

MINUTES

Meeting: COUNCIL

Date: 7th July 2009

Time: 8.10 PM

Venue: COMMUNITY HOUSE, THE STREET, BIRDBROOK VILLAGE

PRESENT: Councillors (6)

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

Officers (2)

S De Luca - Clerk to the Council
Ms P Mann – Taking Minutes

Members of the Public (0)

No Members of the Public Present.

The Chairman thanked Members for attending the meeting with residents and Braintree District Council in relation to the new waste refuse service.

09-10.14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (2)

NOTED that apologies had been received from Councillors Kirby & ECC Finch .

09-10.15 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Minutes from meeting held on 19th May 2009 had been circulated and were signed as a true record.

09-10.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

09-10.17 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF THE CLERK

Following reports discussed and circulated. The Clerk advised Member of the following documents all of which were **NOTED**..

- Braintree Local Plan Review
- Guide to Passenger Transport
- Essex Association of Local Councils
- Braintree District Council Wardens Report
- Minutes from Bumpstead meeting
- Making the Links
- Halstead Local Committee Agenda
- Rural Community Council of Essex
- Chairman's Day
- Commissioning Fund- Essex County

- County Awards Initiatives Fund
- EALC County Update
- Bus Passenger News
- Local Committee Item
- Gypsy & Travellers

09-10.18 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

There were no Documents to be discussed.

09-10.19 FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Members **NOTED** the end of month balances and income and expenditure account. agreed the Statement of assurances which was duly completed and signed .

- b) Finance Account Balance stands at £8,018.84.
Essex County Council have agreed £1,915.97 costs for grass cutting which will be paid in two instalments

09-10.20 MEMBER REPORTS

- a. Pond: Cllr Hoye has been in talks with Richard from Braintree District Council to identify if any licences required to screen of owners land and to move things forward.
- b. Play Areas: Walkway/Bridge
 - i. one of the slats are loose
 - ii. Rope back in tree
 - iii. Inspections of Playground equipment every 4th month no longer available. Children still twisting ropes on the swings making them unsafe. Warning article to be put in Parish Magazine.
- c. Chairman's report on Bus Service
 - Bus route now registered and due to start on 22nd July. There will be 3 journeys on Wednesdays and the over 60's will travel free of charge. Linda Hadley BDC Liaison Officer has sent Travel Timetable which will be produced on a flyer. The Clerk to apply for the £6.5K grant which Birdbrook Parish Council will administer.
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 - Activity Day
 - Cllr Hoye to take on responsibility for opening and shutting of the Community House on 18th August 2009. The Clerk will confirm times

09.10.21 PLANNING MATTERS

- a. Members noted the recommendation by decision by Braintree District Council to grant Planning Approval for Sunnybrook, Members noted that it was their understanding that an Annexe is being built separately, The Clerk would contact Essex County Council regarding the problems associated with the footpath.

The Clerk would also express concerns regarding the parking of cars along the Footpath.

09.10.22 OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

There was no further business to discuss.

.....*Chairman*
Date