

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL** which was held on **Tuesday, 9th January 2007**, in the **Community House, Birdbrook at 7.30pm.**

**PRESENT**                    **Cllr R W Walker**  
**Cllr R J Bolton**  
**Cllr Mrs H Hodge**  
**Cllr D Hoye,**  
**Cllr R Kirby**  
**Cllr T Fenner**

**Public**                      **One Member Present Dave Wade - BDC Community Warden**

**Also in Attendance**  
**Susan De Luca – Clerk**

**QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
**There were no questions from the public present**

#### **06.51 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were noted from County Cllr D Finch  
No Apologies had been **RECEIVED** from Cllr W Rook in time to be reported to the meeting.

#### **06.52 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor D Hoye declared an interest in Planning Application  
06/02253/ful- Hawthorne House, Mill Road.  
**Councillor Hoye left the meeting whilst the item was discussed**

#### **06.53 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 06 had been circulated, and were declared a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

**06.54 REPORT OF THE CLERK**

Members **RECEIVED** the oral report of the Clerk on the following matters

<p><b>i) ECC Highway Matters</b>                  The Chairman expressed concern at the number of items which were still awaiting action by ECC Highways. The Clerk would write to ECC – Councillor Bass and Head of Highways and Transportation Tony Ciaburro to voice this Councils concern. The following matters are still outstanding:</p> <p>a) Four Ash Hill – Chevron Signs Still Missing</p> <p>b) A1017 Bottom of Station Road - Chevron Signs Missing</p> <p>c) Fell Road – Continuing Problems with Flooding</p> <p>d) Roadway by Telephone Box and Post Box outside the Churchyard in The Street – It was agreed that the road would be re-surfaced a couple of years ago. This is still awaited.</p> <p>e) Various areas of roadway have been patched, however the roadways is breaking up as no permanent repairs have been carried out.</p> <p>The following matter was a new item which had been brought to the attention of the Council</p> <p>f) Brick wall on the road side of the pond is crumbling and needs repairing.</p>	<p><b>ii) Play Area –</b>                  Revision to Equipment – The Clerk would be ordering the equipment by the end of the week</p> <p><b>iii) Bus Stop – Baythorne End</b> Quote for Bin in Bus Stop at Baythorne End. It was <b>AGREED</b> that the quote for the new bin be accepted and would in to the bus stop at Baythorne End. Proposed by Cllr D Hoye – Seconded by Cllr T Fenner.</p> <p><b>iv) Community Wardens</b>                  The Chairman welcomed BDC Community Warden – Dave Wade who gave members a brief resume of his role and his remit as a Community Warden which included dealing with Anti Social Behaviour, Fly Tipping, liaising with ECC Highways and helping vulnerable people. Members were very pleased to hear that his role covered such aspects and were sure that his presence would be a benefit to the area.</p>
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**6.55 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

- a) Members **APPROVED** the Statement of Accounts and **NOTED** the summary of monies paid and received and the account balances up to 31 December 2006.

**6.56 REPORTS**

Members **RECEIVED** brief reports on the following matters:

Play Parks – Nothing Further to report.
Pond – No further action to report.
Essex Police – No Report Received.

**6.57 COMMUNICATIONS & CORREPENDENCE**

Members **NOTED** details of the following correspondence and communications that the Clerk placed before the Council.

Cluster Meeting – Responses from BDC <b>NOTED</b>	EALC County Updates & Associated Information <b>NOTED</b>
BDC – Street Scene Restructuring - <b>NOTED</b>	BDC Community Wardens <b>NOTED</b>
ECC Making the Links – <b>NOTED</b>	BDC – Parish Update – <b>NOTED</b>
EALC Conference – White Paper – Strong & Prosperous Communities – <b>NOTED</b>	BDC – - 7 <sup>th</sup> August 07 -Confirmation of Activity Day - <b>NOTED</b>
BDC _ New Way to Consult TPOs and Conservation Area Applications <b>NOTED</b>	RCCE – Essex Oyster - <b>NOTED</b>
BDC Monitoring for Local Resident – Vehicle Weight Restrictions <b>NOTED</b>	

**6.58 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT**

Members noted the following documents:  
Nil

**6.59 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) Members **NOTED** the following planning applications which had been received and noted the following comments

<b>Clerk Responded under delegated power after consulting chairman</b>	
<b>App No</b>	06/01723/ful
<b>Location</b>	<b>Maple House, Sturmer Road</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of replacement garage / garden store with studio over (Amended Plan)
<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>OBJECTION. The Council continues to object on the grounds that the proposal represents over development. The proposal is indicative that it is not a replacement garage but a newly developed habitable dwelling.</b>
<b>App No</b>	06/02326/ful
<b>Location</b>	Finkle Green Cottage, Finkle Green
<b>Proposal</b>	Demolition of Existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of one dwelling
<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>NO OBJECTION</b>
<b>The following application was considered</b>	
<b>App No</b>	06/02253/ful

<b>Location</b>	<b>Hawthorne House, Mill Road.</b>
<b>Description</b>	Retrospective consent for the erection of a red brick wall and timber gates
<b>COMMENTS</b>	<b>The Council OBJECTS to this application on the grounds that the proposal is out of keeping with the street, the site lines are inadequate, the ingress and egress to the site gives rise to safety of vehicles, the lights which are currently in position give cause for concern in relation to the safety of vehicle who pass by the site. The Council asks that in the interest of public safety, Essex County Council are contacted to look at the highways issues of this application as a matter of urgency and before and decision on this application is taken.</b>

c) **DECISIONS BY BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

<b>REFUSED</b>	
<b>App No</b>	06/02020/ful
<b>Location</b>	<b>Heddles, Finkle Green, Birdbrook</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	Demolition of existing conservatory and lean to and erection of two storey extension to rear

<b>APPROVED</b>	
<b>App No</b>	06/02115/COU
<b>Location</b>	<b>1 Whitley Cottages, Four Ash Hill</b>
<b>Proposal</b>	Change of Use of land from agricultural to garden use and the reception of two Stables, tack room, hay barn and ménage.

**6.60 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE**

Members **NOTED** that no correspondence had been received

**6.61 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

Members **NOTED** the following matters of an urgent nature which a Member drew to the attention of the Council and or request to be included in the Agenda for the next meeting of the Council.

- a) Dairy for Waste Collection and Recycling – Clerk to ask BDC to ensure that this is sent to the Chairman in order that it can be included in the Birdbrook News.
- b) Elections - The Clerk to contact BDC Elections Officer regarding Nomination Papers and to apply to EALC for the Elections Bursary.

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