



DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 21st OCTOBER AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB AT 7.45PM

Present: Cllrs Allfrey, Higgins, Moffat, Pewter, Philp, Scrivens, Southgate, Worley
In the Chair: Cllr Allfrey
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: 2 members of the public

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Hart

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 16th September 2013 were approved as a correct record of events.
Proposed: Cllr Worley Seconded: Cllr Southgate Signed by the Chairman

3. PROGRESS CHECK

1093/18 Revised quote to be obtained for Perspex in sign at Cemetery
1095/8.3 Parking at Pye Corner has been discussed with the owners of Carousel.
1102/6.2 Quote to be obtained for pointing repair to Churchyard wall following weed removal
1105/13 New meeting to be arranged with Braintree District Council regarding Public Toilets
1105/16.1 Footpath Inspector to be contacted following inspection of Footpath 15 near timber yard

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllrs Higgins and Scrivens declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11

5. PUBLIC FORUM

None

6. REPORTS

Police/PCSO: None

ECC report: Apologies were received from Cllr David Finch

BDC report: Apologies were received from Cllrs Beavis, Johnson and Scattergood.

7. HIGHWAYS

Highway problems: Raised manhole covers at Park Vale & Bowmans Park to be chased

Consideration of request for flashing 40mph speed limit sign at Crouch Green

RESOLVED: Clerk to request from ECC Highways and also obtain quotes for purchase of a sign

8. PLANNING

13/01134/LBC External alterations comprising 2no. replacement windows, replacement pegtiles and pentice boards, new stone paving and internal alterations comprising removal and replacement of stud partions and replacement fire place. 6 St James Street Castle Hedingham Essex CO9 3EJ

13/00232/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Crown lift Walnut to 2.4M, Crown lift Indian Bean tree to 2.4M and remove dead wood, Crown lift to 2.4M and

for 1M of clearance over the summer house 1 Tulip tree, and Crown lift to 2.4M 1 Poplar and 1 Yew tree
Pottery Cottage, Pottery Lane, Castle Hedingham, Essex CO9 3EU
No objections but request Walnut tree only pruned late August/early September to avoid bleeding.

Application granted:

13/00687/FUL Erection of a single storey dwelling below ground level together with a garage and bin store at ground level
Land Rear Of 1 And 3 Castle Lane, Castle Hedingham, Essex

9. FINANCE

The monthly accounts were approved and cheques signed

Proposed: Cllr Worley Seconded: Cllr Moffat

9.1 Decision to pay Clerk's time completing CiLCA coursework

RESOLVED: Additional time will be paid. Clerk will keep log of time spent on this.

Proposed: Cllr Higgins Seconded: Cllr Scrivens Agreed unanimously

10. BROADBAND PROPOSALS

Consideration of Superfast Essex project progress

Decision on the next step following proposals from County Broadband

RESOLVED: Action team of Cllrs Scrivens and Southgate, and Clerk will initiate the County Broadband Community Consultation process. Jayne Laken, Village Agent, will be asked to assist.

11. MEMORIAL HALL and CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB

Decision on request for financial support in completing asbestos survey

RESOLVED: The Parish Council will pay for the asbestos survey, estimated cost £375 + VAT

Proposed: Cllr Worley Seconded: Cllr Allfrey Agreed unanimously

12. LITTER BINS, BOWMANS PARK

Consideration of problems with overfilled bins

Decision on action to be taken regarding redundant wooden bin between hedges

Residents will be asked not to dispose of nappies in public bins

RESOLVED: The village contractor will be asked to remove the redundant wooden bin

Proposed: Cllr Southgate Seconded: Cllr Higgins Agreed unanimously

13. CASTLE HEDINGHAM CEMETERY

Review of burial fees

This will now be an agenda item for the November meeting

14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Memorial Hall Boiler

Big Lottery Fund has granted funds to cover the cost of the boiler installation.

Essex Association of Local Councils

NALC have published revised standing orders and a new edition of "Local Councils Explained", reflecting legislation updates which apply to Parish Council procedures.

Falcon Accountants

Repeated loss of power has caused frustration and concern over the attitude of UK Power Networks and their inability to solve the problem in King Street. Cllr Southgate will attend a meeting and a letter will be sent to UK Power Networks from the Parish Council.

15. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

15.1 Magna Carta 2015: Report from September meeting in Leicester

Cllr Worley attended the meeting. A grant application is being prepared by Magna Carta 2015 for submission in March 2014. A meeting on November 9th aims to gather more evidence of how communities are being involved in the celebrations. A press release has been prepared.

15.2 War Memorial: Consideration of Conservation Survey progress and next steps

The Conservation Engineer will carry out the survey on Friday October 25th at 10am. Revd L Bond has gained authorisation for a trial hole to be dug to investigate the cause of tilting.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS: Monday 25th November 2013

Monday 13th January 2013

The meeting closed at 9.15pm