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**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD
7.30PM, 24th February 2021.**

Present:

Cllr Burgess, Cllr Noye, Cllr Inkpen, Cllr Davey, Cllr Bailey and Cllr Bardwell Four members of the public were in attendance.

21/027 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Collins.

21/028 Minutes of Meetings

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 27th January 2021 and 11th February 2021.

27th January 2021 proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Noye

11th February 2021 proposed by Cllr Noye, seconded by Cllr Inkpen.

21/029 Declaration of Interests

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

Cllr Burgess asked in the interests of transparency for the following to be noted.

21/032.03 Land adjacent the Old Forge and Thornley Cottage Planning appeal, whilst this land is close to Cllr Burgess's home, it was not felt there would be any impact to his property.

21/030 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

A short discussion was had regarding the publication of draft minutes prior to the meeting.

21/031 Finance

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

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

Proposed by Cllr Noye, seconded by Cllr Inkpen.

21/032 Planning

21/032.01 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council:

Week ending: 19th February 2021

21/00131/HOUSE PP-09501606

Construction of 3 number brick piers and front boundary garden wall

Panorama Fambridge Road Althorne Essex

Althorne Parish Council recommend the GRANTING of planning permission.

21/032.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:

Week ending: 22nd January 2021

HOUSE/MAL/20/01156
Section 73A application for the construction of single storey rear extension and alterations to the existing dwelling.
Calma Summerhill Althorne Essex
REFUSE

Week ending: 29th January 2021
HOUSE/MAL/20/01123
Erection of 1.8m high vertical close boarded timber fence.
8 Highfield Rise, Althorne, Essex CM3 6DN
REFUSE

Week ending: 19th February 2021
FUL/MAL/19/01048
Installation of 4No. x floodlights. 1 floodlight on 6m pole in each corner of a riding menage.
Brown Leaves House, The Endway, Althorne, Essex
APPROVE

21/032.03 Planning Appeal advised by Maldon District Council
Week ending: 19TH February 2021
Site Address: Land Adjacent The Old Forge and Thornley Cottage
Burnham Road Althorne Essex
Proposal: Construction of a dwelling and cartlodge
Application Ref: 20/00725/FUL PP-08865827
Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/20/3264169
Appeal start date: 11th February 2021

21/032.04 Planning Appeal decisions advised by Maldon District Council
Week ending:

21/032.05 FOR INFORMATION
Week ending: 29th January 2021
21/00002/AGR PP-09383363
Prior notification for the formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways for agricultural use.
Land Adjacent Bridgemarsh Marina Bridgemarsh Lane Althorne Essex

21/033 Risk Assessment

To review and agree Risk Assessment

Cllr Noye proposed acceptance of the risk assessment with no changes from the previous year, seconded by Cllr Davey.

21/034 District Councillors' Report – No Report.

21/035 Transport Report

Reduced services on First Essex Bus and Greater Anglia Trains are in place. Passenger numbers appear low but will increase as Lockdown eases.

BUS NEWS

No change to January's status read out at last meeting.

Observations made on buses in Althorne and Burnham shows passenger numbers in single figures, quite often one or two.

TRAIN NEWS.

Greater Anglia have introduced revised service but have not yet issued full timetables. They will be updating timetable at the station but they can not give a date yet.

I have drawn up a timetable based on Greater Anglia's comments, Greater Anglia journey planner and monitoring the Althorne departure screen information. I will liase with Cllr Inkpen to update timetables at the station and post to Althorne Community Facebook.

My advice is to use my timetable as a guide but check with Greater Anglia if possible.

21/036 Health Report – No report.

21/037 Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that following concerns raised by parishioners, the Community Protection Officers have carried out a letter drop regarding vehicles being driven on footpaths/grass verges to access Garden Close. The letter details that should the problem persist the offenders can be issued with a Community Protection Notice which can lead to a fine or prosecution. The situation is currently being monitored.

21/038 Highways

Sea Wall – To discuss issues and agree a way forward
Speed Indicator Device – Burnham Road

Cllr Burgess informed that the area along the sea wall is a Public Right of Way, However, The Environment Agency are responsible for the sea wall.

After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that Cllr Davey will work with the Clerk to compile a letter to Essex County Council. It was agreed by all that the sea wall is quite dangerous and needs attention. Cllr Bailey commented that you need to walk on the farmer's field instead of the pathway to be safe.

A discussion was had regarding the Speed Indicator Device on Burnham Road, Cllr Burgess informed that the SID records data which can be downloaded. Cllr Davey commented that a SID that captures images of offenders would be a better solution to the constant speeding. Cllr Inkpen commented that the Essex Speed Management Strategy gives guidance for the siting of such devices. The Clerk will email all members the Essex Speed Management Strategy. It was commented by Cllr Bailey that Summerhill is also in need of a Speed Indicator Device.

Agenda for next meeting – Speed Cameras – Locations- Burnham Road Speed Indicator Device.

Cllr Bardwell left the meeting.

21/039 Councillor Responsibilities

To discuss and agree Councillor Responsibilities

It was agreed to hold an informal meeting to discuss the roles and also the re-opening of the parish office, this will then be an agenda item at a future meeting.

21/040 Reports from Meetings and Events attended

21/041 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest

A parishioner informed that two large advertising signs had been put up at Dan Hull's Farm shop on the approach to the bend, which are quite large. Cllr Davey proposed reviewing the situation and discussing at next meeting, this was agreed.

It was commented that there are many potholes on the Fambridge Road. Members were also informed that the Speed Management Strategy is being re-written. John Whittingdale MP is currently looking in to the Fambridge Road speeding issues. It was commented that speeding on Summerhill is troublesome and speed control improvement is needed. Cllr Bailey commented that a pedestrian crossing at the Recreation Ground would be welcomed.

It was commented that it would be nice to have District Councillor attendance at the meetings. The Clerk informed they are on the circulation list for the agenda distribution, the Clerk will request their attendance at a future meeting.

A parishioner raised concerns regarding drainage at the bottom of Summerhill and Garden Close.

21/042 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.

Provision of 3 x picnic benches – composite or wooden for the Recreation Ground. Cllr Inkpen informed there is now a defibrillator on the station platform at Althorne Railway Station. Details of the four de-fib locations are published in the AVN, the Clerk will also add to the website.

21/043 Date of next meeting and closure

Parish Council meeting 31st March 2021 @ 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.