

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 12TH AUGUST 2009
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. Mrs. S. Chamley.
Present: Mr. R. Belcham, Mr. C. Cordingley, Mr. N. Ingram, Mr. T. Langley, Mrs. H. Leftley & Mr. P. Neubauer.
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.
Also Present Bernard Jenkin M.P., Essex County Councillor Anne Brown, Colchester Borough Councillor Cllr. Peter Chillingworth, and forty three members of the public.

09/093 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The Chairman welcomed those present to the meeting. There were no apologies for absence.

The formal Council meeting was suspended to allow:

09/094 PUBLIC FORUM.

Council was informed that there were no litter collections by the Village Ranger in either Spring Gardens Road or Vernons Road.. The Clerk undertook to discuss the matter with the Village Ranger and ensure that both roads were visited and the clearance work undertaken.

In response to a question regarding the likely date that the Vernons Road planning application would be heard Cllr, Chamley informed the meeting that it was currently due for consideration on 17th September.

09/095 CBC COUNCILLOR PETER CHILLINGWORTH

Cllr. Chillingworth explained to the meeting that he expected to be a Member of the Planning Committee that would consider the application on 17th and that he was present only to hear opinions expressed and would not be commenting on the application but might be able to explain procedural matters.

Bernard Jenkin joined the meeting at 7.42 p.m.

09/096 NORTH ESSEX CONSTITUENCY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT BERNARD JENKIN M.P

Bernard Jenkin apologised for his late arrival – a train had been delayed. Bernard detailed the various gypsy sites within his constituency and contrasted these with the requirements as required by the East of England plan. He commented on the influence that broadly unelected Regional Assemblies were having over provision requirements for gypsy accommodation and the problems this caused.

Essex County Councillor Anne Brown was also in attendance and commented on current provision of Gypsy sites, the number required by 2010 and explained the difference between private and public sites.

An open "Question and Answer" session then followed with Mr Jenkin, Mr. Chillingworth and Mrs. Brown responding as and when appropriate.

The Public session ended at 8.30 and there was a short recess to allow members of the public to leave the meeting.

The Formal Council meeting continued at 8.39 p.m. with Councillors and Cllr. Peter Chillingworth only in attendance.

09/097 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Cllr. Cordingley expressed a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 09/100, Application Number 090891 by way of the closeness of the subject site to his own home.

09/098 CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING.

Cllr. Chamley commented on the repairs to the road at Chappel Hill. Arising from discussion Council was also informed that the water facilities at the Allotments had been inspected and approved, with the proviso that the system must not be modified. It was agreed that the allotment tenancy should be modified to make allotment holders aware of the condition and the attendant heavy fines for modifying the water supply system, which the offender would have to pay.

Council was also updated re progress regarding the replacement of street lights.

A resident had suggested that the bridge near the Post Office was scheduled for replacement and it was agreed that the clerk should try and obtain full details.

09/099 CLERK FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Clerk informed the meeting that he had received:

- A £200 donation from the Millennium Green Trust towards improving the track over VG113.
- The £5400 grant from Colchester Borough Council for the Allotments Project.
- A £500 donation towards the upkeep of the Play Equipment from Wakes Colne PC.
- £1631.85 from the Essex Environment Trust for Wild Flowers for the Parish Field.

The Clerk presented three invoices for consideration:

- Colchester Assn. of Local Councils Annual subscription £35.
- G&J Barron. Part payment allotments £5000 + VAT
- Village Ranger – 17 hours at usual rate

RESOLUTION 09/40. THAT THE THREE ACCOUNTS, AS DETAILED, BE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

Proposed: Cllr. Leftley. Seconded: Cllr. Neubauer. For: All.

09/100 PLANNING MATTERS:

The Clerk informed the meeting that two decision notices had been received:

0905719 New wc and garden shed with access paths at St. Barnabas Chapel. – permission granted with eight conditions.

090685 Certificate of Lawful Use or Development granted for mobile home at Spendpenny Forge, Swan Street.

Applications:

090891 Retention of existing unauthorised use of land for permanent stationing of 12no. caravans on six pitches for occupation by gypsy families. Erection of small toilet/utility sheds and laying of hardcore/chipping/tarmac surfaces at Orchard Place, Vernons Road, Chappel, Colchester. Resubmission of 090559.

This matter had been the subject of extensive comment during the Public session prior to the formal meeting and it was proposed that the matter move to an immediate vote.

RESOLUTION 09/41 . THAT THE CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT DETAILED COMMENTS TO COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL PLANNING SERVICES OBJECTING TO PLANNING APPLICATION 090891.

Proposed: Cllr. Langley, Seconded: Cllr. Belcham: For: 6. Abstentions: Cllr. Cordingley (declared interest).

The meeting closed at 9.30

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 9^H SEPTEMBER 2009.

SIGNED CHAIRMANDATE