

**MINUTES**

**Meeting:** COUNCIL

**Date:** 4 March 2008

**Time:** 8.00 PM

**Venue:** COMMUNITY HOUSE, THE STREET, BIRDBROOK VILLAGE

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**PRESENT: Councillors (6)**

T R Walker (Chairman); R Bolton, D Hoye,  
T Fenner, R Kirby & J Rook.

**Officers (1)**

Susan De Luca – Clerk to the Council

**Also in Attendance (8)**

ECC David Finch  
7 Members of the Public

**07.74 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

*NOTED* that apologies had been received from Councillor \Mrs H Hodge

**07.75 OTHER ABSENCES**

None necessary

**07.76 MINUTES**

One amendment had been made to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January after which they were confirmed.

**07.77 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

*NOTED* that there were no declarations of interest.

**07.78 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

*NOTED* that no questions had been received.

*The Chairman advised those present of the recent application regarding the Abberton Scheme, a number of questions were raised at the earlier meeting that evening however anyone present was free to raise any other comment or question that they had. Members were reminded that Essex County Councillor David Finch had given his annual address regarding Essex County Council matters.*

**07.79 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF THE CLERK**

Members **RECEIVED** the following communications that the Clerk placed before the Council.

- a) **NOTED** The Chairman and Clerk had attended the House of Lords to witness the Signing of the Essex County Council Concordat
- b) **NOTED** 250.00 from EALC – Grant for consultation
- c) **NOTED** EALC – Monthly Mailings
- d) **NOTED** BDC –Various Documentation including Agendas & Minutes
- e) Members discussed the continuing concerns relating to Highway Matters, including the problems associated with Public Footpath at Moynes Park, various marking of the pavement and roads in Baythorne End in relation to dropped kerbs and access for motorised scooters and wheelchairs, however the Clerk would write and ask when actual works will be carried out.

**07.80. DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT**

Members **NOTED** the numerous documents received and or deposited with the Clerk which were tabled:

**07.81. FINANCIAL REPORT**

- a) Members **APPROVED** the Statement of Accounts and **NOTED** the summary of monies received and the account balances at the end of the month (29<sup>th</sup> February)..

**07.82. MEMBERS' REPORTS**

Members **RECEIVED** brief reports from Members including:

- a) Pond – Further work will be carried out later in the year by Cllrs Hoye and Fenner
- b) Play Areas – The bins were being emptied on a regular schedule and there was no sign of any rodents. Work to the holes at Birdbrook Play Area and under the swings at Baythorne End needs to be carried out.

**07.83. CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS**

Members **NOTED** that no documents have been lodged with the Clerk

**07.84. PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) The following planning applications had been received from Braintree District Council .

08/00223/TPOCON	Notice of intent to carry out works to trees Protected By The Conservation Area - Fell 1 Walnut	Land Behind Community Centre The Street Birdbrook Halstead Essex CO9 4BN
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Members noted that the parish council had been detailed as being the applicant, however this was not the case. The Clerk would contact BDC to explain and ask that the contact the agent detailed on the application sheet.

Following on from the earlier consultation the Parish Council would make the following comment in relation to that application and as detailed below

Whilst the Parish Council has **NO OBJECTION** to this application it does have the following comments to make

- 1 Any expected increase in vehicular traffic to and from sites which are specified in the application area should be advised to the parish council.
- 2 The parish council asks that it be kept informed of any relative information relating to this application

<u>07/02650/FUL</u> <b>As there will be some works which may effect the parish of Birdbrook</b> <b>This will be discussed prior to the meeting at 6.30pm</b>	Proposed pipeline from Kirtling Green to Wixoe, with associated intake and outfall structures and other infrastructure	Wixoe Pumping Station Sturmer Road Steeple Bumpstead Haverhill Suffolk
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<u>08/0348/FUL</u>	Erection of c Wind Turbine	Finkle Green Cottage, Finkle Green, Birdbrook
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The Parish Council **OBJECTS** to this application on the grounds of Noise and Visual Amenity

- b) To **NOTE** planning decisions received from Braintree District Council  
**None Received at the present time**

**07.85. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

The Clerk would be taking documentation to the internal auditor at the end of the month.

The Chairman closed the meeting and invited those present to join him in light refreshments.

.....Chairman

Date .....

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