

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2014 AT 8.00 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Chairman, Cllr. Mrs C Adams.

Cllrs. C L Atkinson, F A Delderfield, A J Gable, J C Gegan, Mrs A V Heaviside, J V Keyes, and Mrs E Parsons.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R L Bass.

01.14 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cllr F A Delderfield declared an interest in all planning applications as a member of the Maldon District Council's North-Western Area Planning Committee and confined his role to advising on factual information where appropriate. He also declared an interest in the item under 10.14 below as a Member of the Maldon District Council. Cllr J C Gegan declared a personal and pecuniary interest in respect of planning application OUT/MAL/13/01173 below and left the meeting during its discussion.

02.14 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Two members of the public were present. There were no questions.

03.14 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23 December 2013 were confirmed and signed.

04.14 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Seat on Bull Green: A request to the Council to place a commemorative seat on Bull Green has not been made.

Overgrown Hedges: Members were currently undertaking their surveys.

Village Library Centre: Cllr Mrs A V Heaviside will take this matter up.

05.14 COMMUNITY POLICING

Caravans in Church Road: Cllr F A Delderfield is awaiting further information from the Maldon District Council following planning enquiries.

Speed watch: The Chairman is to consult with Wickham Bishops Parish Council about sharing a speed measuring gun

06.14 REPORTS OF MEMBERS OF OUTSIDE BODIES AND NEWS FROM OTHER AUTHORITIES

Local Development Plan: Cllr F A Delderfield advised that the Maldon District Council is soon to start a series of public meetings about the Local Development Plan.

Friends of St Peter's Church: The Clerk reported that the Friends have secured a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund as a significant contribution towards the restoration of paintings, revising the Church Guide, and associated public events.

07.14 AMENITIES

Report of the Chairman of the Committee: Cllr J V Keyes had no report to make. Further to the November meeting of the Council when the Chairman and Clerk were asked to identify a suitable person who would be able to carry out small works as and when required, Mr R Clark has been so identified and has given a quote to carry out various items of small works on the Council's present list and it was agreed to proceed within the overall budgets. Cllr J C Gegan is working with the Clerk to find a supplier for safety surface wood chips.

Green near the Compasses: Anglian Water Services has sent details of a proposed pipe to be laid partly under the Green near the Compasses Public House to alleviate drainage problems in the area. They will compensate for any damage caused. The Council manages the land under the Commons Registration Act and, whilst it cannot give permission, it was agreed not to object,

08.14 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Rangers Scheme: No further work was identified at present.

Speed limit in Maypole Road: Notice of a proposed extension to the 30 mph speed limit in Maypole Road was received and it was agreed to object as the extensions should extend to beyond the properties south of the junction with Prince of Wales Road.

09.14 PLANNING POLICY AND STRATEGY

Working Group: A Working Group had met on 15 January to look at whether some work should be taken forward to identify and collect information to record the present position of the Parish as preparatory work which could inform any future consultation on the Parish element of the Local Development Plan and provide an information base for the Council generally and for any future Parish Plan. It was thought that such work would provide an inventory of assets which would be useful in any event and help the Council and Community to clearly identify any changes. The various headings of such a report had been outlined (noise pollution was added) and it was now agreed to move forward and that the Working Group will meet again on 5 February to sort out the allocation of work.

Minerals and Waste Planning: Details were received from the Essex County Council about a new Minerals and Waste Planning website which would include future minerals and waste applications. Cllr C L Atkinson agreed to monitor the site.

10.14 REGISTER OF ASSETS OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Last year legislation was introduced to create a register of community assets and the Council identified certain assets which it might be appropriate to register if necessary (registration delays a sale for six months to enable the community to prepare an offer to bid). In view of a recent application to demolish the Compasses Public House it was decided to make an application to include it on the Register of Assets of Community Value under the *Community Right to Bid* legislation.

11.14 CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of a quiz evening by the Friends of the Plume Library was received, and a letter of thanks from Mrs Snelling, niece of the late Mr Tom Martin.

12.14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

LDE/MAL/13/00911 - Claim for Certificate of Lawfulness: Following the questioning of the decision to approve an application at The Stables Colchester Road and an unsatisfactory response it was agreed that to send a formal letter of complaint.

Planning decisions: The Clerk reported on the latest Maldon District Council planning decisions.

Latest applications: The Council's comments on planning applications lodged with the District Council, for Great Totham, to week ending 17 January 2014 are shown below:

OUT/MAL/13/01173 Demolition of existing stable block and erection of a two bedroom home. Change of use of land to C3. Stable Block Plains Road – After discussion it was decided by 4 votes to 2 that the Council reiterates its comments on an application made last October to convert these stables (originally built under MAL/08/00242) to a home. These are that the Council objects as the application is for residential development outside of the settlement development limits.

OUT/MAL/13/00710 Residential development of 4 detached dwellings. Land South of 2 Kelvedon Road (amended Plan) – The Council's previous comments stand.

LDE/MAL/13/00968 Claim for a Lawful Certificate for existing use: manufacturing and storage of concrete blocks and similar products. Chigborough Farm, Chigborough Road - Noted

HOUSE/MAL/13/01182 Alterations to existing conservatory and out-buildings including removal of existing roofs and two chimneys and new roof, with the addition of new single storey rear open sided veranda (stoep) and construction of a new chimney. Also alterations to existing rear ground floor windows and doors. 44 Maldon Road - Support

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

PDE/MAL/13/01184 Single storey rear sun lounge which would extend beyond the rear wall of the original house by 6m, maximum height of 4m and the maximum height to the eaves of 2.4m. Hillside 18 Catchpole Lane - Noted

13.14 CONFIRMATION OF CHEQUES

Cheques were confirmed for:

Amount (£)	Payee	Service
118.42	The Bull	Chairman's Christmas Reception
11.50	E-On	Bus shelter lighting 1 Oct 13 to 31 Dec 13
275.25	C R Potter	Salary/allowance £207.00 Broadband 27 Dec – 26 Mar £68.25

14.14 ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Salt Bag Scheme: Cllr J C Gegan reported that 30 people were participating in the salt bag scheme.

BT Broadband: Cllr A J Gables said that he understood that BT Broadband is to be upgraded in this area in January to March 2015.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.