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**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
7.30PM, 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020.**

**Present:**

Cllr. Burgess, Cllr Noye, Cllr Inkpen, Cllr Davey, Cllr Bailey and Cllr Collins.

**20/128 Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Bardwell.

**20/129 Minutes of Meetings**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020 and 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020.

26<sup>th</sup> August 2020 proposed by Cllr Noye, seconded by Cllr Inkpen.

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 deferred to next meeting.

**20/130 Declaration of Interests**

To receive 'Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Pecuniary Interests or Non-Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda.

Cllr Collins Pecuniary Interest - 20/141 Crouch Ridge Vineyard.

**20/131 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda**

Mr Lonergan from Crouch Ridge Vineyard asked if he could make comments on any questions regarding the vineyard that would be discussed later in the meeting. At the Chair's discretion it was agreed that Mr & Mrs Lonergan would be invited to speak under the relevant agenda item.

**20/132 Finance**

To advise members of receipts, automated payments and to approve the cheques for payment and signing.

Direct payment authorisation information has been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Noye, seconded by Cllr Collins.

**20/132.01 Clerks National Salary Award**

To approve new clerks payscale for 2020/21 to be back dated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020, increase 35p per hour, proposed by Cllr Collins, seconded by Cllr Bailey.

**20/133 Planning**

**20/133.01 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council:**

Week ending: None.

**20/133.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:**

Week ending: None.

**20/133.03 Planning Appeal advised by Maldon District Council**

Site Address: None

- 20/133.04     Planning Appeal decisions advised by Maldon District Council  
Week ending: 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020  
Application Number: 19/01332/LDP  
Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/20/3248949  
Calma, Summerhill, Althorne, Essex CM3 6BY  
Claim for lawful development certificate for a proposed rear extension  
and other external alterations.  
APPEAL DISMISSED
- 20/133.05     FOR INFORMATION ONLY  
Cllr Burgess informed at the meeting of South East Area Planning  
Committee which was held earlier today, the application for Winterdale  
Manor was discussed, the application was refused.
- 20/133.06     Neighbourhood Plan:  
Althorne is a designated Neighbourhood Area.  
A Steering Group has been formed and all new members are welcome  
to attend a short meeting after the Parish Council Meeting.  
Cllr Inkpen informed that he has spoken with RCCE with a view to re-  
commencing works on the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 20/134         District Councillors' Report**  
None.
- 20/135         Transport Report**  
**BUS NEWS**  
First Essex have minor changes for Saturdays applicable to some early morning bus  
times, up to and including the 10.08 towards Burnham. This became effective on  
timetables from 30<sup>th</sup> August. No changes to weekdays and Sunday services.  
No other significant changes to August's report.
- RAIL NEWS**  
No service alterations listed for Crouch Valley Line for October. Some minor Sunday  
revisions on Southend to Liverpool Street services.
- 20/136         Health Report**  
None.
- 20/137         Clerk's Report**  
The Clerk has attempted on numerous occasions via email and telephone to  
organise the removal of the clothes bin at the Recreation Ground, it would appear  
the company went out of business, however contact has been made and it will be  
removed shortly.  
During three Trucam patrols in August carried out by the Community Protection  
Team on Summerhill, 42 offenders were captured for speeding.

**20/138 Essex Locality Fund**

County Councillor Pratt has asked Parishes within the Southminster Ward to identify any projects they would like to have considered upto £10,000. The Clerk has previously circulated the criteria for discussion at the meeting.

A short discussion was had and the following items were identified, Parish Hall fence, Parish Hall Car Park, War Memorial refurbishment. The Clerk will email Tim Howson at Maldon District Council to seek advice for any works to be carried out at the War Memorial as it is on the Local Heritage Asset register.

**20/139 Essex Forest Initiative**

Would Members like to take part in the initiative? Planting season will be November 2021 – March 2022. Essex County Council are willing to supply the trees for volunteers to plant within the community.

Cllr Bailey proposed expressing an interest in the initiative, seconded by Cllr Collins.

**20/140 Current planning policy and white paper consultations.**

For discussion following an email from RCCE.

It was agreed to agenda this item for the next meeting. The Clerk will resend the email to all Councillors, the deadline for response is 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

**20/141 Crouch Ridge Vineyard**

Concerns have been raised regarding variation of opening hours and planning issues.

**Cllr Collins left the meeting virtually.**

Cllr Burgess read the following, before inviting Mr & Mrs Lonergan to respond.

**Planning Application 19/01004 and Section 73** Change of use of existing agricultural barn to visitors centre with storage and hard standing access.

Concerns were raised regarding the following:

**Permitted Hours**

**Storage**

**External Illumination.**

**Excessive Advertisement Hoardings**

Mr Lonergan commented that as Owners of the Vineyard, they would prefer to enter into dialogue rather than unnecessary confrontation.

A discussion was had regarding the internal lighting, it was felt that the lighting was as extensive as externally lighting onto the car park. It was commented that the lighting would have a negative impact on the wildlife when in use for a significant period of time.

Mrs Lonergan suggested putting the shutters down during sunset, she will speak with Maldon District Council to see if there are any other solutions.

**Cllr Collins was invited to re join the meeting.**

**20/142 Remembrance Day**

To discuss how Althorne Parish Council will remember the fallen during Covid 19.

Cllr Burgess will lay a wreath on behalf of Althorne Parish Council.

Cllr Collins will make enquiries to see if St Andrew's Church will be open.

The Clerk will speak with Rev'd Peter Begley to find out the intentions of the church.

Signed by Cllr Paul Burgess 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020

It was suggested that details of the Parish Council's intentions to mark Remembrance Day would be advertised on the Parish website and also in the AVN. The Clerk informed that Steven Jeffery would be willing to give his time freely to place the Tommy as in previous years at the War Memorial, Cllr Inkpen will liaise with the Clerk regarding access to the Tommy.

**20/143 Reports from Meetings and Events attended**

None.

**20/144 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest**

Cllr Bailey will report Footpath 3 as the stile is broken.

**20/145 Information Exchange/Next Agenda Items Only**

**No decisions can be made under this item.**

Matters may be raised by members and requested to be itemised on the next meeting agenda.

Remembrance Day.

Bradwell B Community Forum, Cllr Inkpen and Cllr Davey would like to join the forum, the Clerk will email Bradwell B.

**20/146 Date of next meeting and closure**

Parish Council meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2020 @ 7.30pm

Meeting Closed at 9.20pm.