

EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH JULY 2013 IN EIGHT ASH GREEN VILLAGE HALL, AT 7.30 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. D. Franklin
Present: Cllrs. L. Coombs, J. Greenwold, L. Greenwold, C. Willetts,
Clerk: Mrs. H. Cook
Also Present Cllr. Willetts, Mr M Horst (Volunteer)
Eight members of the public

1176: Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence.

Cllr. Franklin welcomed everybody to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr K Winterbourne, Cllr D Mills & Cllr M Harrington.

1177: 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.

1178: Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting Held on 12th June 2013.

Draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2013 had been circulated prior to the meeting. All agreed that these were a true record of the meeting. Cllr C Willetts abstained due to not being present at the June meeting.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 12th June 2013 were a true record of the meeting.

Proposed: Cllr. L. Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. J. Greenwold. For: 4. Abstained: 1

Cllrs agreed to bring forward 1186 Jubilee Meadows.

1186 Jubilee Meadows:

Cllrs discussed the change of use to the field to the left of Blind Lane. The Clerk was asked to follow this up with Planning Enforcement Team.

Cllrs discussed that residents had put up two bollards between Jubilee Meadows and Blind Lane. The Clerk was asked to ask for a quote in order to restore the hedgerow. Cllr Franklin confirmed that the Planning Enforcement Team were happy for the Parish Council to do this.

1179: Public Participation Session with Respect to Items on the Agenda and Other Matters that are of Mutual Interest.

A member of the public spoke about the speed of traffic on Spring Lane. Cllrs asked the clerk to look into the cost associated with the Parish Council lowering the speed of the road, along with gaining the views from the Police and Essex County Council.

A member of the public also spoke about the need for more volunteers for Speedwatch in the Village.

Cllrs agreed to bring forward 1182 Broadband Project & Website..

1182: Broadband Project & Website:

Mr M Horst spoke briefly on

- ❖ One new customer had joined.
- ❖ County Broadband had moved to new offices in Aldham.
- ❖ £520 should have been received from County Broadband.
- ❖ Website has been updated and is all currently working.

1180: Ward/County Councillors to Address the Members if Present.

Cllr Willetts spoke briefly on:

The new company that has bought Ashcroft, local residents have expressed some concern.

Cllrs agreed to ask the Clerk to contact the new owners to enter into some dialogue on the future of Ashcroft, to enable the Parish Council to reassure residents.

1181: VDS Plan:

Mr John Allcock gave a brief outline to the Council. The Council thanked the VDS team for all their hours of hard work over this project.

RESOLVED that the Parish Council formally approved the VDS plan and that the VDS team could now submit this to Colchester Borough.

Proposed: Cllr. L Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. Coombs. For: All.

1183: Grass Verge Parking:

Cllr D. Willetts gave a brief outline of the use of the "Essex Act 1987" in order to prevent cars from parking on the grass verges when the residential parking starts.

RESOLVED that the Clerk write to NEPP to confirm that the Parish Council supports the use of the Essex Act 1987 Section 6 Notices to prohibit parking on verges around the Holiday Inn area.

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

1184: Traffic Calming (Holy Trinity C of E Primary School):

Cllrs discussed that they are happy to support the school in putting an application forward in order to safeguard the safety of the Children. The Clerk was asked to write to the School in order to confirm its support.

1185: Dog Bin (Holy Trinity C of E Primary School):

The Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Harrington to seek a new bin or move the bin from Seven Star Green to the School.

RESOLVED that the Clerk would write to Cllr Harrington requesting a new dog bin for the school or to assist in the moving of the Seven Start Green bin.

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

1187: Allotment Plot:

Cllrs agreed to ask Cllr Winterbourne to look into this further and bring it back to Council in September.

1188: Salt Bag Scheme 2013/14:

RESOLVED that the Parish Council would take up the 2013/14 Winter Salt Bag Scheme and would ask for the delivery to be made to the Village Hall.

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

1189: Action Tracker:

Cllrs discussed that matters were in progress.

1190: Risk Assessment:

After some discussion the amended Risk Assessment were re-adopted for 2013/14

RESOLVED that the amended Risk Assessment be re-adopted for 2013/14

Proposed: Cllr. L. Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. Willetts. For: All.

1191: Heaths, Greens, Footpaths and Highways Working Group

- a) To receive reports from Councillors

The quote for the tree trimming on Seven Star Green was discussed.

RESOLVED that the quote for the tree trimming on Seven Star Green be accepted at £333.00 and the Clerk instruct Firmin's Maintenance Ltd to carry out the work.

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

Cllr Franklin brought to the attention of Council that there are suspicions that the pond in Daisy Star has sewage from one of the properties. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to all properties to try to rectify the issue.

Cllr L Greenwold brought to the attention of Council that the Brick Street sign was now in need of repair. The Clerk agreed to contact CBC in order to seek a repair.

- b) To discuss the possibility for an extra bin on the Heath.

This was discussed and agreed to be purchased.

RESOLVED that the quote for the extra bin on the heath of £350 including maintenance be accepted. The Clerk was instructed to confirm to Cllr Harrington of the Council decision.

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

- c) To discuss adding handrails to two ditch bridges.

It was agreed to not take up this quote and the Clerk was asked to confirm this to the contractor.

- d) To discuss the Tree Survey.

The tree survey was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk should seek out 3 quotes for the work and bring these to the September meeting.

- e) Works completed by Anglian Water on the corner of Argents Lane, Spring Lane & Heath Road.

Cllrs discussed that work had been completed but no permission had been sort from the Parish Council and that the works had been carried out on Common Land again without permission.

Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should write a letter to Anglian Water regarding this matter.

1192: Clerks Report

The Clerk reported the following:

- ❖ Planning 130862 – 2 Heathfields, Approval of Certificate of Lawfulness.
- ❖ Planning 130253 – Friars Farm, Conditional Approval (only watches, open hours of weekdays 9-5.30, Weekend 9-12, no Sunday or Public Holiday)
- ❖ Planning 130790 – Moles Seeds, Turkey Cock Lane, Conditional Approval.
- ❖ Planning 130973 – Badulla, Halstead Road, Conditional Approval.
- ❖ Trees overhanging path near school had been reported and cut back.
- ❖ Potholes on argents lane had been reported.
- ❖ Planning Training on the 22nd July was being attended by Cllr Franklin, Cllr Coombs & Clerk.
- ❖ Contacted CBC regarding the verge outside Jubilee Meadows, this has now been cut and has been added to the contractor’s schedule.
- ❖ Letter to Essex Police & Cllr Anne Brown regarding the speeding on Spring Lane and the repeater sign has been sent.
- ❖ Letter confirming PC backing of Residential Parking has been sent.
- ❖ Crime Reported – Wood Lane removal of a plant pot
- ❖ Crime Reported – Huxtable Lane entry to outbuilding, stolen numerous garden tools.
- ❖ Crime Reported – Searle Way burglary of house.
- ❖ Crime Reported – Abbots Lane criminal damage to car.
- ❖ Crime Reported – Abbots Lane damage to car.
- ❖ Crime Reported – Abbots Lane theft from a vehicle.

1193: Accounts and Payments:

Financial Statement for July. (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per payment schedule). The five invoices and salary information were passed around for all Councillors to have a look at and agree.

RESOLVED that after further consideration the eight cheques detailed on the payment schedule be authorised for payment. Proposed: Cllr. J Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. C Willetts. For: All.

Cllrs noted that Cheques would be signed in August with full approval at the September meeting.

1194: Any other business:

The Council had concern regarding the 10 cars parked on the Heath, during a Cricket Club event, which also included fireworks. The Parish Council had not been informed prior to this event.

Cllrs agreed that a letter should be sent to remind the Cricket Club of its agreement.

1195: Next Agenda Items.

Purchase of Allotment Plot

Cllr Franklin thanked everyone for attending and the closed the meeting to the public at 9.00pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 11th September 2013. Please note that no meeting will take place in August

Signed:.....

Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 11th September 2013