

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th MARCH 2009
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. Mr. P. Neubauer.
Present: Cllrs. Mr. C. Cordingley, Mr. N. Ingram, Mr. T. Langley and Mrs. H. Leftley
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.
Also present: Colchester Borough Councillor Peter Chillingworth.
Police Sergeant Mike Lee.
53 Members of the Public.

09/028 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

The Chairman welcomed those present, introduced the Councillors present and briefly explained the protocol for the meeting.

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. S Chamley and R. Belcham who were both currently abroad.

The formal Council Meeting was suspended at 7.37 to allow:

09/029 PUBLIC FORUM.

Many members of the Public expressed concern over the arrival of several Traveller families in the Village, and their occupation of a field in Vernons Road that they had apparently purchased in separate plots. Concerns were expressed relating to increased traffic, the possible impact on educational provision, fear of crime and damage to local businesses. Concerns that the Planning system favoured applications from Traveller new-comers over established residents were also voiced. Members of the Public were encouraged to make their views known to both Chappel Parish Council and Colchester Borough Council, and also to report any instances of misbehaviour to the Police.

At 8.40 the Public Forum was closed and time allowed the departure of any members of the Public who did not wish to remain for the Council Meeting.

The informal Council Meeting continued at 8.51.

09/030 COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR.

Cllr. Peter Chillingworth mentioned various items:

- An application for an additional dog bin in Chappel had not been successful.
- Mr J. Tague had been appointed as the new Animal Enforcement Officer.
- The Annual Litter Pick would take place 21st – 29th March.
- Plastic waste bags would be delivered to Chappel households on 27th April.
- Dates for the attended freighter scheme were confirmed as 2nd May, 27th June, and 15th August.
- There was a possibility that Parish Councils may be requested to contribute towards funding the retention of Richard Parmee in his work for the Colne Valley Project.

Cllr. Chillingworth left the meeting at 8.55.

The Formal Council Meeting recommenced at 8.56.

09/031 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Cllr. Cordingley expressed an interest in Planning Application 090142.

Cllr. Ingram expressed an interest in Invoices for Approval as he was expecting to be reimbursed for a recent purchase made on behalf of Council.

09/032 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES –MEETING HELD 11TH FEBRUARY 2009

***RESOLUTION 09/08 . THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES AS PRESENTED BE
APPROVED AS BEING A TRUE RECORD OF THE MEETING HELD
ON 11TH FEBRUARY 2009.***

Proposed: Cllr. Mrs. H. Leftley. Seconded: Cllr. Cordingley.

For: 4 Abstention: 1. (Cllr. Langley – absent from February meeting.)

09/033 CHAIRMAN’S BRIEFING.

- Cllr. S. Chamley had made contact from New Zealand where she was enjoying her holiday.
- Progress with the Allotments Project was being hampered by the adverse weather conditions, but interest remained high with all plots except one now taken.
- Planting of the Heritage Orchard was planned for 14th March.

09/034 CORRESPONDENCE:

All Mail received by the Clerk was on Public display.

Following Council instruction the Clerk had written to the Minister of State regarding the safeguarding of the Village Green and a reply received from DEFRA. The Clerk was requested to further the matter by writing to the Planning Inspectorate.

***RESOLUTION 09/09. THAT THE CLERK WRITE TO THE PLANNING
INSPECTORATE REQUESTING THAT A LAND SWAP TO ENABLE A
PARKING AREA ON THE VILLAGE GREEN BE CONSIDERED, AND
APPROPRIATE ACTION TAKEN TO SAFEGUARD THE VILLAGE
GREEN FROM FURTHER DAMAGE BE APPROVED.***

Proposed: Cllr. Langley Seconded: Cllr. Ingram For: All

09/035 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

The Clerk informed the meeting that a donation of £70 towards the maintenance of the Track on VG113 had been received from a Parishioner.

The Clerk presented six invoices for immediate payment:

Colchester Borough Council - Lighting, electricity charges - £125.08 + VAT

Mr. I. Farquharson – fence repair – £17.36 + VAT

Mr. N. Ingram – MOT T1 Stone - £213.67 inc. VAT

Mr. K. Butcher. Clerk salary – fourth quarter at usual rate.

Mr. K. Butcher. Clerk expenses – fourth quarter - £34.50.

Village Ranger – 16.5 hours at usual rate.

RESOLUTION 09/10 THAT THE PRESENTED INVOICES AS DETAILED BE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

Proposed: Cllr. Langley Seconded: Cllr. Leftley For: 4. Abstention 1. (Cllr. Ingram)

09/036 PLANNING MATTERS:

The Clerk informed the Meeting that a decision notice had been received regarding application CC/COL/142/08 for the creation of a Footpath within the School grounds, the matter had been approved.

A new application - 090142 for a new WC and Garden Store at St. Barnabas Chapel, The Street, Chappel had been received. The plans were explained by Cllr. Cordingley and questions answered.

RESOLUTION 09/11. THAT THE CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT COMMENT THAT CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL HAD "NO CONCERNS" REGARDING PLANNING APPLICATION 090142.

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer Seconded: Cllr. Ingram For: 4. Abstention 1. (Cllr. Cordingley)

09/037 MEMBER'S QUESTIONS.

No questions had been received by the Clerk.

No additional Reports had been received from the Clerk or Councillors.

By way of information the Clerk was informed that the street light on the bridge near The Swan Public House was only working intermittently.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.21 P.M.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 8TH APRIL 2009.

SIGNED CHAIRMANDATE