

CHAPPEL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of Chappel Parish Council held commencing
at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11th October 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 eight members of the public.

06/125 WELCOME & APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies had been received from Cllr. C. Cordingley and ECC Cllr Tony Clover.

06/126 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

There were no Declarations of Interests.

06/127 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 13TH SEPTEMBER.

***RESOLUTION 62/06 THAT THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
ON 13TH SEPTEMBER 2006 BE ACCEPTED AS A TRUE RECORD OF
THAT MEETING.***

Proposed Cllr. Belcham, Seconded Cllr. Neubauer. For: 5. Abstention: 1.

06/128 CHAIRMAN'S BRIEFING.

Information on several issues was given:

The path along Colchester was much improved having been cut back and resurfaced.

A road traffic accident in The Street had destroyed a Council owned light standard – insurers had been contacted.

The railings to the bridge near “The Swan” are damaged – Robin Church of Bridge Structures Dept. ECC had been contacted and repairs are awaited.

The repainting of the zig-zag lines was being hastened by PC Alan Clothier.

Work to the Football Field is progressing well.

Fencing around the pond was now complete.

An approach for financial support had been received from Chappel and Wakes Colne Cricket Club – this would be taken to the next Joint Parish Councils meeting.

Documentation for Grievance Procedures and FOI was to be produced cooperatively with other Parishes – a meeting with Caro Goodman and Clive Seal was planned.

ECC had confirmed the level of support granted under the P3 scheme (£450). Cllr. Baker informed the meeting of a list of P3 training courses available and agreed to circulate details to all Councillors.

06/129 CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence received had previously been circulated by the Clerk. The Clerk informed the meeting about a recently received e-mail concerning a survey of playing fields. It was agreed that the message would be forwarded to all Councillors,

06/130 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

Invoices/ Reminders received were approved for payment:

Village Ranger – 17 hours at normal rate

Leving Trust - £115 for Play Area rent.

John Mitchell - £1270 for Fencing.

Cllr. N. Ingram - £10 Cutting of keys.

Guildhall Services - £ 129.83

It was agreed Cllr. Baker would draft a letter to Network Rail requesting a financial contribution towards the cost of fencing the pond.

RESOLUTION 63/06 THAT THE PRESENTED ACCOUNTS BE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

Proposed Cllr. Belcham, Seconded Cllr. Neubauer. For: 4. Abstention: 2

Cllrs. Baker and Crozier requested it be noted that they disapproved of the payment of rent for the play equipment site.

It was noted that the second instalment of the Precept/Grant had been received from Colchester Borough Council - £5563.

06/131 PLANNING MATTERS:

It was noted that planning application O/COL/06/1264 - Erection of dwelling and one garage – Land adjacent to Duntisbourne, Bacons Lane, had been withdrawn.

The Clerk informed the meeting of two recently received decisions:

Approval of application F/COL/06/1381 Mr/Mrs Cordingley, 1 Fairview, Vernons Road, two storey rear extension. – approved with three conditions.

The Planning Inspectorate had dismissed application Ref: APP/A1530/A/06/2015612 – Ashwood Lodge, Swan Street, Chappel.

Planning application – C/COL/06/1637 - Mr/Mrs Walker, Viaduct Lodge, Colchester Road, Change of use from “grassed area or paddock” to garden to form part of curtilage of Viaduct Lodge. . This application had been received after the publication of the Agenda. Cllr.

Chillingworth advised that such applications would only be permitted if deemed not detrimental to the countryside. Cllr. Neubauer offered to research previous similar applications and to complete and return the documentation to Colchester Borough Council as appropriate.

06/132 CBC/ECC COUNCILLOR’S AND POLICE REPORTS

The meeting was suspended to enable members of the public, and others, to address the Council. CBC Councillor Peter Chillingworth spoke about the Neighbourhood Action Panel and urged Chappel Parish Council to take an active part in same – the next meeting being at Copford School on 1st December at 9.30 a.m.

The “Park and Ride” Scheme planned to be at Eight Ash Green has been put on hold until March whilst the proposed site is re-assessed.

A brief explanation of the way Planning Applications are determined was given.

06/133 PUBLIC FORUM

Various items were mentioned:

It was asked if an Essex County Council questionnaire regarding Bridleways had been received. Maintenance of ditches/drainage channels in Vernons Road.

Flooding in Spring Gardens Road.

Parking at Rose Green had improved except when Church activities were happening.

The Skips at Popes Lane have been removed.

The Meeting restarted.

06/134 MEMBER’S QUESTIONS.

Cllr. Crozier. asked “Why is the Council placing new Children’s play equipment on a site where rent is payable when if it were placed on the adjacent Village Green no rent would be paid?” Cllr. Chamley responded stating that the decision had been taken at the Parish Council meeting in October 2005. Cllr. Baker informed the meeting of various rights associated with Village Greens and agreed to let Cllr. Chamley have detailed references so that they could be circulated to all Councillors for consideration.

It was requested by Cllr. Crozier that a letter be sent by the Clerk to the Internal Auditor seeking opinion on various matters arising from debate – it was agreed that a letter be sent.

Whilst this item was being discussed Cllr. Ingram was temporarily absent from the meeting – left at 9.52, returned at 9.55.

06/135 TO APPROVE IN PRINCIPLE AN APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDING TOWARDS THE COST OF NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT FROM THE ESSEX COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.

Cllr. Ingram informed the meeting that grant support might be available from the Essex Community Foundation and sought approval, in principle to submit an application.

Proposed: Cllr. Ingram, Seconded: Cllr .Belcham. For: 6 Abstentions 1. (Cllr. Baker).

06/136 TO UPDATE COUNCIL ON PROGRESS WITH THE FOOTBALL FIELD PROJECT.

Cllr. Chamley informed the meeting that the Football Field project was progressing well. Following advice the edges of the field had been cut back by Mr. R. Barron at no charge. The levelling and drainage work was complete and the reseeding and rolling of the field was expected to commence the following day.

Cllr. Baker informed the meeting that she had made frequent site visits and had invited Mr. G. Bedford to give expert advice on the complicated matter of the work involved.

It was agreed that the exact boundaries of the field should be known and Cllr. Chamley and the Clerk would try to determine these, and hence the exact size/shape of the field.

The meeting closed at 9.53 p.m.

The next meeting of Chappel Parish Council will be on Wednesday 8th November at 7.30 p.m.

Signed Date