

BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 7 March 2013 at 7.30pm in the Community Rooms, Birdbrook.

PRESENT: Richard Walker (Chairman) Ann Beetson
 Leigh Carter Derek Hoyer
 Robert Bolton Hazel Hodge
 Steve Rhenius

CLERK: Debbie Hilliard

13/15 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

13/16 OTHER ABSENCES

None.

13/17 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2013 were agreed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Steve Rhenius and seconded by Leigh Carter, all in favour. The Chairman reported on minute no 13/5 re the photo album forwarded by ECC had been passed to Rachel Price, Chair of the Birdbrook Club.

The Chairman confirmed the next meeting would take place on Wednesday 1 May at 7.30pm in the Community Rooms.

13/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

13/19 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF THE CLERK

Debit Card – It was agreed to proceed with the acquisition of a debit card for the Parish Council.

Oil Club – Leigh and An will co-ordinate some research into this item.

13/20 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

Essex Heritage Trust item re work on war memorials – Will be passed to the Church.

EALC County updates Jan & Feb 13 – Noted

RCCE Best Kept Village Comp 2013 – Noted

Cllr Finch Jan update – Noted

13/21 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Pond – Appears in good order and two ducks in residence.

Parks – All appear in order but very wet. The park in Birdbrook was flooded due to a burst pipe on the bowling field.

Chairman's Report – The Chairman apologised for the many emails circulated whilst sorting out the issues with the precept. This may continue to be a problem which sorting budgets for the next year.

Highways – The roads continue to be in a poor state. The letter sent by the Clerk as a result of the previous meeting has not yet been replied to. The Clerk will forward this to Cllr Finch and ask for help.

13/22 PLANNING

13/00024/TPOCON – No comment

13/00145/LBC – No comment

The update received from Brian Taplin of Braintree DC Planning Enforcement team regarding various issues at New England was read out.

13/23 PARISH PLAN

Leigh reported that he had sent out the data and a summary of the results of the survey. The Chairman thanked Leigh and Steve for all their hard work. The next step is to review the summary and decide on the most important areas. A meeting will be arranged between the Parish Council and the Parish Plan Committee. Debbie and Leigh will liaise to arrange a date.

13/24 COMMUNITY ISSUES MEETING

The next meeting will be hosted by Birdbrook PC and will take place on 24 April 2013 at 7.30pm.

Salt Spreader Group – Leigh reported that they had recently held the meeting. He will forward an email from Cllr Finch.

13/25 FINANCE

The financial report was agreed. Proposed by Robert Bolton and seconded by Hazel Hodge, all in favour.

13/26 TIME, DAY AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 1 May at 7.30pm in the Community Rooms, Birdbrook to be followed by the Annual Parish meeting.

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

Signed

Dated: