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MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH- FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD at the Village Hall Colney Heath AL4 0NS

-on THURSDAY 14TH MAY 2009-8.00.pm

Present; - Chair-Cllr Day -Vice Chair Cllr Horner-Cllr Crump-Cllr Cloke
Cllr Brazier (to 8pm) Cllr Henschley-Cllr Reeves.

Clerk; Mr J E Dean

Public Attendance- Mrs J Moody-Mr D Becker-Residents of Colney Heath

1. APOLOGIES -ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

Cllr Day took the Chair having been elected at the ASM and thanked everyone. Cllr Brazier had apologies having to leave at 8pm due to family issues; - Cllr Lewis sent apologies by e-mail. No declarations by members present on matters contained in the agenda. After a slight delay the Clerk confirmed to Chair the meeting was quorate, with six members now present we are in order to proceed. Cllr Brazier also wished it be known how he, like many in the village enjoyed the special Rededication Service held at St Marks on 5th April. A complimentary refurbishment to the church building.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council-5th March 2009

Proposed by Cllr C Brazier

Seconded by Cllr D Horner

Minutes were agreed and signed by Chair Cllr Day as being correct.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chair announced changes to June Meeting with European and County Elections on June 4th the next meeting will be on 11th June and next after following on 2nd July. It was later decided that a special Part II be convened on Wednesday 27th May at 7.30.

3.1 Incursion of Travellers to Colney Heath on 6-8th May

Cllr Brazier informed the members of an attempt to camp and use the common land behind Park Lane properties at about 7pm on Wednesday 6th May resulted in police

being called and subsequently evicted them under a Section 61 notice. This was in place already having been served elsewhere in the district and was still operable. Regrettably the Travellers were moved on to private land at Roehide by the police and this caused disquiet to residents. It was seen as unfair when they should have been removed to a site. One driver was arrested and detained to appear at Hatfield Court. The party subsequently left at 2pm Saturday after initially agreeing to go a day earlier. Cllr Brazier and the Clerk spent a great deal of time in dealing with the issue and the Clerk had to return from Hampshire on booked leave. The Council did not agree with the police action and how they dealt with the issue. Inspector Moran had been keeping contact with the parish council adding the police action was fair in the circumstances. Members are to decide about a complaint, and consider a policy of dealing with the often local problem of incursion with other parish's and District Council on side.

3.2 Purchases of Gloucester Field

This is now dealt with and title was transferred on 17th February 2009, the land is now part of the parish asset list. Notice (temporary) has been placed on the land regarding ownership; there are further matters for council to consider in due course.

3.3 Legal Issues-Action Secretary of State over Planning Enquiry reversal

Cllr Brazier answered the questions from members about the legal challenge and was very positive over the outcome. He had met with the Solicitors and Clerk on 1st May and they had given a briefing about the legal situation. The Clerk advised members on the costs to the parish so far, Cllr Brazier intimated that our legal costs from the Sec of State were being considered and he expected to bring more details to the part II or next meeting about this and other connected issues.

3.4 Chronicle Magazine and Web Site upgrade

Members had requested they would like to see links to other organisations, this has been installed but there is still more to do. Cllr Horner wanted to see a bulletin board

3.5 Lease & Matters Connected with Harvesters Land

The Clerk explained that no meeting had taken place although he had written to the Chair of Harvesters FC since two months. Cllr Crump queried councils cost exposure

3.6 Lease of Pavilion Building

In the absence of Cllr Rump now resigned the Chair asked the Clerk for an update, he said the leases had been signed and returned to the Solicitor. There are requirements for the Club to register with Land Registry and after the solicitor returns from holiday he will get a quote for this work.

3.7 Parish Council Year Events

The next event is the Beating of The Bounds taking place Sunday 17th May at 2pm starting and finishing at the parish office. All families are welcome to take part for a refreshing walk, refreshments served after in the community room ending about 4.30. Larks in the Parks-the date of Sunday 28th June Kim Parker-Mead is organising with Cllr Brazier again. JMI PTA is to run the BBQ. Volunteers are desperately needed and council members to help with some jobs on the day. Village day will not happen this year; Sue Green has sent a letter saying the surplus funds should go to JMI/PTA Highfield event in July where CHPC will have a stand.

3.8 Matters of Serious Anti Social Behaviour

List circulated, with few recent incidents reported.

Police meeting scheduled for 8th April was cancelled now re-scheduled for 15th June.

3.9 The Parish Conference

This was the second held at the Rothhampsted Centre on 24th April; emphasis was put forward on parishes according to Cllr Brazier who was the only member able to attend for CHPC. The admin staff had been unable to attend due to OFSTED inspection. The focus of the conference was to emphasise the parish charter opportunities.

3.10 Oaklands Lane-Land being used for grazing

The council continue to watch his land possibly occupied without traceable owners or permission to use. Rita Burhouse is a nearby neighbour and all in the vicinity share the concern of the occupation. It is proving difficult to trace landowner according to Cllr Brazier, might be within the pub trade such as Benskins but still not confirmed although he has made some progress. Land registry has not produced any firm owner.

3.11 Consultation on Schools Admissions

Cllr Brazier said quite a number parents had not received their choice of school, and for many the choice preference was completely ignored by HCC. He expected a high amount of appeals as a result. He expected more public concern to be expressed. Since writing these minutes a meeting took place with MP and District Councillors and Lib Dem prospective MP at a private house with about 15 disillusioned parents.

4. FINANCE-(Clerk RFO J.E.Dean to report)

4.1 Financial Report

The Clerk gave details about our current financial situation & quarterly report

4.1 Precept 2009-10

Clerk said it is banked

4.2 Parish Accounts

The Clerk gave out copies of the council financial statement & excel reports to each member;—May 09 expenditure of £7991.80 Vat £261.45

The Clerk gave explanations of the figures and answered member's questions.

Proposed by Cllr Henschley

Seconded by Cllr Crump

4.3 Purchase of Gloucester Park.

Completed

4.4 Progress of Vat

Clerk gave members details of the recent submission to HMCR totalling £8106.00
Immediately after audit approval the reclaim will commence to the last parish year

4.5 Other Financial Matters

The Clerk said he has returned the cash from TR and has not reinvested due to low rates-quoted 0.5% looking for better say 2-3% Next year will need greater scrutiny on all additional expenditure with nil interest revenue. Cllr Crump agreed.

4.6 Conclusion of Audit-2008-9

The internal auditor has visited in February to review the accounts and is back to all day to finalise (prior to Audit Commission submission) on 26th May.

4.7 Estimates of Various External Ground Works for approval

Members were asked to approve the recent proposal to renew the barrier posts on the common outside the village hall where travellers gained entry. Cost £1560.

Proposed;-Cllr Reeves

Seconded;-Cllr Crump

4.8 Local Authority Business Growth Incentives

The Clerk explained about the District Council distribution of Govt incentive cash and how it can be spent. Our award is £4940 to allocate within strict guidelines. More in Part II following.

5 PLANNING

Planning Applications

The following applications received April/May up to the time of publishing the agenda and the issues surrounding the plans Cllr Day explained and debated as;-

General Comments

The Oaklands/Wimpey Planning was on hold with loss of funding-no D/council news was forthcoming according to Cllr Day. Report published in April CPRE magazine.

Welwyn Hatfield Core Strategy-Options-Major Development Proposal-LDF

It was agreed a letter be drafted to send objecting to the proposals. Since the minutes have been taken the announcement came about a HC Judgement dismissing plans from both District Council Members and Hatfield & Welwyn MP. Council did say that the whole plan was not conducive to keeping the outlying parts of St Albans as rural communities and encouraged coalescence with the borders of Hatfield to the north east and Welwyn to the south east. Areas such as Oaklands and Hatfield Road worst affected, and Roestock Lane at the north end off Roehyde as well. This council are totally opposed to the whole scheme wishing it be dismissed.

Major Developments-See Bold Type;-

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As listed below and received up to the date of this agenda publication-***bold= topical;-***

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Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/08/0139	16 Sleepscrosss Gardens	Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side, part single, part two storey rear extensions	As long as our reasons for own objections in the previous application, we are content for the officers to <i>delegate this application</i>
5/08/0134	23 Drakes drive	Two storey front, side and rear extensions and widening of existing vehicular crossover	Opposes- This application does address our previous concerns it will be overdevelopment of the property. The front of the extension will have a detrimental impact on

			the street scene and neighbouring properties.
5/08/0348	Glinwell Nurseries	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of one single storey building	Opposes- This site is a Green belt site the site has had over 40% new build since it's opening. This new application will see an increase in overwhelming impact on a Green belt settlement.
5/08/0367	16 Wynches Farm drive	Conversion of garage into habitable room	No objections
5/08/0294	1 Church croft	Rear and side conservatory	No objections
5/08/0430CP	5 Station Road	Certificate of Lawfulness- loft conversion with rear dormer window	No objections- As long as the privacy of neighbouring properties are not affected.
5/08/0455	72 Firwood Avenue	Single storey rear extension and loft conversion with rear dormer	No objections
5/08/0454	72 Firwood Avenue	Certificate of Lawfulness – Detached garage	Concerns regarding overlooking neighbouring properties effect on their property.
5/08/0322	46 Princess Diana Drive	Loft conversion with two rear dormer windows	No objections. But officer must be clear that there is no loss of privacy to rear gardens of neighbouring properties.
5/08/0498	Redhall Roestock Lane	New front entrance gate and railings	Opposed- Our objections remain; private estates are no place in a Green belt settlement. Roestock Lane has a long history over a mixture of properties. This application has a detrimental effect on its character.
5/08/0526a	Glyn Hopkin Lyon Way	Display of four non-illuminated post mounted signs one illuminated pylon sign and eight illuminated fascia signs	Opposed- This is a Green belt area and it is unsuitable to site a number of illuminated signs. It will have a detrimental effect on the openness of the Green Belt.
5/08/0659	29 Tyttenhanger Green	Single storey rear extension	No objections
5/08/0660	31 Tyttenhanger Green	Pitched roof to existing rear extension	No objections
5/08/0673	30 Sleapcross Gardens	First Floor side extension	No objections
5/08/0544	43 Tyttenhanger Green	Demolition of rear extension and erection of part two and single rear extension	No objections
5/08/0661	101 Tollgate Road	Two storey side and rear and single storey front extensions	No objections
5/08/0715	56 Wynches Farn Drive	Single storey rear extension	No objections
5/08/0685	5 Ivory Close	Two storey side extension	No objections
5/08/0723	Flat 1 Highfield Hall Highfield Lane	Rear conservatory	No objections
5/08/0812	Beaumont school &	Mixed use development	No infrastructure to support this

	land to north of Wynches Farm Hatfield Road	of 2.23 ha residential development (up to a max 78 dwellings including 2.5 & 3 storey dwellings) 5.4 sports pitches including a hard surfaced area and all weather pitch, 1.1 ha woodland, new school parking area, new classroom and sports hall for the school and new access road from Hatfield Road	development inappropriate development in the Green belt. The entrance/exit on Hatfield Rd will become clogged with traffic for too many houses on the site.
5/08/0620	Oaklands College Smallford Campus	Erection of new college building for Oaklands and asse educational buildings to provide total of 31930 sqm of educational floor space and erection of 62 flats and houses. Demolition of existing use of former mansion house as 26 units of non self contained accom. Use of former stable block as childrens nursery and retention of cottage within walled garden and asse lodges. Provision of sports pitches, 820 car parking spaces, highway works including a new access from Hatfield Rd with new roundabout, landscaping and other ancillary development	With Cllr Brazier
5/08/0870	23 Wynches Farm Drive	Conversion of garage to habitable room, alterations to openings and single storey rear extension	No objections
5/08/0707	3 Maslen Road	Two storey side extension and alterations to openings	As long as reasons for objecting on refused application we are content not to object to this application
5/08/0655	516 Hatfield Road	First floor side and rear extension	No objections
5/08/0801	Former Oaklands College site Highfield Lane	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of thirty eight houses including thirteen affordable units, seventy parking spaces, open space and landscaping	With Cllr Brazier 24/4/2008
5/08/0799	39 Russet Drive	Two storey side and rear extensions and single storey rear extension	With Cllr Brazier 30/4/2008
5/08/0754	1 Park Corner	Demolition of existing	With Cllr Brazier 30/4/2008

		garage and erection of two storey side and rear extension	
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Note items with Listed Building Status are noted with suffix LB after the plan no- e.g 5/07/000LB
SCADC General Applications List (District) Circulated to all members.

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/08/0108	2 Liberty walk	Rear Conservatory	Planning Permission
5/08/0173	3 Smallford Lane	two storey side extension	Planning Permission
5/07/2985	1 Station Road	Demolition of single storey front and side extension and erection of single storey side extension	Planning Permission
5/08/0101	44 Tollgate Road	Rear conservatory	Planning Permission
5/08/0104	5 Sleapsyde Lane	Two storey and single storey rear extension	Planning Permission
5/08/0031	56 Russet drive	Conversion of garage to habitable room and alterations to openings	Planning Permission
5/08/0107	52 Wynches Farm Drive	Conversion of garage into habitable room	Planning Permission
5/07/2908	Unit 1 Alban Park Hatfield Rd	Temp change of use from Class B1 & B2 to class D1	Planning Permission
5/08/0264CP	4 Heathside Church Lane	Roof alterations and two dormer windows to form loft conversion	Cert. of Lawful use or Development
5/08/0315	71 Colney Heath Lane	Single storey rear extension and replacement windows	Planning Permission
5/08/0139	16 Sleapcross Gardens	Demolition of garage and erection of two storey side, part single, part two storey rear extensions	Planning Permission
5/08/0367	16 Wynches Farm Drive	Conversion of garage into habitable room	Planning Permission
5/08/0454	72 Firwood Avenue	Certificate of lawfulness- Detached garage	Certificate of lawfulness

See Attached Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix

5-3 Planning Refusals-Appeals-Inquiries-Enforcements-Other issues

5.3 Refusals and Appeals

5/07/2858	6 Church Croft	Single storey rear and two storey side extension, front canopy and conversion of garage to habitable room	Planning Refusal
5/07/2439	Land rear of Little Rose cottage Sleapshyde	Change of use of land from agricultural use to residential Garden	Planning Refusal
5/08/0121	10 Firwood Avenue	First floor rear and side extension	Planning Refusal

5.5-2 Other Items in Brief

Helioslough Rail Freight Terminal

A great deal of speculation and response information is circulating on the renewal threat of a planning application being submitted again with slight changes.

Response Gypsy Sites in Hertfordshire & East of England

Recent issues and SEERA response is noted. Final report expected summer 2009

Planning Portal

Kept on agenda-for member's information & comments.

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for SCADC

Details of council appeal noted earlier-progress and details explained.

London Green Belt Council

Cllr Crump-is parish representative-duly noted on latest minutes

BT Payphones

Tyttenhanger BT payphone has been removed according to Cllr Reeves.

NATS-Air Traffic Control Consultation

Kept on agenda no further details or consultations with having 3 nearby airports?

Harlow North –continuing pressures- this was noted

5-6 Planning Monitoring

Matters the Clerk may wish to inform or members have reports to bring if applicable

Air Quality-(Contained in HHC report)

Landfill & Quarry

Minerals & Waste

Licences

Local Delivery Framework Policies of SCADC and other DC's comments.

5.7 Smallford Station Preservation order

Cllr Horner expressed concern over the site, preservation trusts need to be contacted, agreed to keep on the agenda. Ironwork is not considered of any historical or heritage interest in the eyes of the grade listing at DC level.

5.8 Section 106 Money to be used in Colney Heath

Clearly at risk with the general halt of building developments being reconsidered.

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of:-

Draft Green Spaces Strategy

Noted-no further reports

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Clerk circulated this to members at the meeting.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Monthly report circulated and contents noted.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Report circulated to members at the meeting usual work in the gardens and spring flowers/shrubs coming through. All looks clean and tidy- Cllr Brazier had said last meeting we should consider the future of the Tennis Courts as no one is using the one remaining court which is falling into a sorry state.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

Clerk reported theft of Mower and Strimmer, insurance claim being dealt with by St Marks, Clerk has given details and costs. It will be necessary to re purchase new kit to keep employee able to do his job, also high growth time essential for tidy graveyard. Clerk asked St Marks to secure equipment with chain to a ground anchor in future.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

No further reports, grass cutting continuing.

6-6 Commons-Works -Grazing & Stewardship

Clerk mentioned that Chorleywood PC have a temporary grazing of Highland Cattle on the common for 6 weeks as a trial. Perhaps we should reconsider type of livestock. Clerk had made complaint to EA regarding saplings and coppicing and being not kept informed, debris left which spoiled clean and efficient work done by our contractor.

6.7 Dudley Wood

Clerk has no further news, now with solicitors.

6-8 Footpaths P3 and Rights of Way-Bridleways-BOAT-RUPP F/path 44 and 23

Grant received from CMS for £1000-.year 2009-10-Clerk has asked Mr A Jenkins for free help from Heavy Gang of local bridle & footpaths gang before ordering gates.

Members in particular Cllr Crump & Reeves want more detail in this item showing individual POS-new format as 6.9 here

6.9 OPEN SPACES Play & Recreation Areas. CHPC land or playing fields

At the request of members this heading will appear in the "6" category of the agenda each time and listed as herewith-comments if applicable will be noted & subsequently in the minutes of each meeting if a debate or comment is received or tabled.

1. **High Street Play Area**;- No Reports
2. **Community Park**;-No reports Requires a bench seat when purchase opportunity arises-was part of original CMS funding.
3. **Roestock Park**;-Requires new waste bin and gate returning to hinges RP to do
Play Rangers- Booked by Assistant Clerk for age 8-13 summer children's activities-dates-29 July-12 Aug-26 Aug also possibility mobile skate park.
Gloucester Park;-Land deal conclusion.
4. **Sleapshyde Recreation Area**;-Now finished and being enjoyed. Cllr Reeves wants railings painted. RP asked to do when weather improves in spring
5. **Charles Morris Play Area**;-Hedge work out?-New Wendy house quote sought from Safe & Sound to go in small space between swings/frame.
6. **Harvesters & Smallford Dog Walk**;-Reported elsewhere- road make up
7. **Smallford Pond & Triangle**;-no reports

Walking Strategy-SCADC Consultation and encouragement

Local interest in new group promoting exercise through walking, see Chronicle.

ROSPA

Clerk booked annual report on play areas to be done in May.

Dog Bins-See 11-3

Cllr Reeves supported by Cllr Cloke wanted dog bins installed at two locations.

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

7.1 Highways & Maintenance & Signs local Roads or major route reports

Cllr Henschley spoke about the DC contract awarded to O'Connor's and the summary report we had all received after they had conducted a consultation. He was still complaining about the banks and verges, also strimming around street furniture; however the work this year were improved. Clerk has received complaints from resident in Sleafshyde about HGV's entering no through road and getting stuck.

High Street & Tollgate Road Improvements

At last we may be on the final hurdle for the long awaited improvements as the recent meeting at 11am here on 22nd April with HHWP disclosed in response to the 2004 Parish Plan. Various Councillors, invited members of the Parish Plan team met with Rupert Thacker, Strategy Development Manager, Damian Higgins Assistant District Manager, Bill Heale Principle Engineer and Simon Flew Engineering Assistant. Early Draft Plans were presented to the meeting including a new strategy for traffic calming speed surface indicators, (*roundels*) raised surface, and speed cushions- (*perhaps a misnomer*) build outs and the chicane style pinch points. Further improvements to be made to the school crossing with 6m lighting columns. All of which seem to point in the right direction for serious improvements. It was after past traffic loops recorded speeds of up to 37/38mph in the High Street and 43mph on Tollgate Road action was shown to be needed The money will come from the Rural Transport Plan but will still require a blessing from HHWP District Office. Whilst it is a large spend and whilst no figures given is likely to be in the region of £200k. Councillors and P/Plan questions or requests be included such as;-

- HGV Tonnage Signs
- What about VAS in Tollgate Road
- Retain traffic islands for pedestrian refuge-taken out in plans
- Bus stop lay-by Queens Head-parish council may release some land
- Raised area of pedestrian crossing
- Use of energy efficient lighting and possibly dimmed to save energy
- Parking in High Street addressed more carefully
- Bend approach to Village Hall blind spot
- Wistlea Crescent parking issues and retention of greensward
- Safety audit details published
- Enforce HGV ban in High Street
- 20mph speed limit in parts

Various suggestions were agreed to the time scale and public consultation which all agreed must take place both with opinion survey and public meeting or exhibition. The draft plans now with the council will be reviewed at the part II meeting on May 27th and again in full council on 11th June with a view to receiving full details to be announced in July for a date to hold such a public meeting in September. In parallel there is a petition circulating by JMI PTA regarding parent's traffic calming concerns.

The Date for a public meeting consultation and participation will be announced in September once we are sure of the go ahead with all funds agreed by HHWP.

Announced in the Chronicle or and web site notice boards etc all those living nearby will have every opportunity to have their say

OTHER HIGHWAY MATTERS RAISED

HCC Road Traffic Orders Past Received-(important to retain information)

None received

Temporary Closure of Barley Mow Lane

After a period of consultation the final decision was delivered at the HHWP Panel meeting on 21st April 2009. Cllr Day in attendance, and supported by police to look at a gating order or temporary closure. Reason for decision-Anti social behaviour-T/site.

Cycle Way round about Colney Heath

A topic to remain under review, also connected to S106 money

7-2 Paths and Access-and verge ditch works attached or adjacent to Highways

HHWP Adoption of Highways-was a district wide Generic topic. More pressure to conclude this, according to past comment Cllr Brazier, SCADC is pressuring HHWP to provide a list of Roads adopted past left by developers some now 8 years. A larger cash bond will be sought in future from all developers on new build estates. Also see letter from D/Cllr Swendell.

7.3 VAS Speed Cameras-at Tollgate Road & Highfield-Hill End area

Dealt with in previous topic of High Street and Tollgate Road improvements.

7.4 M25 Widening starting summer 2008

Noted the contractors are looking for a plant, welfare/stores site somewhere near Coursers Road in time for this section's works 2010-11 to Bell Roundabout and A1M.

7-5 Transport and Community Friday Shopping Bus

Cllr Horner gave his report with continued success of the service very popular and taking extra passengers almost to the limit of the bus. All was running very well and now into its 4th year.

7-6 Long –About A414

No further reports.

7.7 Highway Warning Signs & Mandatory Signs

Noted and suggest keeping as a reminder

7.8 Progress on Verge Parking

Cllr Brazier has past reminded members on the DC position and outlined reasons for the delay in implementing the plan-still scheduled to go ahead in this municipal year.

7.9 Tree Removal in Hall Gardens

The Clerk was pleased to report this has been done but surfacing repair remains.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS -Item 8

A question from Gill Moody on the traveller's removal was easily answered.

Support from another attendee on the Council's action to remove the travellers

Cllr Brazier had intimated prior to leaving that a complaint was to be sent to the police service about placing the travellers in Roestock Lane.

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area & CHFC new Lease of Pavilion Building

The lease has been signed and some other matters will need to be resolved at a future meeting concerning land registry of lease. Solicitor to look at after his return from holiday-in early June-Clerk away also. Not an item requiring immediate attention.

Electrical Safety Inspection

Next inspection August 2009

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre-School.

Matters deferred to part II include employment and revenue issues.

9-3 Village Hall Committee

Meeting held on 6th May no reports. Clerk and Cllr Horner attended, matter of door safety clip finally put to rest. VHMC urged to review all booking and terms and conditions forms in line with ACRE recommendations by Clerk.

9-4 Charles Morris Hall & Council owned Field & Access

No reports -Booking made for APM-fence work in playing field done. Clerk has noticed gates and unofficial entrances on to field area. How is access gained? Do members wish to review this issue in next Part II that may concern "rights of way"

9-5 Highfield Community Park & Trustees

Cllr Reeves reported about latest issues

9-6 Other local Buildings/Organisations-Guides Scouts-Harvesters/other

No reports, Clerk repeated not come back 2yrs regarding getting cheaper quotes for proposed works and possible Scout HO additional funding, therefore he has cancelled the application and the scouts will have to re-apply. Formality of yearly applications

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

Youth are tending not to want this sort of thing now.

9.8 Sheltered Housing-Review Newsletter

Publications are in the office.

9.9 Residents Associations.

Highfield Park Residents Association-HPRA

Report received and circulated. Noted that Parish Council will support open day fete on 25/26 July and donate £250 grant towards the arrangements. Cllr Brazier is to set up a parish council stall with Assistant Clerk on the day to contribute.

Smallford Residents Association

Residents concerns about horses in field at Oaklands-past reported Welwyn and Hatfield consultation public meeting/exhibition held although PC was not advised of outcome or decisions from meeting. Held recently at Harvesters FC Club Perhaps minutes will follow. CHPC would always wish to support any views of parish residents where possible.

Other residents associations

Opportunity to have your comments raised at council meeting-contact the office to get on the mailing list for the minutes by e-mail or posted out.

10 COMMUNITY REPORTS-Members reports Outside Bodies and reports from Committees and other Organisations

10-1 Fly Tipping Reports & Raised Humps-adjacent to Mr Sturbridge's Land

Copies of reports presented to members. Trend is showing signs of a slight increase. The Police requesting (Neighbourhood Meetings) to be included in the report loop.

10-2 Police and Community Matters-Police Ward Meeting & ASB List

As reported the meeting 8th April was cancelled the next Ward Meeting is scheduled for Monday 15th July at 7.30pm-Can all members please note and try to attend

10-3 Twinning

Clerk has posted out usual publicity on events French here 2009. Grant of £500 will be paid to secretary late May.

10-4 Reports from Members or attending other meetings

No reports

Lafarge Liaison Meeting

Next Meeting is 16th June Cllr Brazier and Clerk usually attend

10.5 Fairs Festivals and local/or Community events

No reports-Cllr Brazier remarked that fair had not attended for a couple of years.

10-6 Reports as Listed-HM Govt: Local and National Issues ect: & HCC

The Gypsy issues -SEERA consultation -circulated to all members.

10.7 St Albans Association of Town & Parish Councils

Members met here on 21st April several councillors attended, CHPC hosted.

10-8 Minutes received from other Associations

Members noted the list of committee and other papers.

11-1 Members Questions

No further questions.

11-2 News Releases

SCADC are still continuing to seek a village tree warden, advert placed in Chronicle.

11-3 Matters received late requiring attention

No reports

11.3 Dog Waste Bins

Two new bins in stock-one destined for Community Park. The second new one kept by for an appropriate site or location if any member has a recommendation.

11.4 St Albans Wheelie Bin Introduction

Clerk said some confusion reported over which bin has what recycled, might help if colour code was a national standard. Each district seems to have different ideas.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Bus shelter Clerk has drawing –D Higgins looking into permission from Highways about verge behind proposed site had to be changed due to Highways regulations has to be 1.5 meters from verge. Clerk has provided DH with photo to check L.Registry.

12-1 Staff and Office Matters

General matters reported to members.

12-2 Clerk Report on future matters needing attention

No reports this time-as any immediate matters may have been dealt with elsewhere

12-3 Notice Boards and Signs & Bus Shelters

Usual account from contractor

12-4 Commons Licences & Wayleaves

No reports

12.6 Publicity & Chronicle

Summer Edition out June we are waiting to get Larks in Parks inserts to go in as a flyer. Next Deadline is 1st August for the autumn edition;

12-6 Flooding and Encams

Meeting arranged with EA Wednesday 27th May at 10.30 Councillors and Park Lane residents and other interested parties welcome

12-7 Capital Purchases

New computer for Clerk, lots of IT problems with T/Tots computer.

12.8 Tyttenhanger Sign

Clerk to do a mock up and pass to Cllr Reeves

This meeting closed at 10.20 pm



John Dean
Clerk to the Council

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