

BIRDBROOK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 March 2014 at the Community House, Birdbrook at 7.30pm.

Present: Mr T R Walker (Chairman) Mr D Hoye
 Mrs H Hodge Mrs A Beetson
 Mr L Carter

Clerk: Mr D Hilliard

14/14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Finch, Robert Bolton and Steve Rhenius

14/15 OTHER ABSENCES

None

14/16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 8 January 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed. Proposed by Mr Carter and seconded by Mr Hoye, all in favour.

14/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

14/18 COMMUNICATION AND REPORT OF THE CLERK

Register of Interests – the Clerk reminded Parish Councillors that the next Register of Interests form would be available on line at Braintree District Council with a link posted on the Birdbrook website.

14/19 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

Zurich letter – noted and filed.

Reroute of refuse collections BDC – reply re if vehicle is bigger then might have access problems due to narrow lanes.

Eon letter – Parish Council qualifies under 1 & 2. However are a public body, not a business. Reply accordingly.

14/20 MEMBERS REPORTS

Pond – Nothing to report.

Parks – Nothing to report

Chairman's – Richard Walker had been advised that the War Memorials Trust did not consider the Birdbrook War Memorial needed any work other than to monitor the lean. Derek Hoye will carry out the monitoring.

Highways – The Chairman has sent an email to the head of Highways over the many highway problems in Birdbrook and has received a reply. Regarding the trees at Schoolfields the reply is that the site is safe and tidy. However Richard contests this as there is still rubbish from the recent car accident. The Chairman will reply accordingly.

Mr Carter asked about progress on replacing the bus shelter. It was reported that there would be no quick answers to this. An application had been made to the Local Highways Panel for a replacement shelter and the outcome was awaited. The Clerk will contact Moira Mason about progress.

14/21 PLANNING

Application no – 14/00245/FUL – Some concern was raised that as it is a conservation area the hedge should remain. There are also concerns regarding visibility when pulling onto the road from the planned spaces. The Parish Council understands there is parking to the rear of the property.

Application no – 14/00289/FUL – Some members had been unable to access this application to view the plans so it was agreed that comments would be submitted to the Clerk by 28 March so a reply could be sent in by the deadline.²¹

14/22 STANDING ORDERS

Debbie will review these with a view for them going onto the May agenda.

14/23 BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL PRESS RELEASE

It was unanimously agreed to use the draft provided by the Clerk and send it with copies to Cllr Finch, Brooks Newmark MP and EALC.

14/24 VERGE CUT 2014

No response had been received from Mr Price. Debbie will follow this up.

14/25 FINANCE

The financial report was agreed and noted.

14/26 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

None to exclude.

14/27 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

14/28 TIME, DAY AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 1 May at 7.30pm in the community rooms, Birdbrook. This will be the AGM and the Annual Parish Assembly.

There being no further business to discuss the meeting closed at approximately 9.30pm

Signed: Dated: