

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Chappel Parish Council held commencing
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 12 July 2006 at The Village Hall, Colchester Road, Chappel

In the Chair: Cllr. Mrs. S. Chamley.

Present: Cllrs: Dr. K. Baker, Mr. R. Belcham, Mr. T. Crozier, Mr.
N. Ingram, & Mr. P. Neubauer.

Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.

Also Present CBC Cllr. Peter Chillingworth, and forty one members of the public. Police
Constables Everitt and Keeble were also in attendance for part of the meeting.

2006/83 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting.

Apologies received from:

Essex County Councillor Tony Clover.

Councillor Chris Cordingley.

The meeting was suspended at 7.35, by agreement, and a Public Forum held.

Matters relating to the occupation of the Children's Play Area by Travellers were discussed.
Parishioners were advised that a Police Incident Number of 11th July 567 had been issued.
During the Forum PC Everitt and PC Keeble arrived and addressed the Forum. It was stated
that it was hoped that a Section 61 Notice could be issued to the Travellers at an early date.

PC Everitt and PC left the Forum.

The status of the Clerk was questioned.

Public comment on a current Grievance lodged with the Council was made by Cllr. Baker.

The Meeting restarted at 8.20.

2006/84 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Ingram declared an interest in Agenda Item 06/93.

2006/85 TO APPROVE AND AUTHORISE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14 JUNE 2006

***RESOLUTION 44/06: THAT THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD SIGN THE
MINUTES OF THE JUNE MEETING AS BEING A TRUE RECORD.***

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

2006/85 CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING

Notification had been received from Mr. and Mrs. Leftley, Merryhill, Colchester Road that
repair work needed to be completed to their Flint Wall adjoining the Parish Field. Work

could possibly include construction of buttresses. It was agreed that this work could proceed but all risks to be at the peril of Mr. and Mrs. Leftley, a letter to this effect to be sent.

2006/86 CORRESPONDENCE

Clerk confirmed that details of all correspondence received up until the 11th July had been circulated. An invoice from JMC Fencing referring to Agenda Item 06/95 had been passed to him just prior to the meeting.

P3. A letter received from Charlotte Fellingham and previously circulated to all Councillors was discussed. An offer by the Chappel and wakes Colne Walking Group to co-ordinate Footpath maintenance was accepted, with Financial responsibility remaining with the Council. It was agreed that letters detailing the arrangements be sent to Mrs Alexander and Charlotte Fellingham.

2006/87 FINANCE REPORT

A Cash Book Analysis and Bank Reconciliation Account for the Financial Year 2005 / 2006 were presented (revised format at the suggestion of the Internal Auditor), together with the Audit Commission Annual Return Form.

RESOLUTION 45/06: THAT THE CASH BOOK ANALYSIS AND BANK RECONCILIATION ACCOUNT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2005 / 2006, AND THE ANNUAL RETURN FORM BE SIGNED AS CORRECT STATEMENTS.

Proposed Cllr. Chamley Seconded Cllr. Belcham. For : 4. Abstentions : 2.
Cllrs Baker and Crozier requested their votes be recorded - both abstained.

Cllr. Crozier left the meeting at 9.15 and returned at 9.17.

Accounts approved for payment:

Mrs. E. Wilson (Village Ranger duties and hedge cutting) £148 . 00

Mr. R. Bowran (Clerk duties – June Meeting) £107 . 00

Guildhall Services (Grass Cutting) £189 . 17

Mr. J. Chamley (Topping Village Field) £94 . 00

G & J Barron Farms (P3 Scheme claim) £188 . 94

JMC Fencing (Football Field and Play Area) £1505 . 00

It was agreed that letters be sent to:

Mrs. Wilson requesting prior notification of any proposed additional works..

The Cross Trust, requesting reimbursement of cost of hedge cutting.

Conservation Officer at Network Rail requesting reimbursement of all or part of costs re fencing pond, and seeking to return responsibility of pond to Network Rail.

It was further agreed that payment of the JMC invoice be withheld pending satisfactory completion of the work – Cllrs. Chamley and Crozier to approve.

Proposed Cllr. Chamley Seconded Cllr. Belcham. For. 6.

2006/89 PLANNING MATTERS

Clerk informed the meeting that he had just received notification of an appeal to the Secretary of State regarding Application Number F/COL/05/1443, Ashwood Lodge, Swan Street.

Meeting suspended

2006/90 CBC/ECC COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Borough Cllr Peter Chillingworth reported the planned closure of the road at the bridge in Aldham for three weekends commencing 5th August. Traffic diversions are planned.

Comment was also made on possible locations for the planned "Park and Ride" scheme at Eight Ash Green..

2006/91 PUBLIC SESSION

Various issues were discussed:

Parking on Rose Green it was agreed that Essex C.C. should be contacted.

Wall at rear of Bridgewick Cottages (lack of) it was agreed that Colchester Borough Council Planning Department be contacted.

Problems of nettles/brambles on footpaths beside main road.

Overgrown hedge at Elm House.

Allotments.

Footpath maintenance.

Audit trail.

Meeting restarted.

2006/92 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

No questions had been received.

In view of the lateness of the hour it was agreed that only urgent items remaining on the Agenda would be dealt with, the others being deferred to the August meeting

2006/95 TO CONSIDER AMMENDED QUOTATION FROM JMC FENCING

RESOLUTION 46/06 TO ACCEPT REVISED QUOTATION FROM JMC FENCING TO ERECT FENCE FROM THE FOOTBRIDGE TO THE BACK OF THE SWAN PUBLIC HOUSE, IN THE SUM OF £240.

Proposed. Cllr. R. Belcham Seconded Cllr. N. Igram For: 6.

**2006/93 TO CONSIDER THE PLACING OF ROUNDELS ON THE
A1124 AND CHAPPEL HILL AND THE REFRESHMENT OF THE
SLOW MARKINGS ON CHAPPEL HILL**

***RESOLUTION 47/06 TO EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR THE PLACING OF
ROUNDELS ON THE A1124 AND CHAPPEL HILL, AND THE
REFRESHMENT OF EXISTING SLOW MARKINGS ON CHAPPEL
HILL.***

Proposed. Cllr. R. Belcham Seconded Cllr. N. Igram For: 6.

The meeting closed at 22.03

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday 9 August 2006 at 7.30 pm at
The Village Hall, Colchester Road, Chappel.