

# EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2013 IN EIGHT ASH GREEN VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 P.M.**

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**In the Chair:** Cllr. D. Franklin  
**Present:** Cllrs. J. Greenwold, L. Greenwold, K. Winterbourne  
**Clerk:** Mrs. H. Cook  
**Also Present** Cllr. Harrington, Cllr. Willetts, Mr M Horst & Mr A Cook (Volunteers for EAG Parish Council),  
Seven members of the public.

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### **1112: Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr. Franklin welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr C. Willetts and Cllr D Mills.

### **1113: Declaration of Interests.**

To receive any "Disclosable pecuniary interests, other pecuniary interests or non-pecuniary interests" relating to items on the agenda.

None were declared.

### **1114: Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting Held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

Draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 had been circulated prior to the meeting. All agreed that these were a true record of the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013 were a true record of the meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr. L. Greenwold. **Seconded:** Cllr. Winterbourne. **For:** All

### **1115: Public Participation Session with Respect to Items on the Agenda and Other Matters that are of Mutual Interest.**

A member of the public expressed concerns over the sale of Ashcroft House, Cllr L Greenwold agreed to contact the selling agent, to seek further information.

### **1116: Play Area:**

Mr Andrew Cook gave a report to Council confirming that after the Parish Council resolved at the November meeting to proceed with an application with the aid of Linda Russell Solicitors the s.38 application was now ready to submit to the Planning Inspectorate. In order for the application to proceed the legal notice needed to be advertised in the local paper within 7 days of the submission.

Questions were answered regarding the three routes that the Planning Inspectorate can choose in regard to determining this application:

- a) Make a decision just on the application and further submitted information from the public.
- b) Hold an informal hearing.
- c) Hold a full public inquiry.

Cllr Winterbourne expressed his views against the application.

**RESOLVED that the legal notice be put in the newspaper at a cost of £288.82 plus VAT.**

**Proposed: Cllr. L. Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. J. Greenwold. For: 3 Object: 1**

**1117: Ward/County Councillors to Address the Members if Present.**

Cllr Harrington spoke briefly on:

- ❖ The parking issue near the Holiday Inn is still ongoing and a meeting with North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) took place on the 10<sup>th</sup> April. He would contact the officer in order to ascertain the final outcome of this meeting. If this was not successful he would be taking this matter up with Bernard Jenkins MP.

**1118: Planning Matters:**

- a) None Received.
- b) Cllrs agreed to look at planning applications on-line with Mr Horst printing a copy for the meeting, or providing a projector.

**1119: Action Tracker:**

Cllrs discussed that matters were in progress and Cllr Franklin asked that the Tree Survey be put on the Action Tracker.

**1120: Village Design Statement:**

Mr Allcock gave an update to the Council on the order of contents, printing costs and feedback which they had received from a Town Planner. He also gave an update confirming that they were still on course to complete by the Village Festival.

**RESOLVED that the content order should be primarily for the villagers, but a supplement should be made available for planners/developers.**

**Proposed: Cllr. J. Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. L. Greenwold. For: All.**

**1121: Broadband Project & Website:**

Mr Marcel Horst spoke briefly on:

- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr of £481 should now have been received.
- ❖ No new customers this month.
- ❖ One 2 hours outage had been reported, County Broadband are looking at possible upgrades.
- ❖ There is currently a gap of 5 months in order to repay the loan. He is however very confident that the loan will be paid back despite the possible introduction of BDUK project.
- ❖ Mr Horst declared his intension to become a Non-Executive Director in County Broadband.

Cllrs asked Mr Horst if County Broadband would be attending the Village Festival, Mr Horst said he would enquire.

Mr Horst reported that the website had been updated and had steady viewing numbers.

Cllr Franklin thanked Mr Horst for his work towards this project.

**1122: Annual Programme of Works for Village Handyman**

Cllr Franklin agreed to discuss this with Mr Tye and bring it back to Council for the May meeting.

**1123: Heaths, Greens, Footpaths and Highways Working Group**

It was agreed to bring this item back to May's meeting because a final quote was awaited. Cllr Franklin did bring to the attention of Council that the big willow near the cricket pitch has a split trunk, the right hand would need to be removed and the tree would need to be pollarded.

**1124: Locality Budget 2012/13**

The Clerk advised the Council that we were waiting for the bike racks to be delivered.

Cllr Franklin advised the Council that the Well signs were complete but that he needed to contact Steve Webb in order to arrange for these to be put up.

**1125: Post Office**

A proposal for a Post Office and village shop at the site of the current car dealership on the junction of the Halstead Road and Spring Lane had been circulated to the Cllrs prior to the meeting. Cllrs were in favour of the proposal supported with the result of the Parish Plan questionnaire. Cllrs did have some concerns on possible parking issues but felt that the applicant should approach CBC and ECC for advice at this stage. The Clerk was instructed to pass these comments on to the applicant.

**1126: Asset Register**

Cllrs discussed that the Asset Register should be adopted, but that they should look again at this document when the insurance policy was due. It was all agreed to take this document when completing the village walk around in order to map assets.

**RESOLVED that the Asset Register be adopted.**

**Proposed: Cllr. Franklin. Seconded: Cllr. L. Greenwold. For: All.**

**1127: Yearly Subscriptions**

The renewal of membership for Colchester Association of Local Councils and the Essex Association of Local Councils was discussed and it was agreed to renew all memberships.

**RESOLVED to renew the membership for Colchester Association of Local Councils and the Essex Association of Local Councils.**

**Proposed: Cllr. L. Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. Franklin. For: All.**

**1128: Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported the following:

- ❖ Chitts Hill level crossing would be closed 1am- 7.30am on the 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> April & 5<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> May.
- ❖ Reports sent: deep pothole on Fiddlers Hill (near speed sign), broken dog bin on Cooks Mill Road, fly tipping in the layby on Cooks Mill Road, dead monkjack deer on Halstead Rd, opp Church, 30mph speed repeater on the heath in the ditch.
- ❖ Petrol theft by a black Renault Clio with stolen number plate VK53 LZR, 3 times.

**1129: Chairman's Report**

Cllr Franklin read out his report, a full copy can be found on-line at <http://eightashgreen.com/eight-ash-green-parish-council-chairmans-report-spring-2013/>

**1130: School Report**

Cllr Franklin read out the school report, a full copy can be found on-line at <http://eightashgreen.com/holy-trinity-c-e-primary-school-inspection-report/>

**1131: Accounts and Payments:**

**Financial Statement for April and the end of year 2012/13. (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per April payment schedule).** The two invoices and Salary information were passed around for all Councillors to have a look at and agree.

**RESOLVED that after further consideration the five cheques detailed on the payment schedule be authorised for payment.**

**Proposed: Cllr. K. Winterbourne. Seconded: Cllr. D. Franklin. For: All.**

**1132: Any other business:**

- ❖ Festival Committee have requested financial support with regards to the toilets for the Village Festival.
- ❖ A complaint had been received regarding the parking for football on the heath – Cllr Franklin agreed to talk to the Football Club.
- ❖ WWI commemorative would be taking place next year, Cllr Franklin put the idea forward of a dinner and dance at the village hall, Cllr L Greenwold volunteered to look into this further.

**1133: Next Agenda Items.**

Tree Survey  
Village Festival Toilets  
AGM

Cllr Franklin thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.05pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

**1134: Part 2**

*To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, the Public to be excluded further from the Meeting. The outcome of the private discussion will be publicised in the minutes to this meeting.*

Mrs Harness no longer required an increase in salary in order to qualify for SMP after seeking professional advice.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Signed:.....

Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 8<sup>th</sup> May 2013