

# EIGHT ASH GREEN PARISH COUNCIL

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 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. Willetts & Harrington, Mr M Horst (Volunteer for EAG Parish Council)

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### **1080: Chairman's Welcome and Apologies for Absence.**

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

### **1081: 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.

### **1082: Confirmation of Minutes – Meeting Held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013.**

Draft minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 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 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 were a true record of the meeting.

**Proposed:** Cllr. J. Greenwold. **Seconded:** Cllr. Winterbourne. **For:** 4. **Obtain:** 1

### **1083: Public Participation Session with Respect to Items on the Agenda and Other Matters that are of Mutual Interest.**

Mr M Horst took a new photo of the council for the website.

### **1084: Ward/County Councillors to Address the Members if Present.**

Cllr Harrington spoke briefly on:

- ❖ The Locality budget money had now been received so ordering of the sign for the well, and bike rack could take place. Cllr Harrington offered to arrange the bike rack order as West Bergholt were also making the same purchase.
- ❖ Dog bins had been relocated from Turkey Cock Lane & Seven Star Green to Abbots Lane and Porters Lane.
- ❖ Road repairs to Cooks Mill Lane and Argents Lane should be completed by the end of March.
- ❖ The parking issue near the Holiday Inn is still ongoing and strong correspondence with North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) are taking place. A residents meeting is being held on 15<sup>th</sup> February at the Holiday Inn at 6.30pm.

Cllr Willetts spoke briefly on:

- ❖ The Village newsletter was due to published shortly and that there was still space for Parish Council News.

**1085: Planning Matters:**

**Planning Application 122265, 2 Heathfields, Eight Ash Green, Colchester, CO6 3QP – Side extension, conversion of garage and roof space to provide accommodation extension of crossover and hardstanding.** After a brief discussion, the members asked the clerk to send the usual letter reflecting comments of no concern.

**Planning Application No: ESS/13/11/COL/15/1 – Colchester Skip Hire Ltd – details relating to tree and hedgerow protection scheme.** After a brief discussion, a decision of no comment was made due to the main application already being approved.

**Planning Application No: ESS/13/11/COL/7/1 – Colchester Skip Hire Ltd – details relating to travel plan.** After a brief discussion, a decision of no comment was made due to the main application already being approved.

**Planning Application No: ESS/13/11/COL/20/1 – Colchester Skip Hire Ltd – details relating to scheme for the storage of empty skips and waste containers, and for the parking of HGVs when not in use.** After a brief discussion, a decision of no comment was made due to the main application already being approved.

**Planning Application No: ESS/13/11/COL/10/1 – Colchester Skip Hire Ltd – details relating to scheme of sound insulation.** After a brief discussion, a decision of no comment was made due to the main application already being approved.

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

**1086: Action Tracker:**

- ❖ It was noted that the relocation of the dog bins had been completed, so this now could be removed.
- ❖ Mr Marcel Horst will follow up the Poor lighting in Porters Lane Garage area as soon as possible.

**1087: Parish Bench:**

Cllr J Greenwold will follow this up and report back to the Full Council in March.

**1088: Play Area:**

An update from Mr Andrew Cook was read out to the Council by the Clerk. In brief: an application is being currently being prepared to be submitted in about March/April. Once the application is submitted a further consultation will take place with an opportunity to view the final proposals and make comments directly to the planning inspectorate as the decision making body. The Cllrs had no questions.

**1089: Broadband Project & Website:**

Mr Marcel Horst spoke briefly on:

- ❖ 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr of £414.75 should now have been received. £20 difference than expected due to new calculations.
- ❖ No new customers this month and one loss, due to customer moving out of the village.
- ❖ 2 outages due to the snow had been reported, County Broadband are looking at an upgrade to assist with this occasional problem.

- ❖ Essex County Council are conducting a survey in order to invest in higher speed broadband, in poor signalled areas. A meeting with them alongside a representative from West Bergholt and Langham Parish Council will take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> March. Mr Horst will attend.
- ❖ An error on the website should be fixed in the next couple of days.

The Cllrs thanks Marcel for all his hard work.

**1090: Allotments:**

Cllr L Greenwold reported that 4 plots are now available and that these could now be reallocated by the Clerk. Two further plots would be chased up prior to the March meeting.

**1091: Heaths, Greens, Footpaths and Highways Working Group**

Cllr Winterbourne reported that a member of the public was seeking permission to use some of the rubble in the Heath car park in order to ease some pot holes on the Bridleway, Cllrs agreed.

The Clerk had reported that the yellow salt bins within the village are empty or certainly reaching that way and are starting to be blown over in the wind. Cllrs agreed to arrange for a few salt bags to be collected from Brick Kiln Farm and be added to the bins.

Cllr Franklin reported that a member of the public had been walking along Blind Lane and their dog had been injured in some loose barbed wire. Cllr Mills agreed to have a chat with the land owner.

**1092: Parish Council Bank Account**

It was discussed that Mr A Cook & Mr C Gray needed to be taken off as signatories and two councillors needed to volunteer.

**RESOLVED that Cllr L Greenwold and Cllr D Mills would become signatories for the Parish Council alongside Cllr C Willetts.**

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

**1093: Clerks Report**

The Clerk reported that Andrew Weavers, CBC Monitoring Officer had reported at the Town and Parish Council Clerk's Forum in December that Cllrs declaring an interest at a public meeting must also inform the Monitoring Officer, in order for it to be included in the Register.

**RESOLVED that the clerk will report Cllrs declaration of interests to Andrew Weavers, after the relevant meeting.**

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

The Clerk reported that Turkey Cock Lane was due to be closed from 18<sup>th</sup> February till 1<sup>st</sup> March in order for structures resilience measures on A12/Turkey Cock Lane Bridge.

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

121627: Briarberry Barn, Kemps Farm, Turkey Cock Lane. – Refused.

122263: 4 Searle Way – Approved.

Cllr Winterbourne informed the Council that a presentation from the Village Design Group would be taking place on the 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Cricketers Pub at 10am.

**1094: Accounts and Payments:**

1. **Financial Statement for February. (Items to be approved for payment and signed as per February 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. Winterbourne. Seconded: Cllr. J Greenwold. For: All.**

**1095: Next Agenda Items.**

County Broadband  
Locality Budget for 2013/14  
Parish Bench

Cllr Franklin thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.55pm. The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013.

Signed:.....

Chairperson of the Parish Council

Date: 13<sup>th</sup> March 2013