

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2006
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPPEL AT 7.30 P.M.

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

06/137 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr. Peter Chillingworth.

06/138 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declaration of interests were made.

06/139 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD OCTOBER 11TH.

It was agreed that a note be added to the minutes to the effect that Cllr. Ingram temporarily left the meeting whilst Agenda item 06/134 was being discussed. (Left 9.52, returned 9.55). It was further agreed that all future absences would be minuted in future.

It was also agreed that it be noted that Cllr. Crozier had requested that the Clerk write to the internal auditor, Mr. J. Turner regarding issues arising from Agenda item 06/134.

With these amendments, the minutes were then considered for acceptance.

RESOLUTION 65/06 THAT THE ADJUSTED MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD.

Proposed: Cllr. Neubauer. Seconded: Cllr. Ingram. For: 5. Abstentions: 2. (Cllr. Cordingley – Absent. Cllr. Baker. Submitted minority report to the Clerk.)

06/140 CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING

Football Field – levelling and reseeding work now completed – invoice awaited.

Play Equipment – Phase One equipment now ordered. Beverley Davis has requested notification of any opening ceremony suggested so that representatives can attend.

Chairman had completed the EALC Chairman's Course and had been awarded a gavel!

Chappel Website now operating – excellent – thanks extended to Cllr. Belcham.

Chappel had "signed up" to the Freedom of information Act in 2002. It was suggested that an update may be required. Chairman to investigate and report back.

A grant application to Cory for financial support for new play equipment had been deferred until 2007.

Nothing to report regarding the farm gate or the problem of flooding in Vernons Road. Progress had been made in overcoming the flooding problem at Pippin Hill. (A blocked ditch had been cleared.)

A proposed Village clear up of public areas for 26th November would be advertised by leaflets and on the Website. It was agreed that Cllr. Baker would contact the Football Club and invite their support. It was noted that the football pitch was unlikely to be ready for heavy use before 2008.

06/141 CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk had previously circulated a list of mail received.

More recently received was a large pack from the Highways dept of Essex County Council that detailed new parking restrictions outside Chappel Primary School on weekdays.

The Clerk also circulated copies of the letter he had sent to the Internal Auditor, and the Auditors response.

06/142 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Accounts were presented for approval. The account from Guildhall Services had been posted, but not yet received.

EALC – Chairman’s Course Fee £50.

Village Ranger. 17 hours work at approved rate.

Skyblue – Web Pages design fee - £1200.

Guildhall Services. Grass cutting - £65.00 +VAT £11.38 = £76.38

The Guildhall Services account was approved for payment on condition the written invoice was received by the Clerk.

RESOLUTION 66/06 THAT THE PRESENTED ACCOUNTS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT, SUBJECT TO THE CONDITION ABOVE.

Proposed: Cllr. Belcham. Seconded: Cllr. Crozier. For: 7.

A detailed report was presented by the Clerk comparing actual spend to date with the Budget by category.

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06/143 PLANNING MATTERS:

No planning matters had been received it time for inclusion on the Agenda.

An application, LB/COL/06/1791 by Mr. K. Rolls, Raynham House, The Street. - Installation of Satellite dish – had been received and was on display.

Cllr. Baker asked a question relating to an application recently made by Mr/Mrs, Chamley at Bacons Farm. Cllr. Chamley confirmed that a verbal outcome (refused) had been received but not written comment. The Clerk informed the meeting that he had not received any communication at all in this regard.

06/144 CBC/ECC COUNCILLOR’S AND POLICE REPORTS

(meeting suspended to enable members of the public to address the Council).

ECC Councillor Tony Clover informed the meeting about several issues.

The planned relocation of the Colchester Records Office.

A change of policy by the Environment Agency regarding the closure of floodgates at Mills.

The promotion of Simon Amstutz, his replacement not yet appointed.

Trees, and their detrimental effect on viewing from the sites where John Constable painted.

Local Government Act White Paper. – Councillors were encouraged to attend seminars etc.

Education – Courses available for School Governors.

A120. Essex County Council are striving to avoid delay of building by avoiding Public Enquiries.

Planning Green Paper – Suffolk Coast.

Colchester United FC – new Stadium to be a Community Stadium.

The placement of “Park and Ride” terminuses in Colchester.

The recent visit by travellers to Chappel and the method of encouragement to move on.

06/145 PUBLIC FORUM

A question was asked relating to Car parking outside schools.

06/146 MEMBER’S QUESTIONS (MEETING RESTARTS).

(7 clear days notice in writing to Chairman)

Cllr. Baker: *Please could Council be informed as to the progress of the Resolution proposed by Cllr. Chamley and passed March 23rd 2005 to pass the deeds of the Parish Field to Thompson Smith and Puxon for clarification as to the boundaries? Reference maps 1923 and 1968.*

Solicitors had offered to research this issue at an hourly rate of £110. However a detailed survey and report had been completed in 2001. It was agreed that Cllr. Chamley would circulate copies of this report to all Councillors.

Cllr. Baker: *Could the Millennium Green Trust be asked to provide proof as to the joint boundaries owned by the trust and Chappel Parish Council? (Ref. valuation commissioned by Chappel Parish Council for the land formerly owned by Mr and Mrs Manley.)*

Cllr. Chamley responded saying that it was planned to meet with the Trustees of the MGT to determine exact boundaries. A letter from Thompson Smith and Puxon, received prior to the purchase of the field had detailed boundaries and had been accepted by the sub-committee concerned. It was agreed that Cllr. Baker would investigate the costs of instructing a surveyor to determine the exact boundaries.

Cllr. Baker: *Could the clerk write to Network Rail about residents’ concerns over tree growth potentially affecting the structure of the arches of the viaduct?*

It was agreed that Cllr. Baker would draft a letter to Network Rail, and the letter would be passed to the Clerk.

Cllr. Baker questioned the omission of two further questions from the Agenda. The Clerk explained that the questions did not concern Council business and that the Monitoring Officer had confirmed that they were not suited to inclusion on the Agenda..

Cllr. Crozier: *Could Cllr. Neubauer please update Council on progress made in determining the exact boundaries of the Parish Field?*

It was agreed that this question had already been addressed in an earlier answer.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 9.50.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 13TH DECEMBER 2006.

SIGNED CHAIRMANDATE