

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 16 MARCH 2015 AT 8.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present. Chairman: Cllr. Mrs C Adams

Cllrs. R L Bass, F A Delderfield, A J Gable, J C Gregan, Mrs A V Heaviside and J V Keyes.

Apologies for absence: Cllrs C L Atkinson, Mrs E Parsons and the Clerk.

31.15 DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS

Cllr F A Delderfield had declared an interest in all planning applications as a member of the Maldon District Council's North-Western Area Planning Committee and would confine his role to advising on factual information where appropriate.

32.15 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A question was asked about providing a Parish Plan which had been covered in the earlier Annual Parish Meeting.

33.15 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 16 February 2015 were confirmed and signed. The Chairman thanked the Vice-Chairman for taking the meeting in her absence.

34.15 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising

35.15 COMMUNITY POLICING

There were no reports.

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

There were no reports.

37.15 PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Cllr F A Delderfield explained the arrangements for application for the forthcoming parish council elections to be held on 7 May 2015 at the same time as the District Council and Parliamentary elections.

38.15 FINANCE:

Risks and Insurance Cover: The Council's risks were reviewed and, noting some adjustment to values for the new computing equipment, otherwise confirmed the existing level of insurance cover shown in the policy schedule. Some items continue as Index linked. The renewal notice for the policy with Zurich Municipal was received and agreed.

Annual Audit: Notice of audit for the 2014/15 financial year was received and it was agreed to ask Mr Wrigley to conduct the internal audit. A plan and timetable prepared by the Clerk for completing the accounts and audit was received and noted.

39.15 AMENITIES

Report of the Chairman of the Amenities Committee: Cllr C L Atkinson was not present but had sent a message that buckthorn bushes were to be delivered the following Wednesday and he has decided where to plant them.

40.14 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Rangers Scheme: No further items were identified.

Parking restrictions in Walden House Road: Cllr. Mrs A V Heaviside reported proposed parking restrictions in Walden House Road. A map indicating where it is proposed to put additional parking prohibition markings in Walden House Road was circulated. Thus far, it is the responsibility of N Essex Parking Partnership but the proposals will go out to consultation which will take between 3-6 months before a decision is made.

41.15 PLANNING POLICY AND STRATEGY:

Parish Planning: It was decided it would be prudent to await the ratification of the MDC Plan before progressing with a Great Totham Parish Plan. A public meeting would then be called to enable residents to contribute to - and, hopefully, lead - the debate. The provision of financial grants was noted and welcomed.

42.15 MALDON DISTRICT COUNCIL'S CORPORATE PLAN

Information on the Maldon District Council's Corporate Plan for 2015 to 2019 was received and noted.

43.15 ESSEX FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Information on changes to Essex Fire and Rescue Service was received. Cllr Mrs A V Heaviside is to put contact details for this and the above item in the Parish Magazine Report.

44.15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Training Event: The previously reported planning seminar is arranged for 8 April and the Chairman and Cllrs. C L Atkinson and J Gegan and the Clerk are to attend.

Appeal Decision: An appeal decision in respect of **FUL/MAL/14/00411**, Land near Croft Cottage, Totham Hill Green for the erection of one dwelling was received. The appeal was dismissed.

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

Latest applications: The applications lodged with the Maldon District Council to week ending 13 March 2015 were considered and the Council's comments were as follows:

FUL/MAL/15/00045 Removal of Condition No.2 of FUL/MAL/12/01018 in order to increase the size of Bedroom B. New Dwelling At Maypole Hall Maypole Road – The Council has no objections to the removal of the condition.

WTPO/MAL/15/00129 TPO 27/91 G1 - T1 & T2(as numbered on app) - Horse chestnut - Remove complete with stumps. 2 Seagers – Application withdrawn.

FUL/MAL/15/00123 Extension to rear of dwelling (resubmission of previously approved application FUL/MAL/14/00259). Alterations include: addition of Juliet balcony to rear of dwelling, removal/repositioning of Velux roof-lights and door/window specifications changed to UPVC. The Cottage 20 Chapel Road - The Council has no objections to the proposed alterations.

46.15 CONFIRMATION OF CHEQUES

Cheques were confirmed for:

Amount (£)	Payee	Service
50.00	Great Totham Gardening Club	Donation for upkeep of flower beds
400.00	Great Totham Village Hall	Hire of Hall for meetings 2014/15
868.05	Silicon Alley	New computer equipment £776.05 Printer cartridge & Inks £91.00
935.63	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium 2.4.15. - 1. 4. 16.
282.93	C R Potter	Salary/allowance £277.00 Postage (Appeal) £0.93 Change date on banner £5.00

30.15 FUTURE BUSINESS

Basket Ball: The backboard of the basket-ball structure at Totham North playing field needs attention.

Beacon Lighting: Cllr Bass mentioned the suggestion that Beacons be lit for VE Day. Since public response to the Jubilee meeting was somewhat 'muted' (!), a discussion ensued - but a decision was deferred!

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm