

MINUTES

Meeting: COUNCIL

Date: 1st July 2008

Time: 7.30 PM

Venue: COMMUNITY HOUSE, THE STREET, BIRDBROOK VILLAGE

PRESENT: Councillors (5)

T R Walker (Chairman); ,Mrs H Hodge,
D Hoye, R Kirby, T Fenner, J Rook.

Officers (1)

S De Luca - Clerk to the Council

Also in Attendance (0)

ECC Councillor D Finch

No Members of the Public Present.

08.19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (1)

NOTED that apologies had been received from Councillor Bolton.

08.20 OTHER ABSENCES

None Necessary.

08.21 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 6th May were confirmed.

08.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NOTED that there were no declarations of interest.

08.23 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NOTED that no questions had been received.

Councillor David Finch gave Members of report on current initiatives and action by the County Council.

He asked for details to be forwarded to him regarding outstanding Highway Matters.

08.24 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF THE CLERK

Members **RECEIVED** the following communications that the Clerk placed before the Council and which were **NOTED**

- a) Braintree District Council – Planning Our District’s Future
- b) Community Warden – Contact Details and Response to email
- c) Dedham Vale Stour Valley Project – Year in the Life of the Valley
- d) Essex Design Initiative
- e) EALC Response re Review of Planning For Gypsy and Traveller Sites
- f) Buckingham Palace Garden Party – Nomination – **AGREED** to Nominate Richard Walker
- g) Go – East - Publication of the Revision to the Regional Spatial Strategy
- h) ECC & EALC Making the Links
- i) BALC – Minutes of AGM 14 May 2008
- j) ECC – Bus Passenger News
- k) RCCE – Invitation to attend AGM – Wednesday 9th July & Associated Papers
- l) BDC Agendas & Minutes etc
- m) EALC Mailings

08.25 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

No other documents received.

08.26 FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Members **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2008 and which were signed by the Chairman and RFO.
- b) Members **NOTED** the receipt of the Statement of Assurances and Resolved to complete this documents and to **NOTE** the date set by the External Auditors for the Audit is 14th July 2008.
- c) Members **RESOLVED** to accept the Report from the Internal Auditor which had been circulated.
- d) Members **NOTED** the Statement of Accounts which detailed the summary of monies received and the account balances at the end of the month. .

08.27 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

None at present

08.28 MEMBERS’ REPORTS

Brief reports from Members were **RECEIVED** including:

- a) Pond – Cllrs Fenner and Hoye had been undertaking works to the pond. The Clerk would be applying for a grant to look to have remedial works carried out. The Clerk would contact Pearl Land Drainage and ask that their representative meet Cllr Hoye to discuss further works.
- b) Play Areas – Works to repair the vandalism had been carried out.

- c) Noticeboards – 2 new noticeboards had been installed. There was still one to replace however additional works would be necessary to remove part of a hedge. The Chairman had received an agreement from the land owner that this could be carried out. The Chairman was concerned that the order for the noticeboards was not as submitted and that the lockable doors were not in place, the clerk had received three locks to be put on as replacements, however these would need to be done by a contractor as Members would not be able to carry out this work. Therefore the Clerk would write to the Supplier to advise of this councils concern and ask that the reduce the bill by £200 (+vat).
- d) Fete – The Chairman reported on the success of the fete and the Consultation Exercise regarding the “Visioning”. The Clerk would undertake the analysis which would be available for Members at the next meeting.

08.29 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) Members were advised of the following planning applications from Braintree District Council that have been received by the Clerk.
 - a) commented on under delegated powers: -
 - b)

08/00967/LBC	Installation of Vertical through floors lift	The Mill Baythorne End
The Parish Council has <i>NO OBJECTION</i> to this application		

- b) To ***RECEIVE*** planning applications from Braintree District Council that have been received by the Clerk in time to be placed on this agenda.

Nil

- c) To ***NOTE*** planning decisions received from Braintree District Council

GRANTED

<u>08/00705/FUL</u>	Retention of Domestic Outbuildings (not for habitable use) Buildings A, G & M	Sunnybank New England Road Birdbrook Halstead Essex C09 4BE
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<u>08/00702/FUL</u>	Retention of Outbuildings not for habitable use	Sunnybank New England Road Birdbrook Halstead Essex C09 4BE
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8.30. OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no business of an urgent nature to be discussed..

.....Chairman
Date