

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD 7:30PM 20 OCTOBER 2021 AT THE PARISH HALL, SUMMERHILL, ALTHORNE, ESSEX. CM3 6BY

Minutes In the interest of councillors and attending parishioners the Clerk notified non-attendance; she had cold symptoms. It was agreed Cllr. Burgess act as Minutes Clerk and Cllr. Inkpen assume the Chairmanship.

Present: Cllr. Burgess, Cllr. Bardwell, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Collins, Cllr Inkpen. Two parishioners attended.

21/165 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence - Cllr. Peter Davey

21/166 Minutes of Meetings

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held 29th September 2021. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey, Seconded by Cllr. Bardwell.

21/167 Declaration of Interests

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

No Declarations.

21/168 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

No Comments

21/169 Finance

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

Payables advised totaled £3,173, including notifyable amounts to MSJ Garwood for grass cutting, Rialtas Business Solutions for accounts software support, and the EALC for councillor training. Proposed by Cllr. Bailey, Seconded by Cllr. Collins. Agreed.

21/170 Planning

21/170.01 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council:

Week ending: None

21/170.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:

Week ending: None

21/170.03 Planning Appeal advised by Maldon District Council

Site Address: None

21/170.04 Planning Appeal decisions advised by Maldon District Council

Week ending:

21/170.05 Neighbourhood Plan:

Althorne is a designated Neighbourhood Area.

21.170.06 For Information:

It was suggested that the Clerk write to District Cllr. Bassenger and District Cllr. Boyce expressing the Parish Council's appreciation of their successful opposition to a planning application for thirteen dwellings outside the parish settlement boundary in a non-sustainable

location. Proposed by Cllr. Inkpen; Seconded Cllr. Bailey. Agreed. Cllr. Burgess abstained, having earlier declared a pecuniary interest.

21/171 District Councillors' Report

None

21/172 Transport Report

Buses: Our Transport Rep., Alan Brignall, noted his intention to attend a local meeting relating to the implementation of a new Nationwide Bus Strategy. Two grants to ECC totaling £2.5m have been awarded; no direct benefit to Maldon, but possibly some synergies. The current bus timetable expires on October. The replacement is yet published, but no major changes anticipated. When available, details will be published in the AVN and on local social media. Stephenson's Shopper buses will not operate in the school holidays 21-29 October 2021.

Trains: Concessionary travel to London has been announced by Greater Anglia. £5 tickets available only on-line until October 31, 2021 are valid to November 21 2021.

(full text published in the AVN)

21/173 Health Report

Our Health Rep., Janet Cloke, referenced appointment issues at Doctor's surgeries. She suggested seeking alternative advice from qualified practitioners, such as pharmacies. She again urged parishioners to involve themselves in local surgeries by joining patient groups. Importantly, given the integration of the Basildon, Broomfield and Southend hospitals, parishioners should follow regional developments in medical services.

21/174 Recreation Ground

To discuss and agree as necessary planting of trees by Burnham Guides/Girl Guiding Association to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

There were some issues over a location in Burnham. Althorne had a long association with the movement, although no longer hosts an active group. It was anticipated only one sapling was intended. Offering a site was proposed by Cllr. Bailey and seconded by Cllr. Collins. Agreed. Comment on tree planting in the Recreation Ground was made.

A decision determining the grant-funded refurbishment of the pavilion electrics was held over, pending clarification on quotations from the Clerk. It was noted that the National Lottery Community Fund has awarded the parish a £5,000 grant.

21/175 Dan Hull Farm shop

Review of Parishioners concerns regarding signage.

In the Clerk's absence no details were available. Given recent planning issues over placards in the parish, it was agreed to seek information from the proprietor regarding consents. At the adjacent McCoys, it was noted that there appeared to be new surface laid. It was informed that parking places were a condition of the original change of use permission and that the works should be monitored for compliance.

21/176 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest

Reviewing the future of the tennis court, it was suggested that if the surface economically could be made safe, it could be marked out for a variety of sports, retaining the fencing. In response to a question regarding the Remembrance Day event at the War Memorial, the Chairman informed that he had had discussions on potential formats. He felt certain that some structure would be found to accommodate this anniversary. There was further discussion on tree planting in the Recreation Ground. Social media had commented on a requested extension of a 30mph limit to the Fambridge Road. This was the focus of a

successful meeting with ECC Highways, sponsored by community group ACT and chaired by our County Councillor Wendy Stamp.

21/177 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. No issues were raised.

21/178 Date of next meeting and closure

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 24th November 2021 @ 7.30pm.

The Meeting closed at 9:01pm.