

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th October 2008
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

In the Chair: Cllr. Mrs. S. Chamley.
Present: Cllrs. Mr. R. Belcham, Mr. C. Cordingley,
Mr. T. Langley, Mrs H. Leftley, Mr. N. Ingram
& Mr. P. Neubauer.
Clerk: Mr. K. Butcher.
Also Present None.

08/089 WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies had been received from Colchester Borough Council Councillor Peter Chillingworth who was attending a meeting at the Town Hall.

Cllr. Chillingworth had sent a message via the Clerk suggesting that additional dog litter bins may be available. It was agreed that two further bins be requested, one for the Parish Field and the other for Spring Gardens Road.

08/090 PUBLIC FORUM.

No Members of the Public were present.

08/091 COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL COUNCILLOR.

Cllr. Chillingworth was not present.

08/092 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Both Cllr. Chamley and Cllr. Neubauer expressed Personal and Prejudicial interests in Agenda item 08/097, in particular Planning Applications 081632 and 081641, and indicated their intention to leave the meeting whilst these items were being considered.

08/093 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES –MEETING HELD 10TH SEPTEMBER 2008.

It was noted that some Agenda item titles with a full-stop, whilst others were left “hanging”. Also that “Chairmans Briefing” should be “Chairman’s Briefing”.

RESOLUTION 40/08. THAT THE DRAFT MINUTES PRESENTED, SUBJECT TO AMENDMENTS IN PUNCTUATION, BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

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

08/094 CHAIRMAN’S BRIEFING.

Cllr. Chamley mentioned various issues:

- The drain cover opposite Milnthorpe had been repaired.
- The footpath between the Gallery and the Post Office was expected to be resurfaced this year.

- The goal posts were to be installed on 9th October.
- A Public Meeting relating to the Parish Field was planned for 22nd October. Cllr. Langley would try and provide a projection screen.
- The Community Christmas Fair was planned for the 18th October.

08/095 CORRESPONDENCE.

All mail received by the clerk was available for inspection.

The Clerk brought an exchange of correspondence with BT Openreach, regarding damaged cables and ducting, to the notice of Council. It was agreed that the response of BT Openreach should be awaited, before any further action be undertaken.

Arising from a letter from the Land Registry it was agreed that all land belonging to Council should be registered.

08/096 FINANCIAL MATTERS.

The Clerk confirmed that the second instalment of the Precept had been received from Colchester Borough Council, although a few days later than previously expected.

The Clerk presented two invoices for approval:

Mr. N.Ingram - strimmer head - £18.39 + VAT = £21.60

Mr S. Hodge – Village ranger 22.16 hours at usual rate.

RESOLUTION 41/08. THAT THE INVOICES, AS DETAILED, BE APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

Proposed Cllr. Chamley Seconded: Cllr. Langley For: 6 Abstention: 1 (Cllr. Ingram).

The Clerk informed Council that he intended to formulate the Draft Budget for 2009 -2010 for presentation to the November meeting and requested that he be advised of any significant known changes from the last Budget.

08/097 PLANNING MATTERS.

The Clerk advised the meeting of two outcomes received:

Application 081492 for a proposed two storey rear extension and balcony including part demolition of existing rear single storey extension and extend width of dropped curb had been refused.

Application 081565 an Agricultural Determination for the erection of agricultural buildings at Bacons Farm Bacons Lane had been approved.

Two applications had been received:

Planning 081632 for the demolition of modern buildings associated with the historic barn Conversion of the barn and dairy buildings, and erect single story building on the footprint of the existing buildings. The formation of a single dwelling with “granny annexe” at Bacons Farm Bacons Lane.

Listed buildings consent 081641 – an application for demolition of modern buildings associated with the historic barn, conversion of barn and dairy buildings and erect single story building on the footprint of the existing buildings and formation of a single dwelling with granny annexe at Bacons Farm Bacons Lane.

Cllr. Chamley and Cllr. Neubauer declared a prejudicial interest in these applications and left the meeting. It was agreed Cllr. Belcham should Chair this part of the meeting.

As both applications related to the same property it was agreed that the matters be considered together. After careful consideration it was agreed that Council had no objection to the planned conversion and thought it well deigned and presented.

RESOLUTION 42/08. THAT THE CLERK BE INSTRUCTED TO SUBMIT COMMENT TO COLCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE APPLICATION, AS LONG AS THE VIEWS OF NEIGHBOURS WHO MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSAL, ARE CONSIDERED.

Proposed Cllr. Belcham Seconded: Cllr. Mrs. Helen Leftley For: 5.

08/098 CHAIRMAN MEMBER'S QUESTIONS.

There were no questions.

08/099 TO CONSIDER MATTERS REGARDING THE VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE.

Cllr. Cordingley introduced this item and explained that the management committee of the Village Hall seemed to be experiencing some difficulties.

Cllr. Mrs. Helen Leftley asked that a "position statement" regarding the Hall management be produced, and if necessary a meeting of interested parties convened.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.40.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 12TH NOVEMBER 2008.

SIGNED CHAIRMANDATE