

# EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 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, D. Mills, K. Winterbourne  
**Clerk:** Mrs. H. Cook  
**Also Present** Cllr. Harrington, Mr M Horst (Volunteer for EAG Parish Council), PCSO 70834 Hayley Howe and five members of the public.

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### **1096: Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**

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

### **1097: Declaration of Interests.**

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

Cllr. Franklin disclosed an interest in planning application: 130253, Friars Farm.

Cllr J Greenwold & Cllr L Greenwold disclosed an interest in planning application 130219, 12 Spring Lane.

### **1098: Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting Held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

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

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

### **1099: Public Participation Session with Respect to Items on the Agenda and Other Matters that are of Mutual Interest.**

Members of the public spoke with great concern regarding the legality, dangerous and inconsiderate parking that was currently taking place in Abbotts Lane and around the Holiday Inn Hotel. Cllr Harrington confirmed that he was continuing to seek a resolution to this problem and had another meeting with North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) on the 10<sup>th</sup> April to try and move this forward. He confirmed that he had also received a letter from the Head of Doucecroft School in order to use this as weight to this argument with regards to safety and clear access to the road.

PCSO 70834 Hayley Howe made a report to the council in brief:

- ❖ Since March 2012 the following incidents had been reported; 3 burglaries, 1 theft of parcel, 2 assaults (holiday inn), 2 vehicle thefts, 2 nuisances.
- ❖ No crime had been reported so far this year.
- ❖ Promoting Neighbourhood Watch – (Details of Susan Greenwold, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator for the Wood Lane and tributaries will be passed on)
- ❖ Alert for oil theft.

- ❖ Aware of the issues with regards to parking, however, explained that this needed to be followed through with NEPP in order to obtain road markings/signs. She confirmed that it is only an obstruction if you cannot get a vehicle along the road, or a buggy on the pavement.

**1100: 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) is due to take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> April.
- ❖ Discussions regarding the 25 year management plan for Iron Latch Woods are taking place.
- ❖ Horkesley Park application was refused.

**1101: Planning Matters:**

**Planning Application 130219, 12 Spring Lane, Eight Ash Green, Colchester, CO6 3QE – Single storey rear extension.**

8.15pm Cllr J Greenwold & Cllr L Greenwold left the meeting.

After a brief discussion, the members asked the clerk to send the usual letter reflecting comments of no concern.

**RESOLVED the clerk was instructed to send comments to Colchester Borough Council Planning Department. Proposed: Cllr. Winterbourne. Seconded: Cllr. Franklin. For: 3.**

8.17pm Cllr J Greenwold & Cllr L Greenwold rejoined the meeting.

**Planning Application 130253, Friars Farm, Daisy Green, Eight Ash Green, Colchester – Change of use of existing barn to light industrial (B1) (Resubmission of 121045)**

8.17pm Cllr Franklin left the meeting

After a brief discussion, the members asked the clerk to send a letter voicing their concerns from local residents along with concerns regarding the following points:

The narrow country lanes and awkward access for deliveries and trade waste vehicles.

The inconsistent opening hours stated on the application form.

The security of such a business in a rural location.

The concern over future expansion.

The Cllrs wished to receive further information regarding these points in order to allow further consideration.

**RESOLVED the clerk was instructed to send comments to Colchester Borough Council Planning Department. Proposed: Cllr. Winterbourne. Seconded: Cllr. J. Greenwold. For: 4.**

8.23pm Cllr Franklin rejoined the meeting.

**1102: Action Tracker:**

- ❖ It was noted that the bike racks and well signs were in the process of being ordered.

**1103: Parish Bench:**

Cllrs discussed that it had now been confirmed that the bench could not be moved and therefore it was decided to gift the bench to the current owners of the former Brick & Tile Public House and look for a suitable

site to place another bench by asking the residents of the village to vote, either on the website or at the village festival.

**RESOLVED that the bench currently situated on the corner of Spring Lane and Halstead Road be gifted to the owners of the former Brick & Tile Public House.**

**Proposed: Cllr. J. Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. D. Franklin. For: All.**

**1104: Play Area:**

The Clerk gave an update explaining that the last piece of information had been forwarded to the Solicitors and the final draft for approval would be sent shortly. The Cllrs had no questions.

**1105: Broadband Project & Website:**

Mr Marcel Horst spoke briefly regarding the meeting he had attended on the 5<sup>th</sup> March regarding BDUK project with Essex County Council he summaries the pros and cons of taking this forward or staying with County Broadband. He concluded that his recommendation to the Council was to continue supporting County Broadband with a view to look at this again in the future.

Mr Horst reported that the website had been updated and that the clerk needed to let him know of the currently planning applications, in order for this to be updated.

**RESOLVED that the Council was to continue supporting County Broadband with a view to reassess this again in the future.**

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

**1106: Heaths, Greens, Footpaths and Highways Working Group**

Cllr L Greenwold reported to the Council that allotment plots had now been reallocated and there was no one currently on the waiting list.

It was discussed that Mr G Tye would need to look at the Heather.

A Tree survey was discussed and it was agreed that it needed to be put into place, with regards to health and safety. The clerk agreed to obtain 3 quotes for this work and report back to Council at the April meeting.

**RESOLVED that the Clerk would obtain 3 quotes for tree surveys to be carried out on Seven Star Green, Heath, Parish Field & Daisy Green.**

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

**1107: Locality Budget 2013/14**

Cllr Harrington confirmed that £2,000 would be available to the Parish. Cllrs agreed to seek ideas from residents and groups via the website and magazine.

**1108: Standing Orders**

Cllrs had been sent prior to the meeting the latest Standing Order via email.

**RESOLVED that the Standing Orders dated the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2011 should be readopted.**

**Proposed: Cllr. J. Greenwold. Seconded: Cllr. K. Winterbourne. For: All.**

**1109: Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that the following planning decisions had been received:

122265: 2 Heathfields – Approved.

122014: 2 Heathfields – Appealing to the Secretary of State under “Householder Appeals Service”.

West Bergholt Parish Clerk had ordered the Bike Racks £395 plus delivery, Cllrs agreed to ask Steve Webb to fit them on arrival.

Colchester Borough Council had reported a rise in dog theft in the Colchester area, it was agreed to put this on the website.

**1110: Accounts and Payments:**

1. **Financial Statement for March. (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per March payment schedule).** The three invoices and Salary information were passed around for all Councillors to have a look at and agree.

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

**Proposed: Cllr. D. Franklin. Seconded: Cllr. J Greenwold. For: All.**

**1111: Any other business:**

None noted

**1112: Next Agenda Items.**

Tree Survey  
Locality Budget for 2013/14  
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Cllr Franklin thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 9.00pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Signed:.....

Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> April 2013