

the P.C. (detailed terms will need to be drawn up) for use as an informal recreation space, including an area for play equipment. This will be the land outside the village envelope, as we wish to retain the small parcel of land right next to the Memorial Hall for potential development in the future.”

RESOLVED: Respond to BDC asking them why they are not fulfilling their social obligations to the residents of Castle Hedingham, and why they have not responded to the questions asked in the Parish Council’s letter of 3rd October.

Proposed: Cllr Pewter

Seconded: Cllr Moffat

Agreed unanimously

RESOLVED: A public meeting will be arranged to inform parishioners of the situation and events leading up to it, with an invitation given to representatives of Braintree District Council and Hedingham Castle.

Proposed: Cllr Southgate

Seconded: Cllr Moffat

Agreed unanimously

Action: The clerk will obtain further legal advice and information on relevant planning policy.

6. OPEN SPACES ACTION PLAN

The next update of the Open Spaces Action Plan was discussed in conjunction with the recreation field item, since it relates to open spaces needs in the parish and what can be offered in the event of a planning application as a S106 agreement. The clerk asked Cllr Beavis if any other parishes had had their updates last year rejected by BDC as being “not deliverable”. Cllr Beavis will investigate further. Item postponed till November meeting, updates to the Open Spaces Action Plan are due by 8th December 2017.

7. PROGRESS CHECK

7.1. Cllr Jo Beavis is planning to open a community convenience store at the Village Shop on 6th November as a project for the Braintree District Community Foundation. Public meetings have been organised at the Bell Inn on 24th and 25th October. The Chairman will attend the meetings and clarify that the Parish Council’s involvement in the project is just to facilitate and support it in getting off the ground.

7.2. Overgrown foliage at the River Colne has been reported to the Environment Agency. They have no funding this year and advise that clearance is the responsibility of the “riparian owner”.

Action: The clerk will write to the landowner and make them aware of the Environmental Agency guidance regarding riverside land ownership.

7.3. Footpath issues. These were discussed together with the Parish Paths Partnership (P3) at item 8.

7.4. Village Defibrillators. A grant from the Big Lottery Fund of £7115.00 has now been paid into the bank, to finance 3 community access defibrillators and ongoing community awareness and support.

Action: The clerk is looking into the cost implications of a new model of defibrillator before making a final decision. Installation is planned as soon as possible. Cllr Hood proposed a thank you to the clerk for the work involved in achieving this excellent result enabling three defibrillators to be installed.

Cllrs Beavis and Johnson left.

8. HIGHWAYS

8.1 Diversion signs have reappeared at Crouch Green, and possibly relate to Anglian Water works scheduled for 2nd to 6th November.

8.2 RESOLVED: to purchase a thermoplastic line marker and tape to replace missing lines in the village, at an initial cost of £169.95 + VAT

Proposed: Cllr Moffat

Seconded: Cllr Scrivens

Agreed unanimously

8.3 RESOLVED: To renew membership of the Parish Paths Partnership (P3), with Cllr Toocaram as the scheme co-ordinator, supported by the Footpath Wardens. This will enable volunteers to clear paths and carry out repairs with funding and support from Essex Highways.

Proposed: Cllr Worley

Seconded: Cllr Pewter

Agreed unanimously

9. REPORTS

9.1 Police/Neighbourhood Watch: None.

9.2 ECC Report: None

9.3 BDC Report: None. District Councillors supported the Parish Council at items 5 and 6.

10. PLANNING

Applications received:

17/00319/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area - Reduce lateral growth of 1 Chestnut tree by 1.2 metres, Prune back 1 Prunus tree by approx 5 metres
5 King Street CO9 3ER No objections

Applications determined:

17/01585/LBC Repainting of all external rendered walls and woodwork
7A Falcon Square CO9 3BY Application GRANTED

11. FINANCE

The monthly accounts were approved and payments agreed for authorisation.

Proposed: Cllr Worley **Seconded:** Cllr Toocaram Agreed unanimously

11.1 Local Services Fund – identification of projects for this new funding. The first annual application deadline is 17th November for grants of up to £15,000 over 3 years from 2018.

Action: The clerk will clarify with EALC what type of projects are eligible.

Oct-17	Payments in Month	Details	Amount
DD	Eon	Electricity New Park	£21.54
DD	British Gas	Electricity Toilets	£9.64
DD	BCE Holdings Ltd	Peoples Pension	£15.78
B/P	BDC	Rates Pump House Nov	£5.00
B/P	Staff	Salaries	£1,448.12
B/P	E C Waters	Home as Office Oct	£40.00
B/P	A&J Lighting	Monthly Charge	£10.08
B/P	E C Waters	Expenses	£31.74
B/P	HMRC	Tax/NI	£62.77
B/P	C H Club	Meeting Room Hire	£20.00
B/P	M D Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£601.20
B/P	EALC	Training CW 28th Nov	£80.00
B/P	EALC	Training CW 12th Dec	£80.00
B/P	EALC	Training JT 12th Dec	£80.00
300352	E C Turner	Top soil Crouch Green	£72.00
300353	D Rulten	Village Shop leaflet delivery	£60.00
TOTAL in month			£2,637.87

Oct-17	Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
11-Oct	G T & L Barrow	Grass cutting private event	£20.00
13-Oct	Luxstone	Memorial Ashes 60	£120.00
20-Oct	Big Lottery Fund	Defibrillator Grant	£7,115.00
TOTAL in month			£7,255.00

Accounts balances at 23 October 2017

Unity Trust Current account	£29,295.96
Unity Trust Deposit account	£25,233.89
Cambridge & Counties 95 day	£56,081.89
Nationwide Treasurers Trust	£20,107.35
	£130,719.09

12. MOBILE LIBRARY SERVICE REVIEW AND CONSULTATION

Consideration of alternative options for the village in the event of the discontinuation of the mobile library service. Consultation deadline 6th November. This can be completed online at <http://libraries.essex.gov.uk/news/mobile-library-service-consultation/> or paper copies can be picked up at libraries and mobile libraries.

Action: Councillors will respond individually, and review the situation after the consultation is concluded.

13. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

Essex County Council: Launch of The Essex Crowd new £500k community fund by Cllr David Finch, Leader of ECC. <https://www.spacehive.com/movement/theessexcrowd>

Essex Police: Looking for volunteers to help deliver the Restorative Justice and Mediation Service. This is a scheme which will allow victims of crime and anti-social behaviour (such as neighbour disputes) the chance to communicate with the perpetrator/s. Volunteers will receive gull training and ongoing support will be given. Open to Essex residents aged over 18, please contact restorativejustice@essex.pnn.police.uk or ring 01245 291609.

Neighbourhood Watch: HMRC telephone scam. A caller claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs states that a there had been a serious law suit made against the recipient of the call.

They are then told to call a number immediately as this is the last chance or face serious legal consequences. **The HMRC will never ask you to disclose personal or financial information over the phone.** Essex Police advise that in the event of this type of call, you hang up immediately and report it directly to Action Fraud via their website

http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report_fraud or on 0300 123 2040

14. REPRESENTATIVES AND WORKING GROUPS REPORTS

14.1 High Speed Broadband: The PCC has not yet received notification of a faculty for installation of wireless broadband transmitter on the church tower. This is held up at Chelmsford diocese.

14.2 Magna Carta artefacts: Cllr Hood confirmed that the artist's impression of the village in 1215 and the facsimile Magna Carta would be welcome on permanent display at Castle Hedingham Club. The tapestry is currently on display at Hedingham Castle.

Action: Clerk to check the items are adequately covered by the Parish Council insurance

14.3 Memorial Avenue of Trees: The appropriate location of the Memorial board will be considered at the November meeting.

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS:

Ordinary Parish Council Monday 27th November 2017 at 7.45pm Castle Hedingham Club

Ordinary Parish Council Monday 22nd January 2018 at 7.45pm Castle Hedingham Club

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE