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**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD  
7.30PM, 21<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2020.**

**Present:**

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

Dist Cllr Bassenger and one member of the public were in attendance.

**20/147 Apologies for absence**

To receive apologies for absence

**20/148 Minutes of Meetings**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 Proposed by Cllr Inkpen, seconded by Cllr Noye.

30<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Proposed by Cllr Inkpen, seconded by Cllr Noye.

**20/149 Declaration of Interests**

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

Pecuniary Interest – Cllr Burgess 20/152.03 Bridgemarsh Marina.

**20/150 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda**

None.

**20/151 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 Bailey, seconded by Cllr Inkpen.

**20/152 Planning**

20/152.01 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council:

Week ending: 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

20/00820/FUL

Proposed agricultural implement store and hay/straw barn.

Buttons Hill Farm Southminster Road Althorne Essex

Althorne Parish Council recommend the REFUSAL of planning permission, as it is not considered to be reasonably necessary for the purpose of agriculture.

Week ending: 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

20/00894/LBC

The removal of small single storey wash house building adjacent to 3 Black Lion Cottages.

3 Black Lion Cottages Burnham Road Althorne Essex  
Althorne Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

20/00828/FUL PP-08551197

The removal of small single storey wash house building adjacent to 3 Black Lion Cottages.

3 Black Lion Cottages, Burnham Road, Althorne, Essex  
Althorne Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

20/00791/HOUSE PP-08952956

Variation of conditions 2 & 3 of approved application

18/0087/HOUSE (Proposed first floor extension, replacement single storey extension and alterations.

Catherine Cottage Summerhill Althorne Essex

Althorne Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

20/01011/HOUSE PP-08718908

Rear second floor extension over existing flat roof addition and side and rear single storey extension.

Kerris Veau Burnham Road, Althorne, Essex

Althorne Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

20/152.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:

Week ending: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

OUT/MAL/20/00609

Outline planning permission with matters of access, appearance, layout and scale for determination for the demolition of existing buildings and erection of 14 dwellings with associated infrastructure.

Winterdale Manor, Althorne, Essex

REFUSE

20/152.03 Planning Appeal advised by Maldon District Council

Week ending: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020

Site Address: Bridgemarsh Marina Bridgemarsh Lane Althorne Essex

Proposal: Claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of grass area for boat storage and access to moorings within the trade of Bridgemarsh Marina.

Application Ref: LDE/MAL/20/00026 PP-08405562

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/X/20/3252704

Appeal Start Date: 15 September 2020

Site Address: Bridgemarsh Marina Bridgemarsh Lane Althorne Essex

Proposal: Prior notification for an agricultural barn for grain storage and storage of machinery, general storage and workshop.

Application Ref: 19/01229/AGR PP-08302138

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/20/3254349

Appeal Start Date: 28 September 2020

20/152.04 Planning Appeal decisions advised by Maldon District Council

Week ending:

20/152.05 FOR INFORMATION ONLY

20/152.06 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.

### **20/153 District Councillors' Report**

Dist Cllr Bassenger informed that the independents have now taken the majority at Maldon District Council, Cllr Wendy Stamp is the Leader and Cllr Stephen Nunn is the Deputy Leader.

The Independent group have now been included in the consultation for Bradwell B scoping document and comments have been made.

Cllr Noye asked if it was correct that the leader of Essex County Council lived in Suffolk, Dist Cllr Bassenger informed that he had no knowledge.

### **20/154 Transport Report**

#### **BUS NEWS**

First Essex advise Tier 2 does not affect timetabled services. They request that passengers try to plan your journey in advance, travelling at quieter times if you can and purchase tickets via the First Bus App or Contactless where possible (if using cash, please use the exact change). First have a tool on their website to show predictions of seat availability to aid planning a safer journey.

Stephensons shopper buses do not run in school half term week.

#### **RAIL NEWS**

Greater Anglia also have a tool on their website to predict less busy trains based on previous weeks data. Sample check showed all trains on Crouch Valley line have plenty of space (green rating) and one train departing Southend at 06:26 has amber rating.

No service alterations listed for Crouch Valley Line for November. Some minor Sunday revisions on Southend to Liverpool Street services.

### **20/155 Health Report**

None.

### **20/156 Clerk's Report**

During four Trucam patrols in September carried out by the Community Protection Team on Summerhill, 44 offenders were captured for speeding.

### **20/157 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. To discuss/identify and agree any projects to be put forward for consideration.

Cllr Burgess proposed that a request be made to the Locality Fund for a donation of £1000.00 towards the replacement of the Parish Hall fence facing the car park/enclosing the garden area. The project has an estimated cost of £3000.00, seconded by Cllr Bardwell.

**20/158 Current planning policy and white paper consultations.**

For discussion following an email from RCCE.

A short discussion was had regarding planning policy.

**20/159 Remembrance Day**

To discuss how Althorne Parish Council will remember the fallen during Covid 19. Cllr Burgess informed that Hayley Rogers will conduct the service, the Clerk will speak with Linda Bugg re preparations/Covid risk assessment.

**20/160 Recreation Ground**

Cllr Bailey reported the following:

**Trees.** Dead trees need to be removed. There are a lot of dead and broken branches on trees that need to be cut before falling on someone.

**Benches.** Several benches need cleaning to make them more inviting to sit on; One could be placed at the far southwest corner.

**Net ball stand and net.** Should definitely not be in the car park. Must be moved.

**Tennis Court.**

Surface needs to be cleared of weeds/moss and leaves.

May only need a skimming of tarmac. We need to take advise.

Replace with durable net that can be left in situ.

Fence needs repair, otherwise in quite good condition.

Cut back trees adjacent to court.

Suggest court accessible to play without having a key holder.

**Dog walk.**

Cut back and clear pathways.

Any shredded vegetation could be spread on the muddy parts of the pathways.

**Play ground.**

When is the next inspection due?

Wooden blocks which hold back soil, urgently need to be replaced, as some are missing and the rest are rotten which could cause a problem if stepped on.

The step end and the slide end of the big slide needs to have some sort of pourus standing as very muddy.

**Toddlers area.**

The cat needs handles.

More sand required in Monkey bar area.

Hole the middle of area needs filling in.

**Circular sitting area.**

The tarmac around the outside needs to be repaired.

**Dog pooh.**

There seems to be excessive amounts of pooh on the field, not all fox op!

Is it possible to put more Bins i.e. at the entrance of the dog walk?

Perhaps a nice large poster showing the disease that pooh can transmit to children.

May be some gruesome pictures.

**Rubbish bins.**

The remains of a wooden bin needs to be either replaced or removed near the car park area.

It was agreed the Cllr Bailey will be the Councillor responsible for the Recreation Ground. The Clerk will send Cllr Bailey the ROSPA reports.

Signed by Cllr P Burgess 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Cllr Bailey and Cllr Bardwell will meet at the Recreation Ground on Thursday 22-10-2020 to look at the issues raised.

**20/161          2021/2022 Budget/Precept**

To discuss items for consideration to be included in 2021/2022 budget.

Cllr Noye proposed a budget meeting be held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, prior to setting the precept, all in favour.

**20/162          Reports from Meetings and Events attended**

Cllr Inkpen attended BRB Community Forum, he informed that observations have shown that the questionnaire received more responses than Hinkley Point and Sizewell B.

Cllr Noye attended the Henry Gilder Drake Trustees meeting.

**20/163          Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest**

None.

**20/164          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.

None.

**20/165          Date of next meeting and closure**

Parish Council meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 2020 @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9.31pm.