

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL** which was held on **Tuesday, 7th November 2006**, 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**

Also in Attendance **County Cllr D Finch**
 Susan De Luca – Clerk

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

There were no questions from the public present

06.41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were **RECEIVED** from Cllr W Rook.

06.42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

06.43 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 5th September 2006 had been circulated, and were declared a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

06.44 REPORT OF THE CLERK

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

<p>a) ECC Highway Matters (i) Response re Winter Service Review – The Clerk confirmed that ECC would provide a New Salt Bin. (ii) Speed Limit A1017 – The Chairman apprised Members of the recent talks within the Cluster Group relating to the continued problems on that stretch of road. The Clerk advised that she would contact Olive Cowell at ECC to see if there was anything else that could be done to try to bring the speed of traffic down. The Chairman advised that he would place an article in the Birdbrook News reminding residents to report any accidents however minor.,</p>	<p>b) Play Area – (i) Meeting with Monster play and Revision to Equipment – Members agreed that they were very happy with the proposal from Monster Play. The Clerk advised that she had had confirmation the project could be changed from Braintree District Council, and was currently awaiting a response from ECC, and also the survey relating to the proposal from Monster Play. (ii) Removal of Old Bin and Emptying of New One – Members agreed that the old be removed and that JB Pest Control be contracted to empty the bin during the next year as per the dates on the quotation. It was noted that a new bin should be installed in to the bus stop at Baythorne End.</p>
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6.45 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 October 2006.

b) Members **NOTE** the Auditor's Responses and the confirmation of the Conclusion of Audit. Notices had been put on the Boards.

c) Precept

Copies of the Precept Consideration Papers had been previously circulated. After discussion it was agreed that Precept Figure be set at £8060 which represents a 3% increase. Members asked that thanks be minuted to the Clerk for the hard work put in once again this year, to make the consideration of the precept by members, a relatively easy task.

6.46 REPORTS

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

Essex County Councillors Report – Cllr Finch gave a brief verbal report to members. The Chairman thanked him once again for attending the meeting and giving members the benefit of his knowledge.
Play Parks – Nothing Further to report.
Pond – No further action to report.
Essex Police – The Chairman advised members of the report that the Police had given at the Cluster Meeting.

6.47 COMMUNICATIONS & CORRESPONDENCE

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

Cluster Meeting - hosted by Birdbrook PC	EALC County Updates & Associated Information
BDC Agendas & Minutes	BDC Statement of Accounts
ECC Making the Links	Essex Police Neighbourhood Policing
EALC Conference	BDC – Housing Talking Transfer
ECC Member David Finch – Update on recent initiatives and article for parish newsletter	NALC Annual Accounts & Report
BDC Emergency Planning Sandbag Storage – <i>The Chairman would contact Peter Unwin to see if these are required</i>	RCC The Link Newsletter
Birdbrook Village Pub – <i>Members felt that they would continue to monitor the situation and would make objection to the loss of the pub if a planning application come forward.</i>	NALC Development of the Sector

6.47 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

Members noted the following documents:

ECC – Locally Determined Highway Budget
BDC – Public Consultation on the Essex Urban Place Supplement

6.48 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

App No 06/01762/ful
Location 9 Moat Road Birdbrook
Proposal Amendments to application 05/2351/ful – Erection of dining room and conservatory
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION
Clerk Responded under delegated power after consulting chairman

App No 06/02020/ful
Location Heddles, Finkle Green, Birdbrook
Proposal Demolition of existing conservatory and lean to and erection of two storey extension to rear
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION

The following application was considered

App No 06/02115/COU
Location 1 Whitley Cottages, Four Ash Hill
Proposal Change of Use of land from agricultural to garden use and the reception of two Stables, tack room, hay barn and ménage.
RESOLVED NO OBJECTION, providing that the proposal is for personal use only and that any permission should be granted to the applicants only. Also there should be no lighting to the ménage area, and there should be no commercial use of the facility.

c) **DECISIONS BY BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

None received at present time

6.49 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

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

6.50 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) At the last meeting it was reported that the road way by the green and adjacent to the telephone box was in a very poor state of repair. The Clerk was asked to continue with her investigation into who was responsible for the repairs. The Clerk was currently sourcing a map, however it was noted that it may be necessary to simply draw a sketch, the Chairman would let the Clerk have this as soon as possible and this would then be forwarded to ECC..

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