

# CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2007  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

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In the Chair: Cllr. Mrs. S. Chamley.  
Present: Cllrs. Dr. K. Baker, Mr. R. Belcham, Mr. C. Cordingley,  
Mr. T. Crozier, & Mr. P. Neubauer.  
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.  
Also Present Cllr. Peter Chillingworth, and fifteen members of the public.

## **07/001 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies had been received from Cllr. Ingram. (At work).

## **07/002 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interest.

Cllr. Baker informed the meeting that she had not had sight of the Register of Interests at the previous meeting. The Clerk agreed to make the document available to her. Cllr. Baker indicated that she wished to update her entry in the register and the Clerk advised on the procedure for so doing.

## **07/003 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD DECEMBER 13TH.**

It was noted that a payment approved at the previous meeting was missing from the list in section 06/152 and it was agreed that a line – “John Turner – Auditors fee (letter) - £20” be added.

There was discussion regarding the last sentence of paragraph one in section 06/153 and it was agreed that it be amended to read “Cllr. Baker suggested that the matter would be “called in” for full committee consideration.”

Cllr. Baker informed the meeting that the Clerk, Mr. K. Butcher, and Chair, Cllr. S. Chamley had both lodged complaints against her with the Standards Board of England. The Clerk informed the meeting that this was not true. Cllr. Baker submitted a document to the Clerk and Chair stating that the minutes of the Council were overtly biased and that there was no independent voice operating on the Council ensuring the rights of individual Councillors to carry out their civic duty to the electorate. Cllr. Baker requested that it be signed by Chair and Clerk. Both declined as they considered the statement produced was not truthful.

## ***RESOLUTION 01/07 THAT, WITH THE AGREED AMENDMENTS THE DRAFT MINUTES BE ACCEPTED AS CORRECT.***

Proposed: Cllr. Cordingley    Seconded; Cllr. Belcham For: 5 Abstain 1. (Cllr. Baker.)

## **07/004 CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING**

Cllr. Chamley reported on several themes:

The forthcoming election will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Residents were encouraged to give full support to the Neighbourhood Watch scheme – there having been three recent burglaries nearby.

The meeting was further informed, by Mr. Wilson, of an attempted burglary at the school on 29<sup>th</sup> December.

Cllr. Chamley and Caro Goodman had been in communication with Highways requesting a time scale for the installation of Speed Roundels, and also the possibility of having a speed survey undertaken.

The next Joint Parish Council Meeting would be on 19<sup>th</sup> February, venue to be advised.

The next Colchester Association of Local Councils would be held 15<sup>th</sup> January at the Stanway Rovers Football Club.

A report concerning the Rural West Neighbourhood Action Panel would be given later in the meeting.

The Annual Parish Meeting was agreed to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

The meeting was advised of another Road traffic Accident on the A1124 through the village.

### **07/005 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk informed the meeting that a list of mail received had been circulated. Cllr. Baker asked the Clerk to confirm that all mail received was listed. The Clerk confirmed that all mail up to the date of the posting of the Agenda was included. Cllr. Baker requested that this claim be minuted.

An e-mail from Mr. Sibthorpe regarding representation on the Village Appraisal Steering Group was mentioned by the Clerk. Cllr. Baker was asked her reasons for resigning from the group but did not feel that any reason needed to be given. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr. Baker and seconded by Cllr. Crozier that Cllr. Chamley assume the role. There being only one candidate no vote was taken.

### **07/006 FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Two invoices were presented for approval:

Village Ranger – 14 hours at approved rate.

Clerk – 3 months salary (October, November and December) at approved rate.

There had been some confusion over a payment due to JMC fencing, the invoice having been submitted directly to Essex County Council for payment. After discussion it was agreed that payment in the sum of two hundred and forty five pounds be made as soon as possible. The meeting was informed that a similar sum had been approved by Essex County Council and that the Clerk should expect to receive this payment very soon.

### ***RESOLUTION 02/07 THAT THE PRESENTED INVOICES AND ONE ADDITIONAL PAYMENT (AS DETAILED) BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT***

Proposed: Cllr. Belcham Seconded: Cllr. Crozier For: All

The street lamp opposite the school had been visited three times by Just Lamps and it was now believed that the fault lay in the electrical supply. EDF had been informed and a site visit was awaited.

Replacement of street lamp. An estimate of £1492.80 + VAT had been received by the Clerk from Just lamps. The Clerk had contacted insurers who advised that cover was for £709. It was agreed that a further two estimates of the costs be obtained.

The Clerk had received an estimate of costs for a maintenance contract for all the street lights within the Parish. This appeared to be based on an incorrect number of lamps and it was agreed that confirmation of the contract detail be sought.

The Clerk circulated a draft budget for 2007 – 2008, and three minor adjustments were agreed. The revised total budget amounted to £18,405.

**RESOLUTION 03/07 THAT THE AMENDED DRAFT BUDGET BE APPROVED AS THE PARISH COUNCIL BUDGET FOR 2007 – 2008.**

Proposed: Cllr. Chamley . Seconded: Cllr. Belcham For: 5 Abstentions: 1 (Cllr. Cordingley – possible conflict of interest).

The meeting was temporarily halted 8.36 – 8.37 whilst Cllr. Neubauer “fed the meter”.

**07/007 PLANNING MATTERS:**

Applications received:

F/COL/06/2078. Mr. R. Price, Elm Cottage, Spring Gardens Road. – Proposed two storey side extension, first floor front extension together with proposed detached garage and new vehicular access.

Cllr. Baker had been approached by neighbours of this property who were concerned over various aspects of the proposal, in particular the safety of the proposed access and the overbearing impact of the proposed garage on their boundary. It was agreed that the Clerk would liaise with Cllr. Neubauer and formulate comments on the application.

Application LB/COL/06/1791 – Mr K. Rolls, Raynham House, The Street. Installation of satellite dish – had been approved with three conditions.

The meeting was suspended to enable members of the public to address the Council.

**07/008 CBC/ECC COUNCILLOR’S AND POLICE REPORTS**

CBC Councillor Peter Chillingworth addressed the meeting and gave advice on two agenda items, the pending insurance claim and the Parish precept.

Comment was then made regarding the funding arrangements for the Colne Valley Countryside Project and the appointment of a new Project Officer.

At the recent planning meeting the outline plans for the Stadium project were passed, and no awaited Government approval. It was confirmed that the proposed Stadium was to be multi-purpose.

A question was answered about the process of merging Parish councils.

Mrs. Joan Penn – Martin addressed the meeting and urged Councillors to take an active role in the Neighbourhood Action Panel. Details of the Panel and its meetings were given, and sample “Matters” forms were supplied. Next meeting Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February in our Village Hall.

**07/009 PUBLIC FORUM**

Questions were asked relating to the barrier fencing at the Village Green, changing facilities for Football players using the Sports Field, [the missing garden wall at Bridgewick cottages](#) and progress with the allotments.

The meeting restarted.

**07/010 MEMBER’S QUESTIONS**

No questions had been received.

**07/011**

Cllr. Crozier gave a brief report on the views of the Planning Officer regarding the provision of changing facilities. Council was advised that grants totalling £6million had been made by the Football foundation in Essex last year, but the system was to be changed. Difficulties with regards to parking, maintenance, vandalism and the supply of services to a building adjacent to the Sports Field were discussed.

