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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF ALTHORNE PARISH COUNCIL, HELD 7.30PM 23rd FEBRUARY 2022 AT THE PARISH HALL, SUMMERHILL, ALTHORNE, ESSEX. CM3 6BY

Present: Cllr. Burgess, Cllr. Bailey, Cllr. Davey, Cllr Collins, Cllr Inkpen and forty four parishioners..

22/020 Apologies for absence

To receive apologies for absence: Cllr Bardwell.

22/021 Minutes of Meetings

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Extra Ordinary meeting of the Parish Council held 26th January 2022, proposed by Cllr Inkoen, seconded by Cllr Collins.

22/022 Declaration of Interests

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

No declarations were received.

22/023 Public Forum with respect to items on the Agenda

A resident enquired regarding planning appeal Land North and East of The Boathouse Bridgemarsh Lane Althorne Essex, there was a brief discussion regarding the tree preservation order.

A discussion took place regarding Maldon District Councils call for sites.

Site ALT2 is of particular concern as the housing allocation is 1750 homes.

Members and residents all agreed that this should be challenged due to the lack of infrastructure and sustainability.

A resident expressed concerns for allocation of secondary school places in the area, and also hospitals with no room to accommodate extra capacity.

There was confusion for determining village size, why is Althorne a medium village, it was felt that there were discrepancies between villages.

In October 2021, planning permission was sought for 13 homes, this was refused by South East Area Planning Committee. Why? Is this now part of an acceptable development? It was agreed that the site is too large and in the wrong place. No consideration has been given to the SSI and that Althorne is an unsustainable location. It was felt by all there is no confidence in the current decision and the District Councillors should put pressure on Maldon District Council to re-evaluate the process.

It was agreed by all to invite John Whittingdale MP to a future meeting.

Cllr Burgess informed that the HELLA sites that have smaller than five houses, will not be evaluated, there are grave misgivings to the process of the HELLA.

Should this land be allocated for housing, it will be three times the housing stock of the village.

Cllr Burgess will prepare a memorandum to send to Maldon District Council

22/024 Finance

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

Althorne Parish Hall Rent	£ 50.00
BT Telephone and broadband	£ 63.90
HMRC	£143.44
Staff Salary	£522.99
Essex Pension Fund	£205.26
BT Telephone and broadband	£ 64.62

Proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Inkpen.

22/024.01 Grass Cutting Contract

To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary a letter received from the grass cutting contractors.

Following a short discussion, all Members agreed to accept the additional charges due to rising fuel costs.

Proposed by Cllr Burgess, seconded by Cllr Bailey.

22/025 Planning

22/025.01 Applications requiring response from Althorne Parish Council:

Week ending: 4th February 2022

22/00095/LDE PP-10168293

Claim for a lawful development certificate for the existing use of a permanent residential dwelling

11 – 14 Smugglers Club Ground Bridgemarsh Lane Althorne Essex

Althorne Parish Council wish to make NO COMMENT on this planning application.

22/025.02 Decisions advised by Maldon District Council:

Week ending: 4th February 2022

FUL/MAL/20/01338

Replacement piles, pontoons, access brows and fixed walkway bridges along with new pump stations and replacement of retaining wall to quay and installation of crane pad.

Bridgemarsh Marine Bridgemarsh Lane Althorne Essex

APPROVE

Week ending: 11th February 2022

ADV/MAL/21/01305

Back to back vertical signboards 1500mm x 1200mm

Crouch Ridge Vineyard Fambridge Road Althorne Essex

APPROVE

22/025.03 Planning Appeal advised by Maldon District Council

Site Address: Land North and East of The Boathouse Bridgemarsh Lane Althorne Essex

Proposal: Remove rabbit protection off all trees before bud burst with limited brushing for through access only

Tractor mulching of pure volunteer stands of blackthorn, bramble and dogwood leaving windward border stands intact for shelter as much as possible.

Re-assessment of the extent of Chalaria and clearance of pure affected ash stands for replanting
Mowing of grass rides for wildlife space and fire precaution.
Manual Roundup spraying to control forest floor where rampant and in blackthorn regrowth areas.

Application Ref: 21/00133/WTPO PP-09505255

Appeal Ref: App/TPO/X1545/8524

Appeal Start Date: 2 February 2022

Site Address: Kerris Vean Burnham Road Althorne Essex

Proposal: Variation of conditions 2 & 3 on approved planning permission 20/01011/HOUSE (Rear second floor extension over existing flat roof addition and side and rear single storey extension.)

Application Ref: 21/00878/VAR PP-10151212

Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/D/22/3291100

Appeal start date: 3rd February 2022

- 22/025.04 Planning Appeal decisions advised by Maldon District Council
Week ending:
- 22/025.05 Neighbourhood Plan:
Althorne is a designated Neighbourhood Area.
- 22.025.06 For Information:
- 22/026 Risk Assessment**
To review and agree Risk Assessment – Defer to next meeting.
- 22/027 Standing Orders**
To review and agree Standing Orders – Defer to next meeting.
- 22/028 Financial Regulations**
To review and agree Financial Regulations – Defer to next meeting.
- 22/029 Pavilion Refurbishment**
To discuss and pass any resolution as necessary.
Cllr Inkpen informed that the quotes are more than the grant funding.
Further discussions to take place at EOM 2nd March 2022.
- 22/030 Consultation on Maldon District Council Local Development Plan.**
To discuss and agree a response.
EOM to be held 2nd March 2022.
- 22/031 Public Forum with respect to matters of mutual interest**
None.
- 22/032 Date of next meeting and closure**
Parish Council meeting 23rd February 2022.
Meeting closed at 9.40pm.

Signed by Cllr Burgess (Chair) 30th Match 2022