

MINUTES

Meeting: COUNCIL

Date: 2nd September 2008

Time: 7.30 PM

Venue: COMMUNITY HOUSE, THE STREET, BIRDBROOK VILLAGE

PRESENT: Councillors (5)

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

Officers (1)

S De Luca - Clerk to the Council

Also in Attendance ((1))

ECC Councillor D Finch

No Members of the Public Present.

08.31 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (2)

NOTED that apologies had been received from Councillors Fenner & Kirby

08.32 OTHER ABSENCES

None Necessary.

08.33 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st July were confirmed.

08.34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NOTED that there were no declarations of interest.

08.35 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

NOTED that no questions had been received.

Councillor David Finch gave Members of report on current initiatives and action by the County Council.

08.36 COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORT OF THE CLERK

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

- a) Braintree District Council Activity Day
- b) Community Warden – *Concern at Litter in Birdbrook Play Area. New Litter Picker Tongs had been purchased for the volunteers. Councillor Bolton would ask J Bolton whether or not he would be able to give a quote for cleaning the play area once a week during May to September and once a month for the remainder of the year, together.*
- c) ECC & EALC Making the Links
- d) ECC – Bus Passenger News
- e) BDC Agendas & Minutes etc
- f) EALC Mailings

08.37 DOCUMENTS ON DEPOSIT

No other documents received.

08.38 FINANCIAL REPORT

- a) Members **NOTED** the Statement of Accounts which detailed the summary of monies received and the account balances at the end of the month. .

08.39 CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

None at present

08.40 MEMBERS' REPORTS

Brief reports from Members were **RECEIVED** including:

- a) Pond – Cllr Hoye reported on the meeting with Pearl Land Drainage. The Clerk would contact Pearls and ask for a breakdown of the £7400 which had been quoted for clearing the pond.
- b) Play Areas – The Chairman reported on the problems with the eroded screws and loose wooden boards on the Maid Marion Unit. The Clerk would action these works.
- c) Analysis of Visioning Consultation at Birdbrook Fete
The Clerk had circulated copies of the analysis of the Consultation Document. Members agreed to give a formal presentation of this analysis at the Annual Assembly in March.

08.41 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) a) Members were advised of the following planning applications from Braintree District Council that have been received by the Clerk and which had been commented on under delegated powers:

Location:

Finkle Green Cottages Finkle Green Birdbrook Halstead Essex CO9 4BU

Application No:

08/01055/FUL

Mrs S Norris

Amendments to previously approval (06/02326/FUL) - Addition of covered lean-to, amendments to eaves height and adjustments to barn roof

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Removal of condition 5 of approved application 06/02326/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of 1 no. dwelling

Location:

Finkle Green Cottages Finkle Green Birdbrook Halstead Essex CO9 4BU

Application No:

08/01140/FUL

Mrs S Norris

The Parish Council has **NO OBJECTION** to these applications

- b) New planning applications had been received from Braintree District Council

Location

Baythorne Hall, Baythorne End, Birdbrook

Application No:	08/01605/FUL & 08/01606/LBC	P Unwin
Conversion of former offices into dwelling and erection of conservatory		

The Parish Council has ***NO OBJECTION*** to these applications

- c) No planning decisions had been received from Braintree District Council

8.42. **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no business of an urgent nature to be discussed..

.....*Chairman*
Date