

BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON
THURSDAY 30 JUNE 2016

PRESENT: Mr T R Walker (Chairman)
Mr S Rhenius (Vice Chairman)
Mr P Smart
Mr A Cook
Mr D Simpson

CLERK: Mrs D Hilliard

16/55 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Mr D Simpson and Mr M Gilbert

16/56 OTHER ABSENCES
Cllr David Finch and Cllr R Bolton.

16/57 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
It was noted that minute 16/46 had a minor typing error. This was adjusted and then the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11 May 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed.

16/58 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Mr P Smart declared an interest in item 8 of the agenda -application no 16/00163

16/59 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF THE CLERK
Saltbag Scheme 2016/17 – Not required
DaRT Scheme – now in the Birdbrook News and advertised.

16/60 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT
Lloyds Bank letter – noted
ECC Road Closure notice – noted
RCCE AGM – noted
Birdbrook PCC letter – noted

16/61 MEMBERS' REPORTS

- (a) *Pond* – Nothing to report
- (b) *Parks* – Noted that the grass is very long. Unable to cut due to the very wet weather. A number of items need putting on the agenda for September:
Refurbishment of benches and noticeboard and grass cutting arrangements.
- (c) *Chairman's Report* – Richard reported the Parish Plan results indicated that the parish wanted to receive news via the newsletter. However, there is now a Facebook page for Birdbrook was not set up by the Parish Council
- (d) *Highways* – The letter for Essex County Council regarding speed issues on the A1017 is finalised and ready to be sent. Debbie will send it out.

Warren Brace is still interested in joining the Parish Council once the issues regarding the A1017 are resolved.

Richard reported that he had spoken to the Farm Manager at Moyns Park and been advised that ditch clearing and stream clearing which causes the flooding at the Wash and Carters Bridge will start in September. Tom Palmer of Essex County Council is the Flooding Officer. Debbie will contact him with details of the flooding problems in Fell Road.

Martyn has again reported the pothole at the end of Daw Street. The Clerk suggested asking Cllr Finch to attend the next Network Meeting. She will contact Helions Bumpstead PC and ask them to do this.

16/62 PLANNING

Application No: 16/00163/TPOCON – It was reported that the applicants have approached Braintree District Council Tree Warden and had an inspection carried out and some boughs have already been removed. It was agreed that given that BDC have already visited and inspected the Parish Council were broadly in agreement with the works being carried out as long as it is exactly follows the advice of Braintree District Council.

Application No: 16/01113/FUL – Craig Meadow, Sturmer – It was noted that 2 councillors had been unable to access the site and study the plans. It was agreed to use Martyn's comments from his email for this application. Debbie will draft and circulate a reply.

Draft Local Plan – Noted.

16/63 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Following the visit of Jan Stobart at the last meeting it was agreed that a Neighbourhood Plan was not required at the present time.

16/64 LITTER BINS & LITTER PICKING

Agenda for full discussion in September.

16/65 ALLOCATION OF ROLES FOR COUNCILLORS

Following discussion of this it was proposed:

- Martyn – Tree Warden and Pond Co-ordinator
- Alan – Telephone boxes and pump
- Peter and Richard – Highways and Superfast Broadband
- Peter – Footpaths

CIF Application – Alan reported he had obtained brochures from 2 companies regarding a village sign. He reported on the costs and details. Debbie will provide him with Angie Balcombe (CIF co-ordinator) contact details so that he can go to her for advice. He will keep the Parish Council advised of progress.

Regarding the missing street light Richard advised that it is sited in the garden of the Old Rectory of The Street opposite Moyns Park. Marked no 54. Debbie will investigate with UK Power. Report made by workmen on 4 or 5 April.

16/66 FINANCE

Financial Report – Noted and agreed

Annual accounts for 2015/16 – Now sent to the auditor

16/67 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

Not required.

16/68 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

None.

16/69 TIME, DAY AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 14 September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Community House, Birdbrook

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 9.10pm.

Signed: Dated: