



Parish of Castle Hedingham
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL,
HELD ON MONDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2018 AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB AT 7.45PM**

Present: Cllrs, Moffat, Philp, Scrivens, Toocaram, Worley, Veater
In the Chair: Cllr Worley
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: None

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Southgate and Hood for absence.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 22nd October 2018 with the correction of a typing error were approved as a correct record of events and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Moffat Seconded: Cllr Toocaram Agreed unanimously

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. PUBLIC FORUM

None

5. PROGRESS CHECK

5.1 Planters at Crouch Green. Spring planting has now been completed.

5.2 St Nicholas Church Clock. The repair is now completed.

6. HIGHWAYS

6.1 Essex Highways has made redundant the Customer Services role held by Chris Stoneham who has been a great support to the Parish Council. The clerk has written to thank him for his help over the last couple of years and wish him well in his new job

6.2 ECC's pothole fixing initiative. Cllr Toocaram had been in contact with Cllr Finch regarding pothole repairs needed at Rushley Green and Kirby Hall. He has replied to say this is in hand.

6.3 Proposed bridge closure at Nunnery Street 29th November to 4th December due to gas connection works at Nunnery Farm. Details of all forthcoming roadworks can be found on <https://roadworks.org/>. Essex Highways no longer sends notification of road closures to the clerk.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Police/Neighbourhood Watch: Front and rear number plates have been stolen from a vehicle at Rushley Green. Cllr Philp reported that hare coursing is regularly taking place in the area. People have been warned to be alert for counterfeit £20 notes, reported by retailers in Clare and Sible Hedingham.

7.2 ECC Report: None. Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Finch.

7.3 BDC Report: None. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Beavis and Johnson

8. PLANNING

Applications received:

18/01956/FUL & 18/01957/LBC Single storey rear extension to replace conservatory to curtilage listed outbuilding.

38 St James Street CO9 3EW

No objections

*Applications determined:***18/01671/FUL** Rear extension

Green Crofts Sheepcot Road CO9 3AA

*Application WITHDRAWN***18/01619/LBC** Repair and replacement of roof due to weather/damage

22 Queen Street CO9 3EZ

*Application PERMITTED***18/00516/FUL** Change of use to a separate residential dwellinghouse (Use Class C3)

Barn At Newmans Farm Yeldham Road CO9 3DZ

*Application REFUSED***18/00231/TPO** Notice of intent to carry out works to tree in a Conservation Area - Reduce by 2 metres and 1 metre on the sides of an Plum tree and remove rose growing through the tree

Birdbrook House Luces Lane CO9 3BX

*Application PERMITTED***9. FINANCE**

9.1 The monthly accounts were approved and payments agreed for authorisation. The clerk reported that the unusually high clerk expenses were due to the purchase of 12 month use of the QR code on the Memorial Board at the cemetery.

Proposed: Cllr Moffat

Seconded: Cllr Toocaram

Agreed unanimously

9.2 Cllr Mary Veater's addition as an authorised signatory on the current account has not yet been approved by the bank. The clerk will chase this up.

Nov-18	Payments in Month	Details	Amount
DD	Eon	Electricity New Park	£25.29
DD	British Gas	Electricity Toilets	£10.68
DD	B&CE Holdings	Peoples Pension	£40.67
B/P	Staff	Salaries	£1,552.35
B/P	E C Waters	Home as Office November	£40.00
B/P	E C Waters	Clerk Expenses	£91.55
B/P	C H Club	Meeting Room Hire	£20.00
B/P	A&J Lighting	Monthly Charge October	£11.40
B/P	HMRC	Tax/NI	£113.73
B/P	M D Landscapes	Grass Cutting October	£1,202.40
B/P	M D Landscapes	Grass Cutting November	£324.00
B/P	OCS	Sanitary Disposal	£11.38
B/P	Concept Signs	Memorial Board Cemetery	£1,260.00
B/P	Graham Nicholl Tree Surgery	Tree work Cemetery & Church	£225.00
B/P	Graeme Martin	Grass Cutting Parkgate	£90.00
B/P	RCCE	Annual Membership	£72.60
300360	Hedingham & District British Legion	Donation for Wreath	£60.00
300361	Hedingham & District British Legion	Remembrance Lunch	£35.00
B/P	Assington Fruits Limited	Memorial Avenue Tree	£20.00
B/P	Mrs M Lofting	Gardening Supplies	£47.00
B/P	Smith of Derby	Church Clock Repair	£1,414.56
TOTAL in month			£6,667.61

Nov-18	Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
01-Nov	Mrs J Craig	Church Clock Repair	£20.00
12-Nov	E Dennis	Church Clock Repair	£5.00
TOTAL in month			£25.00

Accounts balances at 26 November 2018

Unity Trust Current account	£20,376.05
Unity Trust Deposit account	£25,289.14
Cambridge & Counties 95 day	£56,585.93
Nationwide Treasurers Trust	£20,127.46
	£122,378.58

10. COUNTY BROADBAND “FIBRE TO THE HOME” (FTTH) PROPOSALS

The clerk reported from a public meeting held by County Broadband at the Memorial Hall on Thursday 15th September. 30 residents attended. The project is an opportunity to have the infrastructure for Fibre to the Home - FTTH (or Fibre to the Property - FTTP) installed for free, as long as there is sufficient demand from residents. This would future proof the village broadband supply for years to come and would also enable properties in outlying areas of the village to receive good broadband speeds which are currently not available via the BT superfast service. Due to high demand in other areas, there is a deadline of 21st December for special offers.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council supports this project which is an exciting opportunity for the parish.

Proposed: Cllr Scrivens Seconded: Cllr Philp Agreed unanimously

Action: The clerk will ensure details are publicised to enable residents to understand the opportunity.

More information can be found at <https://countybroadbandfibre.co.uk/>

11. OPEN SPACES ACTION PLAN 2019

The annual update of the BDC Open Spaces Action plan is due by the end of January 2019. This is a key document used by the Local Planning Authority to justify seeking S.106 monetary contributions for Public Open Space improvements across the district. Last year’s update was heavily edited by BDC with the removal of the informal recreation designation of their land at New Park.

RESOLVED: Clerk to prepare update requesting play equipment on publicly owned BDC land, and consult again with Councillors before submitting in time for the deadline.

Proposed: Cllr Worley Seconded: Cllr Scrivens Agreed unanimously

12. FUNDING CHURCHES AND CHURCH GROUNDS

Consideration of request from EALC to provide examples of Parish Council experience and views in funding church projects, in support of their work on a clarification in respect of the Local Government Act 1894, and the specific prohibition on giving funding to the Church.

Action: The request was noted and this work of the EALC on behalf of Parish Councils is supported.

13. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

None

14. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

14.1 Essex Library Service Consultation

Cllr Moffat raised the proposed closure of libraries including the Sible Hedingham Library as part of Essex County Council’s draft Library Service strategy. The public consultation on Essex Future Library Services Strategy (2019-2024) is open from 29 November 2018 – 20 February 2019 at

www.essex.gov.uk/libraries-consultation . The survey is also available in large print or EasyRead versions at any local library or by calling 0345 603 7639.

RESOLVED: The clerk will respond on behalf of the Parish Council objecting to the closure of Sible Hedingham Library. Councillors will also respond as individuals

Proposed: Cllr Moffat Seconded: Cllr Scrivens Agreed unanimously

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Open Spaces Action Plan 2019 update
- To approve the annual Budget and Precept request.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: (there is no Parish Council meeting in December)

Ordinary Parish Council	7.45pm, 28 January 2019	Castle Hedingham Club
Ordinary Parish Council	7.45pm, 25 February 2019	Castle Hedingham Club
Ordinary Parish Council	7.45pm, 25 March 2019	Castle Hedingham Club
Ordinary Parish Council	7.45pm, 15 April 2019	Castle Hedingham Club
Ordinary Parish Council	7.45pm, 20 May 2019	Castle Hedingham Club

The meeting closed at 8.32 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE