

BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 4 October 2012 at 7.30pm
in the Community Rooms, The Street, Birdbrook, Essex**

PRESENT: Mr R Walker (Chairman) Mr D Hoy
 Mrs H Hodge Mr L Carter
 Mr S Rhenius Mrs A Beetson

OFFICERS: Mrs D Hilliard, Parish Clerk

12/71 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Robert Bolton due to personal and prejudicial interests.

12/72 OTHER ABSENCES

None.

12/73 PLANNING

Application No: 12/01256/FUL – land adjacent to Dutch Cottage, Sturmer

The following comments will be referred to Braintree District Council:

1. The location of the stable block is an issue and the parish council would like to see it moved to a less conspicuous part of the field.
2. The overall size of the development seems excessive for horses kept for leisure purposes (is a first floor needed?)
3. The parish council would like to see a clause included which would restrict the usage of the stables and grazing for non-commercial uses only and usage only for the applicant's horses only.
4. Removal of any muck heap should be undertaken regularly and not impact on neighbouring properties in terms of smell nuisance.
5. The applicant must avoid the felling or lopping of any trees without reference to the Environment Officer
6. The proposal must meet all criteria as laid down in Braintree District Council's local plan

Application No 12/01188/FUL & 12/01274/LBC – Baythorne Hall

The parish council is broadly in support of the proposal being of the view that it will encourage local employment for the area. However the parish council does have concerns relating to highway issues and the increased number of vehicles using the A1017 through Baythorne End which already has a high incidence of accidents on this section of the A1017.

New England site

The parish council have a number of issues regarding this site and have been approached by local residents already concerned about activities. As follows:

- Car sales which apparently require planning permission

- There now appears to be a metal traders on the site. Does this require planning permission or a licence
- New England Supplies are taking in rubble and crushing it for aggregates, again is permission required.
- The Indian restaurant site is messy, there is fencing blown down and possibly another caravan on the site, although this has not been confirmed by the parish council.
- Sunnybanks – again the site is messy and local residents have been in contact with the parish council over this. Has the enforcement re the demolition of the kennels expired, together with the planning permission for the extension?

The Clerk will contact Braintree District Council over these issues and also copy details to Cllr Finch.

12/74 EALC BRIEFING NOTE RE COUNCIL TAX

Noted.

12/75 TIME, DAY AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 1 November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Community Rooms, Birdbrook PC

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed (Chairman)

Dated