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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD 7.30PM,
 23rd JUNE 2021.**

Present:

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

21/107 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence – Cllr Bardwell.

21/108 Minutes of Meetings

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held 26th May 2021.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Inkpen, seconded by Cllr Collins, all in favour.

21/109 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 21/0112.01 - 21/00193/FULM PP-09548821

21/110 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

Cllr Burgess left the meeting at 7.35pm

A resident commented on planning application 21/00193/FULM PP-09548821, that it is outside the village envelope and that flats are not appropriate. It was felt that there had been many previous applications on this site, concerns need to be raised regarding traffic, line of sight and also drainage.

A resident advised that there are many errors in the planning application, including many inaccuracies in the transport information.

The original development proposed a ribbon development, but that has since changed to two blocks. It was commented that the development is unsustainable. The development would lose the character of the village and also the views.

Cllr Bailey commented that there should be a green belt area.

A resident asked why Cllr Burgess could not speak regarding the planning application. The Clerk informed that Cllr Burgess can make representation as an individual but not a Councillor, due to proximity of his property.

Cllr Burgess returned to the meeting at 7.45pm.

21/00369, a resident asked why so much time is being spent on this planning application, Cllr Inkpen informed that additional information has been supplied.

Following a short discussion, Cllr Burgess informed that the Parish of Althorne is defined by the parish boundary, the development boundary is different to the parish boundary.

21/111 Finance

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

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| 01-06-2021 | Althorne Parish Hall Trustees Rent | £ 50.00 |
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| 12-06-2021 | BT Office telephone and broadband | £ 63.08 |
| 23-06-2021 | A Bailey Key cutting pavilion | £ 12.00 |
| 23-06-2021 | J Jeffery/Zoom | £ 14.39 |
| 23-06-2021 | MSJ Garwood & Son Grass Cutting/maintenance | £2166.24 |
| 23-06-2021 | HMRC | £ 177.33 |
| 23-06-2021 | HMRC | £ 143.44 |
| 23-06-2021 | J Jeffery Clerks Salary | £ 522.99 |
| 23-06-2021 | Essex Pension Fund | £ 205.26 |
| 23-06-2021 | Althorne Village News | £ 40.00 |
| 23-06-2021 | Audit Solutions Ltd Internal Auditor | £ 240.00 |
| 23-06-2021 | BT | £ 64.74 |

Cllr Collins proposed acceptance on the finance report, seconded by Cllr Inkpen, agreed.

21/111.01 To discuss and agree Annual Audit return AGAR for 2020/2021

Cllr Davey proposed acceptance of the Annual Audit AGAR for 2020/2021, seconded by Cllr Bailey, agreed.

The return was duly signed by Cllr P Burgess (Chair) and Joanna Jeffery, RFO/Clerk.

21/112 Planning

21/112.01 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council:

Week ending: 28th May 2021

21/00548/HOUSE PP-09850281

S73.A application for replacement window and door set with UPVC.

2 Kirk Mews Althorne Essex CM3 6GL

Althorne Parish Council SUPPORT this planning application.

Cllr Burgess left the meeting at 8.08pm

Week ending: 11th June 2021

21/00193/FULM PP-09548821

Erect 13No. dwellings comprising 8No. one and two bedroom affordable apartments in 2 x two-storey buildings and 5No 4/5 bedroom two storey detached houses with garages, form three new vehicular accesses onto Burnham Road, private drives, vehicle parking and manoeuvring areas and gardens, and lay out hard and soft landscaping.

Land Adjacent Cliffords Farm, Burnham Road, Althorne Essex
Althorne Parish Council recommend the REFUSAL of planning permission.

Some information is incorrect. Outside the village envelope. Unsafe access, lack of infrastructure. The village is experiencing flooding regularly, including sewerage. It is an unsustainable location.

Concerns regarding additional vehicles emerging onto an already dangerous road.

Cllr Burgess returned to the meeting at 8.30pm.

Week ending: 18th June 2021

21/00369/HOUSE

To re-instate rear garden fence

8 Highfield Rise, Althorne, Essex CM3 6DN

Althorne Parish Council raise no objection but wish to make the following comments.

Having seen the deeds of the property, the covenants attached and the photographs supplied with the application it is apparent that a fence of similar design to the one applied for existed when it was purchased from the developers and was subsequently changed to move the fence nearer to the road. However, when MDC granted planning permission to move the fence nearer to the road on application MAL/69/75 it allowed the fence to be relocated onto areas hatched in black on the deeds, and in doing so contravening the covenants. Althorne Parish Council have no knowledge of the legal status of the covenants at the present time.

- 21/112.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:
Week ending: 25th May 2021
HOUSE/MAL/21/00131
Construction of 3 number brick piers and front boundary garden wall
Panorama Fambridge Road Althorne
APPROVE
- Week ending: 4th June 2021
FUL/MAL/21/00082
Proposed building housing horse box trailer and support equipment for equestrian use.
Buttons Hill Farm Southminster Road Althorne Essex
APPROVE
- 21/112.03 Planning Appeal advised by Maldon District Council
Site Address:
- 21/112.04 Planning Appeal decisions advised by Maldon District Council
Week ending: None
- 21/112.05 Neighbourhood Plan:
Althorne is a designated Neighbourhood Area.
Cllr Inkpen advised that a questionnaire has been formulated, he is hopeful of calling a meeting of the steering group soon.
- 21.112.06 For Information:
Statement of Community Involvement
Cllr Burgess advised of the intention to remove notifying neighbouring households of planning applications. Althorne Parish Council will write to Maldon District Council to express concerns. Althorne Parish Council will also respond to the questionnaire.
- 21/113 District Councillors' Report**
Dist Cllr Bassenger sent his apologies, due to a South East Area Planning meeting clash.
- 21/114 Transport Report**
No report.

- 21/115 Health Report**
Lengthy CCG documents have been circulated amongst members.
- 21/116 Recreation Ground**
Cllr Bailey advised that one quote has been obtained for the car park cleaning and repairs, however, two more are needed. The ditches also need to be cleared.
- 21/117 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest**
A resident raised concerns regarding flooding in Highfield Rise during recent heavy rain. Concerns were also raised regarding flooding at the bottom of the village.
It was commented that Essex County Council hedges are un kept, the speed indicator device is still not working, The Clerk will ask County Councillor Stamp to assist. It was also reported there is a leak again at the war memorial.
A resident asked if the Tommy will be removed from the War Memorial, Cllr Inkpen will remove.
- 21/118 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.
Drainage in the village.
Cllr Davey advised that Bradwell B are willing to do a presentation should Members wish.
- 21/119 Date of next meeting and closure**
Parish Council meeting 28th July 2021 @ 7.30pm.
Meeting closed at 9.27pm.