

# CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008  
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. N. Ingram, Mr. T. Langley & Mr. P. Neubauer.  
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.  
Also Present: Cllr. Peter Chillingworth and ten members of the Public.

## **08/01 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.**

The Chairman welcomed those present to the first meeting of 2008.

The formal Council Meeting was suspended to allow:

## **08/02 PUBLIC QUESTIONS.**

No questions had been submitted to the Clerk. Mr. Crozier arrived after the meeting had commenced, and passed a note stating two topics to the Clerk. The Chair informed Mr, Crozier that the items had not been notified in time to be included in the meeting but undertook to respond privately in due course.

## **08/03 COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR AND POLICE REPORTS.**

CBC Councillor Peter Chillingworth informed the meeting that the annual “free trees” scheme was running again this year. A recent NAP had been poorly attended and the idea of holding the meetings quarterly was now being considered. The next NAP meeting was to be in Great Tey Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> March.

## **08/04 MR ILEY AND MR PARMEE WILL ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PARISH FIELD.**

Mr. Mark Iley from the Essex Biodiversity Project had visited the Parish Field and felt that at least part of the site might be put over to use as a community orchard. Such a project would require a commitment from Council to manage the site appropriately and estimated that budget of up to £500 per year might be required. There were over 30 varieties of “rare” fruit trees indigenous to the local area that might merit consideration for planting in such an orchard. Mr. Iley felt it possible that funds to cover the cost of the trees, and to pay for an education programme, could be supplied. A grant for this purpose might be available from the ECC Initiatives Fund and would have to be submitted by July for a November decision.

Mr. Iley also spoke briefly about work recently completed on the maintenance of the Village Pond.

Mr Richard Parmee from the Colne Countryside Project had also visited the Parish Field and spoke about some further possibilities for the site. He felt that the number of allotments provided could be increased, even with the possibility of using some for “allotment forestry”. He noted that access to the site was poor and would need improvement and also spoke of the need to install an adequate water supply for both the allotments and any fruit orchard that might be planted.

The Formal Council Meeting restarted at 7.51.

**08/05            DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.**

There were no Declarations of Interest made. Cllr. Chamley informed the meeting that a planning application for “Stugan”, Bacons Lane was on the Agenda, and although she lived in Bacons Lane she had no particular interest in the application.

**08/06            CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – MEETING HELD  
DECEMBER 12TH 2007.**

The draft Minutes had been circulated for consideration to all Councillors prior to the meeting.

***RESOLUTION 01/08: THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
HELD ON DECEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup> 2007 BE ACCEPTED AS BEING A TRUE  
RECORD OF THE MEETING.***

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

**08/07            CHAIRMAN’S BRIEFING.**

The Chairman spoke about six themes:

An expected visit by Bernard Jenkin M.P. on 25<sup>th</sup> January to see the traffic situation at the Primary School.

The continuing problems of the blocked road drain outside Bridgewick Cottages.

Installation of Phase Two of the Play Equipment was expected to commence on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

The Football Field had been rolled by James Chamley when conditions were most favourable.

Mandy Sexton had resigned as a Councillor and details of the vacancy arising were on the Parish Notice Board.

Councillors and Public were encouraged to visit Sergeants Orchard, a parcel of land that had been developed as an orchard by the Essex Biodiversity Project.

**08/08            CORRESPONDENCE.**

The Clerk had notified Councillors of mail received prior to the meeting and letters were on display as appropriate. A letter received from Nicholas Percival regarding two planning proposals near the Village Hall, and also in Spring Gardens Road was brought to the attention of Council.

**08/09            FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

The Clerk presented three accounts for approval of payment:

Pay claim – Village Ranger – 14 hours at usual rate

Pay claim – Clerk - 3rd quarter at usual rate

SLCC – Subscription £40

***RESOLUTION 02/08: THAT THE ACCOUNTS AS PRESENTED ON THE  
AGENDA BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.***

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

**08/10            PLANNING MATTERS.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that two applications - 072391 LB and 072433 – Demolition of existing rear outhouse and erection of granny annex at Holly Cottage, Swan Street. – had been granted.

An application - 072692 – Mr McGregor – 2 Myrtle Cottages, Swan St., replacement garage and shed – had been withdrawn.

A new application - 073078 – by Mr/Mrs Knightsbridge of Stugan, Bacons Lane - Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension and garden room – had been received. It was agreed that the Clerk would submit comment when Councillors had had sufficient time to inspect the plans and consider the application in detail. It was further agreed that the inspection of plans would take place immediately after the meeting.

**08/11 MEMBERS QUESTIONS.**

No questions had been received.

**08/12 TO CONFIRM THE PRECEPT FOR 2008 – 2009.**

The Clerk presented a document to Councillors outlining the financial position of Council and further detailing the Budget for 2008-2009 as agreed at the previous meeting. After discussion it was agreed that Council, would again, set a Precept that resulted in no increase of the rate of contribution paid by Village households. The 2008 – 2009 Budget of £19, 170 would be raised by setting a base contribution of £34.44:

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225.2 properties at £34.44 =	7755
Interest received	200
CBC Grant	3511
Reserves	7704

***RESOLUTION 03/08 THAT A PRECEPT OF £7755 BE SET, TO BE RAISED BY 225.2 BAND “D” EQUIVALENT CONTRIBUTIONS, EACH OF £34.44.***

Proposed: Cllr. Belcham. Seconded: Cllr. Langley. For: 5 Abstentions: 1.

(Cllr. Cordingley abstained from voting because of his position of Treasurer of the PCC, who might benefit from any grant Council might make to the PCC).

**THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.27 P.M..**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008.**

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