

Minutes of the **MEETING** of the **BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL** which was held on **Tuesday, 6th March 2007**, in the **Community House, Birdbrook** at **7.30pm**.

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

Public **No Members Present**

Also in Attendance
 Susan De Luca – Clerk

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
There were no questions as there were no members present

06.62 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies necessary

06.63 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest

06.64 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9th January 07 had been circulated, and were declared a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

06.65 REPORT OF THE CLERK

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

<p>a) ECC Highway Matters (i) The Chairman reported on his meeting with Mick Everitt ECC Highways Officer. They had made a trip around the Parish and pointed out various problems after which he was hopeful that a renewed relationship with ECC Highways would be forthcoming.</p> <p>The Post Box at New England had been removed by the post office as the site had been deemed to be an accident black spot.</p>	<p>b) Play Area – (i) The Play Equipment is currently being installed.</p> <p>There would be an official opening after the elections.</p>
<p>c) – Bin at Bus Stop Baythorne End The bin has been ordered and should be installed shortly.</p>	<p>d) EALC Election Bursary The Clerk confirmed the receipt of grant for 150.00</p>

6.66 FINANCIAL MATTERS

- a) Members **APPROVED** the Statement of Accounts and **NOTED** the summary of monies paid and received and the account balances up to 28 February 2007.

6.67 REPORTS

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

Play Parks – The Kick Wall from Birdbrook Village has been removed, renovated and reinstalled at Baythorne End..
Pond – No further action necessary at the moment, however it was noted that some clearing will be necessary over the next few months..
Essex Police – No Report Received.

6.68 COMMUNICATIONS & CORREPENDENCE

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

Clerks Networking Meeting – The Clerk reported on the successful network meeting recently held by BDC. Details of the Election Timetable had been handed out at this meeting and the	Grass Cutting – The Clerk would liaise with the Chairman to ensure the appointment of Grass Cutting Contractors prior to the cutting season.
ECC – Making the Links - NOTED	BDC Community Wardens Report - NOTED
NALC Conference – White Paper – Strong & Prosperous Communities – NOTED the Report from Clerk	BDC – Election Timetable – NOTED

6.69 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

There were no documents to be considered:

6.70 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) Members **NOTED** that no planning applications had been received

b) Members **NOTED** the following decisions by Braintree District Council:

<u>APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS</u>	
APPROVED	
App No	06/01723/ful
Location	Maple House, Sturmer Road
Proposal	Erection of replacement garage / garden store with studio over (Amended Plan)
App No	06/02326/ful
Location	Finkle Green Cottage, Finkle Green
Proposal	Demolition of Existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of one dwelling
REFUSED	
App No	06/02253/ful
Location	Hawthorne House, Mill Road.
Description	Retrospective consent for the erection of a red brick wall and timber gates

6.71 PLANNING CORRESPONDENCE

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

6.72 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) Councillor Kirby reported that a large number of tyres had been dumped at Fell Road. He advised Members that he would collect these and take them to an authorised refuse station.

The Clerk reminded Members that she would pick up Nomination Papers and deliver to them prior to the Annual Parish Assembly.

As this was the last meeting before the forthcoming Parish Elections the Chairman thanked Councillors for their hard work over the last four years and hoped to see everyone back in office in May .