

MINUTES

Meeting: ANNUAL COUNCIL

Date: 6^h May 2008

Time: 7.30 PM

Venue: COMMUNITY HOUSE, THE STREET, BIRDBROOK VILLAGE

PRESENT: Councillors (5)

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

Officers (1)

S De Luca - Clerk to the Council

Also in Attendance (0)

No Members of the Public Present.

The meeting was called to order by Councillor Walker (Chairman 2006/07) who welcomed back Councillors to the first meeting of this new municipal year.

Nominations for the office of Chairman for the new Municipal Year were then invited.

08.01 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Councillor D Hoye proposed, and Councillor R Bolton seconded, Councillor T R Walker As there were no other nominations, Councillor Walker was elected as Chairman of Birdbrook Parish Council for the current Municipal Year and the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Chairman was duly executed.

On taking the Chair, Councillor Walker thanked Members for giving him the opportunity and their confidence in his ability to once again take the Office of Chairman.

08.02 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

On the proposition of Councillor Mrs H Hodge, seconded by Councillor J Rook, Councillor R Bolton was unanimously elected as Vice Chairman of Birdbrook Parish Council for the current Municipal Year.

08.03 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (1)

NOTED that apologies had been received from Councillor Fenner. No apologies had been received from Councillor R Kirby in time to be reported to the meeting.

08.04 OTHER ABSENCES

NOTED apologies from County Councillor David Finch.

08.05 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 4th March were confirmed.

08.06 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NOTED that there were no declarations of interest.

07.07 MEMBERSHIP OF WORKING COMMITTEES

The membership of the Council's Standing Working Committees were confirmed as follows (and as per the previous year):

- (a) Planning Committee (All Members)
(the Clerk has delegated power to act between Council Meetings)
- (b) Parish Transport (1 Member)
[Councillor Walker]
- (c) Footpaths and Ponds (2 Members)
[Councillors Hoye and Fenner]
- (d) Litter and Play Parks (3 Members)
[Birdbrook Village - Councillors Hodge and Kirby]
[Baythorne End – Councillor Hoye]
- (e) Highway Matters (2 Members)
[Councillors Walker & Bolton]

08.08 ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Members *APPROVED* payment of the following Subscriptions for the forthcoming Municipal Year

Essex Association of Local Councils	Braintree Association of Local Councils
Rural Community Council Essex	Stop Stansted Expansion (new)
Friends of Historic Essex (new)	

08.09 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NOTED that no questions had been received.

08.10 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF THE CLERK

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

- a) Confirmation of £500.00 Grant from BDC for Noticeboards
- b) ECC Various mailings
- c) EALC – Monthly Mailings
- d) BDC –Various Documentation including Agendas & Minutes
- e) Highway Matters – Changes to personnel
- f) Vandalism to Play park at Baythorne End
- g) Community Warden Reports (new warden now in place) – Clerk to send email advising that there is a concern at the lack of continuity
- h) Stop Stansted Expansion – Agreed to pay Subs for year 2008-09
- i) BT Payphone Removal Baythorne End – Concern as it is on the A1017 and could be used in Emergency
- j) EALC Subs
- k) Friends of Historic Essex - Agreed to pay Subs for year 2008-09
- l) Insurance Renewal – Clerk to investigate alternative quotes for the forthcoming financial year
- m) A12 Inquiry
- n) ECC/EALC Making the Links
- o) Grant Funding – Clerk to investigate funding for works to pond
- p) Cluster Meetings
- q) Activity Days
- r) Rural Services Survey – Publication of Document
- s) BDC Street Scene Partnership
- t) Confirmation of Order for 3 New Noticeboards
- u) Birdbrook Vision Consultation – The Council will have a stand at the Church Fete on 28 June.
- v) Footpath Moyns Park – Clerk has advised ECC of Concerns who subsequently advise that they are currently investigating the matter

08.11 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS

a) Grass Cutting

Members **AGREED** to retain the services of the Councils Contractor for a further year as this Council is pleased with the service that it is being provided with and they believe it represents ‘Best Value’ . The Clerk has been advised by Essex County Council that the cutting will be single swathe in Spring and double in Summer.

b) Street Cleansing Partnership

Members **AGREED** that they would continue the agreement with Braintree District Council for the year 2008-2009.

08.12 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

NOTED the documents that had been received and/or deposited with the Clerk to the Council since 6th March 2007.

1 Braintree District Council – Green Space Strategy

08.13 FINANCIAL REPORT

a) STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Members were advised at the balances in both bank accounts however as the books were currently with the Internal Auditor no Statement of Accounts and summary of monies received at the end of the month were available.

c) PRECEPT AND PARISH SUPPORT GRANT

Members *RECEIVED* the Confirmation of Parish Precept & Support Grant

08.14 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

None at present

08.15 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Brief reports from Members were *RECEIVED* including:

- a) Pond
- b) Play Areas

08.16 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: -

08/00433/OHL	Erection of 1 span 240 volt overhead line, including the erection of 1 pole and two stays	Land at junction of Ridgewell Road / BaythorneEnd,
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b) To *RECEIVE* planning applications from Braintree District Council that have been received by the Clerk in time to be placed on this agenda.

<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
<u>08/00702/FUL</u>	Retention of Outbuildings not for habitable use	Sunnybank New England Road Birdbrook Halstead Essex C09 4BE

The Parish Council **OBJECTS** to both of these applications on the following grounds
Over development of the site, there seems to be a change from agricultural use to domestic, great concern at the sporadic and sprawling way that the buildings are placed over the site.

08/00835/FUL	Proposed double garage with light domestic storage area within the roof space following the demolition of two dilapidated garages	Heddles, Finkle Green
The Parish Council has NO OBJECTION to the application subject to the listed building officer agreeing that it is appropriate development		

b) To *NOTE* planning decisions received from Braintree District Council

NO OBJECTIONS RAISED

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08.17 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There were no other matters that were requested to be placed on the Agenda for July.

.....*Chairman*

Date