



Parish of Castle Hedingham

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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CASTLE HEDINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL, HELD ON MONDAY 26th SEPTEMBER AT CASTLE HEDINGHAM CLUB AT 7.45PM

Present: Cllrs Moffat, Pewter, Scrivens, Southgate, Toocaram, Worley
In the Chair: Cllr Southgate
Clerk: Claire Waters
Also Present: Cllr H Johnson BDC (Hedinghams)
Cllr R Van Dulken BDC (Yeldham)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Pewter for late arrival, and from Cllrs Higgins, Hood and Philp for absence.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of 22nd August 2016 were approved as a correct record of events.

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

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Moffat declared an interest in one planning application as a friend of the applicant. Cllr Scrivens declared an interest in one planning application neighbouring his own property.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

4.1 Mr Mick Rainbird was presented with a gift and card on the occasion of his retirement. Mr Chairman thanked Mr Rainbird for his sterling service in opening and closing the Public Toilets seven days a week over many years and maintaining them to a high standard.

Cllr Pewter arrived

5. PROGRESS CHECK

- 5.1.** Cllr Scrivens enquired about the parking post and lighting to meet fire regulations for the Memorial Hall. The clerk confirmed that these were both in hand with the village contractor and the electrician.
- 5.2.** Clarification of quotes for tree and hedge work at the Cemetery are still being awaited.
- 5.3.** A reply has not yet been received about cutting of the special verge at Edey's Lane. The clerk will follow this up with ECC and Essex Wildlife

6. HIGHWAYS

- 6.1** A speed survey of traffic approaching the junction of Sudbury Hill and St James St with Bayley Street will be requested, located at the existing 30mph sign at Sudbury Hill.
- 6.2** Cllr Finch had notified the clerk by telephone that the 7.5t weight limit signs are due to be installed. Maps have been provided which will be checked by Cllr Southgate and the clerk.
- 6.3** Dead trees opposite the Bowls Club at Shepcot Road have been inspected by Highways and scheduled for removal.
- 6.4** An agreement has now been reached for planings to be provided by Highways contractors for Cllr Philp to repair the byway at Rushley Green between Hewsons and Lippingwells.
- 6.5** Road re-surfacing and various other works will take place in the village in late September and early October. Details are available on www.roadworks.org.
- 6.6** An enquiry about waymarkers and posts for footpaths and repairs to Footpath 15 has been forwarded to Customer Services at Highways since no response was received.

7. REPORTS

7.1 Police: None

7.2 ECC Report: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Finch.

7.3 BDC Report: Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Beavis.

Cllr Johnson reported an increase in HGVs approaching Haverhill on the Yeldham Road, it is understood this is removal of materials from the Bloor Homes site in Sible Hedingham. No news is available yet from the Local Highways Panel meeting of 22nd September, when a 40mph SID sign at Crouch Green was on the agenda. He reminded Councillors of the BDC Councillors' Small Grants Scheme, and asked if repairs to existing equipment at the playing field was a suitable option for this funding. Cllr Scrivens reported news of mercury and lead being found in cheap paint which is sold for play areas.

Cllr Johnson has attended meetings at Stanstead about noise arising from changed flight patterns. Complaints are being logged by the airport.

Additional Bloor Homes development is planned towards Hedingham School, although no planning application has been submitted yet. Cllr Johnson reported that a challenge to the reduced amount of affordable housing at Earls Garden could have gone to a higher court, but was considered to be costly with only a 50:50 chance of success. There is no further development on the potential joint medical centre at the location.

Cllr Johnson reported that the river locally has not been cleared and is overgrown, with the return of mink to the area.

Action: Clerk to request the Environment Agency inspect the river for problems.

8. PLANNING

Applications received:

16/01332/FUL Demolition and rebuild of single storey rear link extension

18 Crouch Green CO9 3DY

No objections (ratified decision of August meeting)

16/01543/FUL & 16/01544/LBC Replacement of existing out building storage and garaging with room to upper floor

67 Nunnery Street CO9 3DP

No objections as long as it remains ancillary to the main house

16/01494/FUL Demolition of existing grain store and the erection of two semi-detached dwellings, with car parking in existing cart lodge

Nunnery Farm Nunnery Street CO9 3DR

No objections

16/01589/OUT Outline application for the erection of 2 no. two bedroom detached bungalows with parking Land Rear Of Beechings And Bridge House, Nunnery Street *Objections: outside planning envelope, backland development, access problems and already rejected in the draft Local Plan.*

16/00250/TPOCON Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a Conservation Area

Astles 1 Pye Corner CO9 3DE

No objections

Applications determined:

16/01161/FUL Retention of engineering works to level back garden, construction of a retaining wall and a smaller wall along the length of the garden

8 Castle Close CO9 3DH

Application Permitted

16/01285/DAC Application for approval of details reserved by condition nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 11 of approved application 13/00687/FUL

Land Rear of 1 And 3 Castle Essex

Application Permitted

16/01462/DAC Application for approval of details reserved by condition no. 3 of approved application 15/01317/FUL

Goston Mount Pottery Lane CO9 3EU

Application Permitted

9. FINANCE

The monthly accounts were approved and payments agreed for authorisation.

Proposed: Cllr Worley

Seconded: Cllr Toocaram

9.1 Decision on additional trees for Sheepcot Road Memorial Avenue. Despite watering regularly during the dry weather, 2 of the new trees need to be replaced and others purchased to make up the total to 39

RESOLVED: To purchase trees from the original source, who have stock to sell off due to closure.

Proposed: Cllr Moffat

Seconded: Cllr Southgate

Agreed unanimously

Sep-16	Payments in Month	Details	Amount
DD	Eon	Electricity New Park	£17.52
DD	British Gas	Electricity Toilets	£13.15
DD	Anglian Water	Water Cemetery	£21.57
DD	Anglian Water	Water Toilets	£83.56
B/P	Staff	Salaries	£1,306.70
B/P	M D Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£637.20
B/P	CH Club	Room Hire	£20.00
B/P	A&J Lighting	Monthly Charge	£10.08
B/P	EALC	Training Cllr R Worley	£85.00
B/P	HMRC	Tax/NI	£100.62
B/P	PFK Littlejohn	Annual Return	£360.00
B/P	E C Waters	Clerk expenses	£119.15
300343	Hedingham Castle	Recreation Field Lease	£37.50
DD	BDC	Rates, Toilets September	£91.00
TOTAL in month			£2,903.05

Sep-16	Receipts in Month	Details	Amount
01-Sep	Bradford Memorials	Memorial Plot 622A	£360.00
01-Sep	Daniel Robinson	Interment Ashes Plot 41	£360.00
22-Sep	G Collins & Sons	Interment Plot 258	£120.00
14-Sep	Unity Trust Bank	Alto Card balance refund	£38.56
14-Sep	Unity Trust Bank	Alto Card Fee refund	£4.00
28-Sep	ECC	Grass cutting grant	£207.15
30-Sep	BDC	Precept 2nd instalment	£11,605.00
TOTAL in month			£12,694.71

Accounts balances at 26 September 2016

Unity Trust Current account	£28,003.78
CHPC Magna Carta 2015	A/C CLOSED
Unity Trust Deposit account	£25,214.99
Cambridge & Counties 95 day	£30,560.93
Nationwide Treasurers Trust	£20,064.73
	£103,844.43

10. TELEPHONE BOXES AND VILLAGE DEFIBRILLATOR

It was noted via www.roadworks.org that the telephone box at Nunnery Street was scheduled for removal on 30th September. Colne Valley Railway had expressed an interest in the kiosk but it is now too short notice to prevent the removal. A suitable defibrillator is still being investigated for the St James St phone box. Mr Kim Speed (Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator and Parish Safety Volunteer) will be contacted for advice.

11. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

RESOLVED: The 2016 update of the Community Emergency Plan with two small minor amendments was approved for submission to BDC

Proposed: Cllr Southgate

Seconded: Cllr Scrivens

Agreed unanimously

12. UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Councillors had been provided with reports on a meeting with Historic England and the ECC Historic Buildings adviser and discussions with the URC Synod. The property will be marketed for non-residential D1 use only (Clinics, health centres, crèches, day nurseries, day centres, schools, art galleries (other than for sale or hire), museums, libraries, halls, places of worship, church halls, law court. Non residential education and training centres). This restricted use together with the Grade II* listing and lack of parking means that financially viable options are limited.

RESOLVED: To take no further action at this time but monitor the situation and re-visit at a later date.

Proposed: Cllr Worley

Seconded: Cllr Toocaram

Agreed unanimously

Action: Clerk to inform BDC of the property boundaries now confirmed by the URC Synod and proceed with registering the building as an Asset of Community Value. If accepted by BDC the registration as a Community Asset lasts for 5 years, and means the Parish Council will be notified of any intentions to sell and given 6 weeks to express an interest in purchasing it. Following such an expression of interest, the Parish Council would have 6 months to raise community support and external funding and submit a bid.

13. PUBLIC TOILETS

Arrangements are in place for the post to be filled in mid-October, in the meantime the toilets will be opened and closed by the Village Maintenance Operative.

14. CORRESPONDENCE TO NOTE

- **BDC Planning:** Confirmation that s106 payments for Open Spaces Contribution now only apply to developments of 10 houses or more.
- **Braintree Food Bank Harvest Appeal:** Halstead Distribution Centre is open on Mondays 10am to 2pm at the St Andrews Centre, Parsonage Lane, Halstead
info@braintreearea.foodbank.org.uk

15. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- **Commemorative trees** – Decision on location of Commemorative trees for past Chairmen Alan Shaw and Bram Buckley-Saxon.
- **Councillors Community Grant** – Consideration of purpose for grant application.
- **Dog Fouling** – Advisory visit to be arranged with BDC Dog Warden if possible.
- **Castle Hedingham Playing Field**

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Ordinary Parish Council	Monday 24 th October at 7.45pm	Castle Hedingham Club
Ordinary Parish Council	Monday 28 th November at 7.45pm	Castle Hedingham Club

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING TUESDAY 9TH MAY 2017 MEMORIAL HALL

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN)

DATE