

BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 March 2012 at 7.30pm in the Community Rooms, The Street, Birdbrook, Essex

PRESENT: Mr T R Walker (Chairman)
Mrs A Beetson Mr L Carter
Mr S Rhenius

Officers – Mrs D Hilliard, Clerk

12/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr D Hoye, Mr R Bolton, Mrs H Hodge, Cllr D Finch

It was noted that both Mrs Hodge and Mr Hoye are both absent due to illness.

12/15 OTHER ABSENCES

None

12/16 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5 January 2012 were agreed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Steve Rhenius, all in favour.

12/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

12/18 REPORT OF THE CLERK

Verge Cut quote 2012 – Agreed

Grant to Church for grass cutting – Agreed

Highways – Response from Essex CC Highways noted.

Email from Mr Newmark MP – Will see if he is available for Parish Assembly.

12/19 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

Essex Police re Yeldham Station – Noted

St Edmundsbury BC re Canhams app – Noted

The Playing Field issue winter 11/12 – Noted

Cllr Finch parish update Jan 12 – Noted

Making the Links magazine Feb 12 – Noted

Bus passenger news Feb 12 – Noted

12/20 MEMBERS' REPORTS

a) *Pond* – The duck island still requires installation. Leigh Carter will see if more chalk is required in the pond.

b) *Parks* – All in good order. Leigh Carter will finish the painting as soon as weather permits..

c) Chairman's report –

Re-accreditation – The format for the annual report was agreed.

Rent of Community Rooms – The request to increase the rent retrospectively for 2011 was considered. It was agreed that the Clerk will write and enclose a cheque for the agreed amount for 2011 (not including the increase) and will offer a smaller increase for 2012.

d) Highways – The road around the green has now been patch repaired.

12/21 PLANNING

Application 12/00192/FUL, 12 Moat Road – No comment.

Application 11/00169/OUT – Westrope – The amended plans were considered. It was agreed that objections would be raised as per previous including that the junction would now be more dangerous as it is now proposed to be offset rather than a crossroad.

EALC Planning day 29 Feb 2012 – The Clerk reported on her attendance at this event. She will circulate the papers.

12/22 PARISH PLAN

Leigh Carter reported that the first meeting of the Parish Plan committee took place on 8 February 2012. All committee members attended. A draft plan has been broadly agreed. A questionnaire will be put out to parishioners. The next meeting will take place on 15 March 2012. Leigh Carter will report back to the Parish Council meeting in May.

12/23 COMMUNITY ISSUES GROUP

The next meeting will be hosted by Stambourne Parish Council at the end of March. Dates and details will follow.

12/24 JUBILEE OAK

Arrangements were discussed for a planting event. The date for the event will be Saturday 31 March 2012. Richard Walker will organise a digger and speak to the pub about arranging snacks for attendees.

12/25 NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

To be incorporated within the Parish Plan.

12/26 SUMMER ACTIVITY DAYS 2012

It was agreed to apply for 2012. The Clerk will report back.

12/27 RE-ACCREDITATION

STATEMENT OF TRAINING

The Clerk reported that the application was complete and ready to go to the panel in March. She will take the portfolio to the EALC offices next week.

The Statement of Training was agreed and signed by the Chairman.

12/28 VILLAGE IN BLOOM COMPETITION

Leigh Carter and Ann Beetson expressed an interest in entering Birdbrook for either 2012 or 2013. The Clerk will forward further details to Leigh who will report back.

12/29 FINANCE

The financial report was agreed. All in favour.

12/30 TIME, DAY AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 3 May 2012 at 7.30pm in the community rooms, The Street, Birdbrook. There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 10.05pm.

Signed:

Dated: