerk to request Mortimers clear the weeds.

8. PLANNING

The clerk received from BDC an update on the development of the Local Plan. This is the long-term plan for what, where, when and how development will be managed in the District and will cover the period up to 2033. A copy will be sent to all Councillors.

Applications received:

None

Applications determined:

15/00420/LBC & 15/00403/FUL Change of use of building to 2 no. residential dwellings and associated amenity spaces, Nunnery Farm Nunnery Street CO9 3DR **Application GRANTED**

15/00474/LBC Re-paint dwelling from lemon to traditional white and white window frames to cream window frames. Internal alteration to include insertion of arched kitchen door.

The Deer Cottage 2 King Street CO9 3ER

Application GRANTED

Cllr Johnson left.

9. FINANCE

Account balances at 22nd June 2015:

Unity Trust Current account	£39,857.84
Co-operative Current account	£0.00
CHPC Magna Carta 2015	£8,577.96
Unity Trust Deposit account	£25,159.84
Cambridge & Counties 95 day	£30,050.08
Nationwide Treasurers Trust	£20,024.66

The monthly accounts were approved and cheques signed.

Proposed: Cllr Worley

Seconded: Cllr Higgins

Payments:

300107	Majendie Steeple ESU Scouts	Delivery Annual Report	£120.00
300108	CH Club	Room Hire	£20.00
300109	EALC	New Councillor Packs	£34.00
300110	Braintree District Council	Insurance Pump House	£20.78
300111	Mortimers	Village Maintenance	£1,311.60

14. PLANTED AREA AT FORGE GREEN

Parishioners are developing plans for replacing the overgrown plants.

Action: Mortimers will clear the site during July in preparation for re-planting.

15. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

BALC: Agenda for Annual Meeting on 22nd June 2015

EALC: Invitation to the **Essex Rural Strategy Consultation Event**, Tuesday 21st July 2015

Foakes Hall, Stortford Road, Great Dunmow, Essex, CM6 1DG from 10am-1pm, (Coffee & Registration 9.30am)

Action: Cllr Toocaram and the clerk will attend.

Essex & Herts Air Ambulance Official Recycling Partners: Request to site a recycling bank in the Parish for unwanted clothing, shoes and textiles.

Action: Agenda item for next meeting.

RCCE: Invitation to Annual General Meeting, copy of Annual Report and membership renewal.

ECC: Notification of public consultation on the Replacement Minerals and Waste Local Plan which runs from 18th June to 30th July 2015. More information is at www.essex.gov/WLP

15. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

Transport Representatives: Cllr Toocaram provided a written report from meeting of 18th June

War Memorial: Digging has begun in preparation for the installation of the supporting base.

High Speed Broadband: Faculty approval for installation of a transmitter is proving slow.

Magna Carta 2015: An update on the successful 800th Anniversary celebrations was given by Cllr Worley, including the picnic at the Castle hosted by Mr & Mrs Lindsay. Cllr Southgate proposed a vote of thanks to all involved in the organisation, including Cllrs Worley, Scrivens & Moffat.

Action: Cllr Worley will provide a list of people to the Clerk so thank you letters can be written.

16. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Castle Heddingham Club shed
- Decision on next steps regarding management of Special Verge at Delvyn's Lane
- Report from meeting at Colne Valley Railway
- Report from meeting regarding Playing Field
- Consideration of textiles recycling site in aid of Essex Air Ambulance

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Ordinary Parish Council:

Monday 27 July 2015
Monday 24 August 2015
Monday 28 September 2015
Monday 26 October 2015
Monday 23 November 2015

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE