

# CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

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In the Chair: Cllr. Mrs. S. Chamley.  
Present: Cllrs. Mr. R. Belcham, Mr. C. Cordingley, Mr. T. Langley,  
Mr. P. Neubauer & Mrs H Leftley  
Clerk: Mrs V Burrows.  
Also Present One member of the Public.

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## **09/079 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The Chairman welcomed those present and advised of the apologies.  
Apologies had been received from Cllr. Nick Ingram & Cllr Peter Chillingworth.

The formal Council meeting was suspended at 7.35 p.m. to allow:

## **09/080 PUBLIC FORUM.**

The one member of the Public attending asked about the provision of water on the Allotments. Cllr Neubauer advised that a letter had been received and it was discussed as follows:

Q1 Was the provision of a water supply to the allotments part of the grant application and award, if so when can we expect connection? If it was not part of the grant application/award are alternatives being investigated? Please advise timescale.

A1 The grant received was less than originally applied for and therefore the money received did not cover all aspect of the water supply. Anglian water have been contacted and they have advised that a site visit can take up to 10-12 weeks due to work load. However they have advised that they may be able to come out within the next 5/10 working day's. It had previously been discussed that Cllr Chillingworth had spoken about some available money that might be of use for this project.

Q2 Will there be 'rabbit proof' fencing alongside plot number 2? Will the gates and the underside of the gates receive 'rabbit proofing' measures?

A2 It was discussed that one particular plot was breathtaking and had installed its own "rabbit proofing". It was stated that "rabbit proofing" would be at the allotment holder's expense.

Q3 The loose sand finish of the driveway is a concern as it is already being washed away in heavy rain and is being 'rutted' by vehicle use. Is this the final finish?

A3 The Council advised that yes this was the final finish of the driveway and it was stated that in the opinion of the Council that this was adequate.

Q4 Who is responsible for pruning the plant growth at the boundary of the allotments e.g. brambles on the boundary to the parish field and saplings/bushes on the boundary to Mr & Mrs Leftley's property? i.e. allotment holders or parish council?

A4 It was discussed that the pruning of the plant growth around the plots would be the responsibility of the allotment holders. It was suggested that once the “growing season” was over, a meeting would be called between the two parties and this could be discussed in more detail. It was also suggested that awards could be given to keep up the enthusiasm, because if Colchester Borough Council came and had a look at the site and it was not up to the required standard they could ask for the grant back.

**09/081 COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR.**

In the absence of Cllr Peter Chillingworth, Cllr Chamley & the Clerk gave a brief update of information received at Wakes Colne Parish Council the previous week

- Cllr Chillingworth advised that he is now a substitute member of the Planning Committee and that he is now a member of the Waste Prevention and Recycling Options Appraisal Task & Finish Group.

The Formal Council Meeting continued at 8.00 p.m.

**09/082 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

Cllr. Cordingley in Planning matters relating to Vernons Road (proximity)

**09/083 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES –MEETING HELD 10TH JUNE 2009.**

The Clerk advised that the draft minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.

***RESOLUTION 09/34 THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2009 BE ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING.***

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer, Seconded: Cllr. Chamley. For 5. Abstention. 1, (Absent).

**09/084 CHAIRMAN’S BRIEFING.**

The Chairman enclosed as part of the briefing, e-mail correspondence in respect of Vernons Road. It was discussed that the lack of contact from Colchester Borough Council (CBC) and the inaccuracy of the original application had resulted in Wakes Colne Parish Council (WCPC) considering contacting the Ombudsman to complain. The meeting was closed and the member of the public advised that if the Ombudsman was a route the Parish Council may wish to take, then he could offer some information to help. The meeting was re-opened. The Chairman advised that she had attended a meeting in Weeley, as they had been through a similar situation and although the Parish & District Council had opposed the application an Inspector from Central Government had overruled the decision. It was discussed that WCPC had asked for an informal meeting with Chappel Parish Council to discuss the best way forward. [Get Briefing from Sue for more info](#)

**09/085 CORRESPONDENCE.**

Correspondence received by the Clerk was on Public Display.

**09/086 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

The Clerk presented nine invoices for consideration of immediate payment.

C. & W.C. Village Hall – Room hire - £55

CALC - Annual Subscription - £35

Essex Playing Fields Assn. – Annual Subscription - £25

A. M. Forrest – Footpath maintenance (P3) - £150 + VAT

Guildhall Services – Grass cutting - £95 + VAT

N. Ingram - refund for strimmer parts/service - £48.66 + VAT

Playsafety Ltd. – Play equipment inspection £78 + VAT

RCCE - Annual Subscription - £40

Village Ranger – 17 hours at usual rate

***RESOLUTION 09/35 THAT EIGHT OF THE NINE ACCOUNTS BE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE CALC ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION AS NO INVOICE HAD BEEN RECEIVED.***

Proposed: Cllr. Langley Seconded: Cllr. Belcham . For. 6.

**09/087 PLANNING MATTERS:**

090584 Pattocks Cottage, Pattocks Lane – proposed side extensions and alterations, including garage and outbuildings, new access to highway – permission granted with four conditions. The Clerk advised that this was in Great Tey Parish

090559 – Currently withdrawn – to receive position statement, and discuss application re proposed Traveller Site in Vernons Road. The Clerk advised that a new application had been submitted No: 090891 and the hard copies should be with the council by the 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Council discussed this matter in detail and all were content that the representations made were correct

**09/088 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS.**

No questions were received.

**09/089 TO DETERMINE DETAILS OF REPLACING STREET LIGHTING. (REPRESENTATIVE OF A & J LIGHTING WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE**

The Representative from A & J Lighting presented a revised costing schedule due to 4 lamps now not having to be replaced. He also agreed to waiver the maintenance charge until 2011 & thereafter until 2016 no increase in the maintenance contract.

***RESOLUTION 09/36 THAT THE COUNCIL ACCEPT THE REVISED OFFER AS DETAILED ABOVE***

Proposed: Cllr. Belcham Seconded: Cllr. Neubauer. For. 6.

**09/090 TO AGREE A PROVISIONAL MEETING DATE FOR AUGUST TO PROGRESS ANY URGENT MATTERS.**

The Chairman suggested that the August meeting be re-instated due to the Vernons Road Planning issue.

***RESOLUTION 09/37 THAT 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST WILL NOW BE A FULL COUNCIL MEETING***

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer Seconded: Cllr. Belcham. For. 6.

**09/091 TO FORMALLY CONSIDER ESTABLISHING A “CLUSTER” OF LOCAL COUNCILS TO DISCUSS MATTERS OF COMMON INTEREST.**

It was discussed that Braintree District Council has “cluster meetings” for its Parishes and that it would be a good idea to try and cluster within the Great Tey Ward

***RESOLUTION 09/38 THAT “CLUSTER MEETINGS” SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED AT A LOCAL LEVEL.***

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer Seconded: Cllr. Belcham. For. 6.

**09/092 TO CONSIDER POSSIBLE ACTIONS TO PREVENT UNAUTHORISED CAMPING ON THE SPORTS FIELD AND DOGGY FIELD.**

Cllr Langley informed the Council that recently young people had been camping over night on the sports field and it was creating a great deal of work for the ranger. A lot of litter had been left and it was considered dangerous and inconsiderate.

***RESOLUTION 09/39 THAT CLLR CHAMLEY WOULD CONTACT THE RCCE, THE PLAYING FIELD ASSOCIATION & THE EALC TO SEE IF THEY COULD HELP IN ANYWAY.***

Proposed Cllr Leftley Seconded Cllr Neubauer For 6

The meeting closed at 9.15.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2009.**

**SIGNED CHAIRMAN .....DATE .....**