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MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH- FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD at the Village Hall 83 High Street Colney Heath AL4 0NS St Albans
THURSDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER 2010-7.30.pm

Present; - Chair-Cllr D Horner –Vice Chair-Cllr D Crump-Cllr J Day –Cllr R Solts
Cllr K Barnes-Cllr Brazier-Cllr A Cloke-Cllr Reeves-Cllr C Gowens.

Clerk; Mr J E Dean

Public Attendance- Mr D Becker-Mrs G Moody-Mr Fraser-Vera Wales-J Davies
Mr Hylton-S Wales-Mr Stapley-C Palfrey Mr Chris Driver-
G Clarke-plus other High Street residents who did not sign in.

1. APOLOGIES -ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

Council at start was not quorate to begin the meeting on time, the Chair apologised to public present, the meeting started at 7.34 pm when just three members were present. There are no apologies it was noted Cllr Brazier arriving later. Note correction police meeting date-next meeting- is 6th November at 5pm Village Hall

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 1ST JULY 2010

The Minutes were approved and signed as correct;

Proposed by Cllr J Day

Seconded by Cllr K Barnes.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES ABOVE

Other than a small issue of out of sync numbers -No matters arising from the minutes.

3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chair asked the Clerk if the second new prospective member was now present; -
Mr Russell Solts of 5 Church Croft St Albans AL4 0GN-arriving shortly.

The Chair Cllr D Horner said he would propose the co-option with members having met the candidate at an earlier meeting to formally accept on to the council

Proposed by Cllr D Horner

Seconded by Cllr J Day

Approved by all members present

Cllr R Slots having been accepted duly signed the declaration before the members at the meeting and witnessed by the Clerk.

The Chair announced some forthcoming events and dates;-

St Albans Environmental Forum-13th September at 7pm

LSP County Conference 13th October 10am

Oaklands College Exhibition –new works and changes-see their web site

Autumn Show Colney Heath-Village Hall Saturday 11th September.

3.1 Review of Rural Transport Grant Plan for High Street & Traffic Calming

Council share the disappointment at the quality of the road surface and support many public views including comments from James Spanner. Letters to HHWP have failed to recognise general concern leaving faults, holes, and the uneven surface still under new tarmac. Apart from white lining and road signage Final works are not due to start until February 2011-according to indication from HHWP. A delay on the QH Bus shelter is necessary as dropped kerbs are required here. Clerk is to meet with HHWP on site at to agree exact position. In consequence also Tollgate improvements will not go ahead to the same degree as unresolved land title issues have come up over verges. Hearing this and in support of the residents Cllr Reeves asked if we can resurrect supporting previous VAS idea, after CHPC made a budget reserve provision last time. It was agreed this will be raised again with HHWP at the next opportunity & Police.

3.2 Public Meeting on Commons Issues

A number off residents had turned up, to which Cllr Horner gave an opportunity to make their views known; this was mainly the follow-on from the 8th July meeting. Members have received the minutes. The issue now, to take forward with residents getting together with an association or group to be recognised by the council, and to have a regulatory code of conduct to overcome past irregularities. The Chair said we are not able to give parking rights as the land is Common Land restricted by AOP and other agreements with Natural England, DEFRA & CMS. What we hope to do is establish a voluntary code acceptable by the majority. He added we have no wish to be draconian but we have to be compliant, it is after all legal issue we must uphold. Several comments were made by the residents after the Chair allowed those present to speak, including discussion over indiscriminate parking, maybe having allotted spaces residents offering positive help in scraping the surface and laying a surface covering. One suggestion of a hedge, was received, the Clerk asked if notices were put up for Residents Only Parking would this get support. After a lengthy debate concluding the two areas of the High Street having different perspectives, it was agreed to look at the options if residents now formed an association with some simple rules and agreements their wishes could be met by council. Adding further the warden and commons ranger have lists of resident's vehicle registrations in order to keep an eye on risk of dumped or unattended vehicles or left for weeks without CHPC knowledge. (so will assume abandonment) The question about planting shrubs was that non-indigenous species so are not allowed in the Natural England or Commons Plan, any planted will be dug up Four suggestions will be put forward to resolve at full council in October;-

1. Two spaces per resident/household-plots marked-& Permit holders only.
2. Parking behind own property not others, with respect to open space views
3. Residents to deal with levelling ground-Supervision and agreement to CHPC
4. The Planting of a hedge to border current fence line on the common

One resident asked if the current commons Management Document could be seen or viewed, the Clerk said "yes it can but has to be found in archives, so give us time". It was agreed the four proposals be ratified at the 7th October meeting (at CMH) and if so the residents can in forming an agreement to begin the planned restrictions and tidy up by about mid to end of October. Council in turn to display "Permit Holders Only" sign and numbering off parking spaces. CHPC will also purchase slips and supervise hedge laying typical- Oxyacantha (hawthorn)- Fagus (beech)-Ilex (holly) or similar. Residents were asked if they could agree or present a code of conduct and accept to pass details of there vehicles and contact numbers to the Parish Office for records.

Any agreement is for 364 days only as "Permitted rights of way" are not given, or possible on common land. The post at the second half High Street will be renewed so if required it can be locked to prevent any unwanted incursion by non residents or travellers. It can be seen on the Rural Land Register Plan the differences of access to the common between the two-one it is direct and the other brown land, so off plan.

3.3 Public Open Space –Gloucester Park Allotment Provision

Cllr Gowens reviewed the situation so far, adding the project needs to move forward with water installation ploughing fencing and other requirements. Cllr Day expressed concern over costs, supported by Cllr Crump. The Clerk added the project was facing costs so far about £10-12k plus providing we can reduce the Veolia mains water quote just front fencing and a degree of self help included. Cllr Horner expressed dismay at the charges Veolia were proposing. The Clerk has spoken with Hatfield office to ask if the pipe junction can be supplied at a nearer point. Cllr Brazier wanted to arrange a site meeting, it was agreed to meet there at 6pm on 17th September. By then the Clerk will produce a paper to explain all quotes for the services required to get it moving and deliver for next spring. He also added he has spoken to Anna Cohen on a similar project currently handled with CDA. A ploughing contractor used charged day rate

3.4 Parish Charter St Albans & District Council

This was briefly reported having taken place at BRS on 2nd July with attendance from Cllr Horner, Brazier Crump, Clerk & Assistant Clerk. We have signed up to the Charter, with another conference planned later in year to take positive ideas forward.

3.5 Colney Heath Parish Council 2010 Year Events

Cllr Horner announced the date of the over 60's annual Christmas Lunch Party to be held at the St Marks Centre on 10th December. Also adding that we have decided to have a rest this year from the Pantomime as other simultaneous events in the village had reduced our numbers last time. Members had previously agreed to miss a year

3.6 Town & Country Planning Act-Nuckies Farm

The matter has moved to central planning inspectorate at Bristol-for a final decision. Cllr Brazier and Clerk gave the latest position. The Solicitor has now written various letters to try and move forward including the *Secretary of State* requesting decisions.

3.7 Matters of Serious Anti Social Behaviour

Reports of issues, also police report was available. Cllr Gowens raised the ASB in Highfield after a ward meeting held on 4th August; PC Shepherd is dealing with the complaints from residents. The social housing is being blamed for wayward abusive behaviour, including a terrier dog (SBT) attack on a pet cat. Parading about on streets and noise until late plus the residents claim the shop is selling to underage or fuelling the circumstances of- alcohol related abuse seemingly becoming unstoppable also in a wave of locally reported store thefts of alcohol. Litter in nearby parks confirms.

3.8 Frequency of Loose Horses found in the Village

The Clerk reported no further incidents had been notified to the office, during August police dealt with two incidents themselves with a report of two horses straying on the common the horses were removed after about two hours.

3.9 Oaklands Lane-Area of Land being used for grazing

The Chair said we have received a note of thanks from Jeff Lewis SRA over our help with the legal issues. The latest news was given by Cllr Brazier to members spoke about the help from CHPC to SRA in legal guidance and L/Registry applications. The applicant has until September 28th to file papers to the Authorities in support of his claim for Adverse Possession. The Parish Council along with SRA are seeking to disprove and try to reach the original ownership for a release of title. Plans for a POS might feature as a future plan to secure this for public recreation or open space.

3.10 Legal Issues

Cllr Reeves mentioned another issue that needs further research which he will do and agreed to accompany the Clerk to Herts. CC Archives. Other legal matters have been dealt with in previously agenda items. Clerk to accompany Cllr Reeves to archives.

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

Financial Report

The Clerk gave details about the current financial situation & monthly report

4.1 Finance & Accounts

The Clerk handed out copies of the council financial statement & excel reports to each member;-August-£14025.32 with Vat £838.18 & September-£12343.38 –vat £570.77 expenditure including. The Clerk explained spending answering member's questions.

Proposed by Cllr J Day

Seconded by Cllr D Crump

4.2 Investments & Banking Matters

The Clerk reported on banking matters.

4.3 Progress of VAT

This next claim for 2009-10 is in work in process and shortly for final submission. As previously agreed council are to use the return for allotments water installation.

4.4 Other Financial Matters

The Clerk spoke about expenditure facing the Council on various projects. This time a proposal to accept quote of £1425.00- for bus shelter bases at Hall Gardens and Q/H Mr Stayton is booked for works on 21st September. Allotments costs other than Veolia are to be considered at site meeting. Not forgetting Play equipment for CMH. (4.6)

Proposed Cllr D Crump

Seconded Cllr P Reeves

4.5 Audit Approval 2009-10

Currently awaiting final approval by External Auditors

Notices to Inspect the Parish Accounts

The Clerk said he will together with Chair of Finance Cllr J Day publish extracts of the financial year end to 31st March 2010 in the Chronicle. All must note that figures are subject to final audit approval as above. *Appointment with Clerk must be made.

4.6 Charles Morris Recreation Area-Tyttenhanger Green

The Clerk said the equipment a "Wendy House" is now on order and he expected the installation by contractor Safe & Sound to be carried out in early October.

Past agreement CMH Management are to pay two thirds of the cost in the agreement. CHPC will pay invoice and recharge CMH less vat, just so all members are aware of the three way split and deal arrangements, we pay one third only. Grant Aid agreed.

4.7 Charging Procedure Village Hall

The Clerk has asked again for member's guidance over charging the VHMC for the rates on the building, both this year and last is outstanding. The Office has invoices waiting to be paid, should we hold ours for T/Tots Hall Hire or defer next meeting. Clerk to check with rating office at Dist Council. Also refuse collection issue.

4.8 Estimates of Various External Ground Works for approval

Decision to defer- important outstanding works (2) -held over to next financial year. This concerning works to renew posts on the Common and at the car park area in Roestock Park. Works not to be overlooked, but with current costs and commitments in other directions it is decided to retain the plans and defer into next municipal year.

5. PLANNING

(Planning Advisory Committee)

Planning Applications received since last meeting-as-& at 06.09.10-as listed;-

The Weekly list of planning applications from St Albans City and District Council with members to consider comments collated by the District Planning Applications Officer circulated since the last meeting to members of CHPC planning committee. Members are invited to note the comments made in each case and offer additional planning comments if applicable or to be forwarded after this meeting to SCADC

High Street Butterfields Site-A great deal of local concern, it is being used as a car wash business 7 days a week the change of use has not been applied for. CHPC have written to SCVADC with strong objections, Cllr Brazier also has spoken to Planning. It is understood that if application is not forthcoming by 13th September Enforcement is to be applied. The Clerk said for residents this might not be quick to resolve.

Planning List received

Printed list circulated to all members;-

As sent	From SCADC	
	Weekly lists	Circulated to members

Major Development See Bold Type.

5-1 Planning Applications:

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

Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/10/1442	62 Firwood Avenue	Single storey rear extension with roof lights, two storey side extension with integral garage and roof conv with roof lights	No objections as long as officers are satisfied that the neighbours do not suffer a loss of privacy
5/10/1460	64 Tollgate Rd	Part single, part two storey front and side extension, hip to gable loft conversion to create living acc with rear	No objections

		dormer window, hip detail & insert roof lights	
5/10/1421	66 Firwood Avenue	First floor rear extension	No objections
5/10/1471	4 Newfield Way	Part single, part two storey side extension	No objections
5/10/1515	28 Highfield Lane	Two storey front, side and first floor rear extensions, rear Juliet balcony and solar panel	No objections- The extension does not affect openness of the green Belt. The house is situated opposite 12 acres of agricultural land and this land gives the area a rural feel. There is also a large development of houses being built adjacent to this site. It is this development that will affect the openness of the GB not this modest extension
5/10/1536	Nicholas Break spear RC School	Changing/teaching building and new multi use games area with floodlighting to existing school playing field	Concerns- While encouraging the school to develop and enhance its facility we have a few areas that we would like addressed. 1. The MUGA should not be available on Sundays to give local residents a day of peace. Various times in the application are ambiguous. 2. Car parking must have good signage and limited to the school not onto the site road on Colney Heath Lane. 3. There is already a litter problem from the school – how is this going to be addressed in the future? 4. We have concerns that spill from the floodlights will effect local residents & impinge on their homes.
5/10/1587	Colney Heath Farmhouse	Installation of one 11kw wind turbine with a maximum ground to tip height of 24.5m	Supports – we encourage Green energy our only concerns are :- 1 Visual impact 2 Impact on local residents i.e Noise 3 Effect on the openness of the Green belt
5/10/1698	13 Starlight Way	Single storey side and rear extension	No objections
5/10/1658	28 Puddingstone Drive	S/storey rear extension	No objections
5/10/1598	86 Highfield Lane	First floor side and single storey side and rear extension	No objections to this application being a direct renewal of permission 5/00/0899 with no amendments
5/10/1675CA 5/10/1754	The Hyde Bungalow	Conservation area consent – demolition of existing bungalow and garage	No objection to conservation area consent we do have concerns that the proposal development is for two detached houses. We have no objection to the demolition and a suitable dwelling for the sire and location in a green belt settlement. We would like officers to take into

			account amenity spaces for two detached dwellings parking and the effect of increased traffic movements on the area.
5/10/1789	Land adj to Brandon Hill End Lane	Two storey building comp three dwellings assoc parking l/scaping, new vehicle crossover and f/path link	We have a shortage of affordable homes in Colney Heath and would ask that local people are given a priority when selecting tenants
5/10/1726	The Oak House 14 Starlight Way	Conversion of garage into habitable room, front porch and part single, part two storey side and single storey rear extension	Opposes- while not objecting to the proposal extension to the house we do object to the siting of the double garage. It will have a detrimental effect on the residents in this area of Starlight Way. It will close the gap between the two rows of houses in what is in an affect a close. Local residents enjoy the views and the layout of the houses was designed to maximise the openness and separation of these houses. Impact and openness - GB will also be a reason for refusal.
5/10/1725	8 Honeycroft Drive	Single Storey rear extension fwg demolition of existing conservatory	No objections
5/10/1578	Land R/O 43-45 Firwood Avenue	Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission 5/2007/1198 for a detached chalet bungalow	No objections'
5/10/1878	4 Ivory Close	Garage conversion into habitable room and single storey rear extension	Garage conversions are now in place in many parts of this development – with a similar principle in place for this – if other interests/parties- views are taken into account
5/10/1739	1-20 Brandon Mobile Home Park Hill End Lane	Three, two storey buildings with habitable roof space and one, two storey building comprising four three-bedroom dwellings, two tow bedroom flats, six one bedroom flats and temporary housing accommodation comprising six two bedroom flats nine one bedroom flats and site managers office with associated bin stores car parking and landscaping and alterations to vehicular access	We have a shortage of affordable homes in Colney Heath and would ask that local people are given a priority when selecting tenants

Note items with Listed Building Status are noted with suffix LB after the plan no- e.g 5/07/000LB

Comments to note;-

Application 5/10/1536 Nicolas Breakspear School

In debate Cllr Reeves mentioned the anguish over the MUGGA and floodlit operation believed to be a commercial venture opening and attracting visitors till late.

Inconvenience the parking issues and noise and light pollution all feature in the residents complaints. Most were led to believe the sports operation would not be commercial; it is not conducive to a residential area. The residents concerned seek reassurance over the future use. They say it is not exclusively an educational facility. Cllr Brazier pointed out their concerns will be taken into account at planning stage, how these schemes operated- it clearly probably had to be commercial. He added a meeting had taken place here he organised to address residents concerns. Cllr Reeves wanted a supplementary comment from this council expressing the residents anguish. Cllr Brazier agreed to give Clerk a further statement to send. All agreed to support the residents saying it must be called in. (See letter 13th September 2010-KPM/HC)

Application 5/10/1789 Land adj to Brandon Hill-3 Dwellings (ASRA H/Assoc)

This is to replace the temporary structures and mobile type dwellings used as social housing with a purpose built three dwelling unit of modern design. The issue is the replacement has 26 units of split habitation in various units-1-3 bed and the current just 14, a significant increase. Members added this will obviously lead to other issues of community development and possible extension in the future to social issues such as the present ASB. It was not in keeping with the area and should be developed into family units, a better resolve to housing issues, not single units that could be rented in the private sector or elsewhere. Cllr Reeves led the campaign followed by Cllr's Solts. Gowens and Barnes. All agreed to press for a radical change on this application. Cllr Day agreed saying we must be sure this gets called in at development control. (See letter 13th September 2010-KPM/HC)

Application 5/10/1739 the Oak House 14 Starlight Way

The Clerk confirmed a resident contacted the office asking which members viewed and commented on the plans, information the resident required was duly supplied.

LDF and Core Frame work Strategy-Shaping our Community

No further reports-might be reconsidered or dropped new re-coalition Govt directives

THE FUTURE OF HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE

New report and documents posted out to members-July 2010-Partnership deal with E.ON -Waste A.G. & Veolia Environmental Services Plc, & DEFRA to deliver a new facility by 2015 subject to obvious planning and where to be located? Last year waste disposal costs in Herts was £34m, to us all- so waste awareness is coming to the fore!

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/10/0956	24 Highfield Lane	Rear Conservatory	Planning permission
5/09/2468	Focus Albans Way	Construction of mezzanine level	Planning Permission
5/10/1090	4 Sovereign Park	Conversion of garage into habitable room, demolition of conservatory and erection of single rear extension with rooflights, alterations to openings and additional hard standing to front garden	Planning Permission

5/10/0511	Rainbow Garage	2.4m high mesh panel security fence to replace existing 1.8m high chain link fence and timber boarded fence	Planning Permission
5/10/0874	21 Puddingstone Drive	Demolition of carport and erection of single storey side and rear extension with rooflights	Planning Permission
5/10/1108	23 Roestock Gardens	Single storey side extension following demolition of existing detached garage and part single part t/St rear extension	Planning Permission
5/10/1242	Unit W1& W2 Lyon Way	Demolition of existing building and replacement two storey building and alterations to parking layout	Planning Permission
5/20/1442	62 Firwood Avenue	Single storey rear extension with roof lights part single part two storey side extension with integral garage and roof conversion with roof lights	Planning Permission
5/10/1465CP	30 Rowan Road	Single storey side extension and partial conv of gge to habitable roomspace	Certificate of lawfulness
5/10/1269	24 Puddinstone Drive	Tow storey side and rear extension following demolition of attached garage and car port and additional hardstanding to front	Planning Permission
5/10/1237	100 Tollgate Road	Front porch extension and alterations to front garden including enlargement of hard standing	Planning Permission

See Attached Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix above.

5.3 Refusals and Appeals- Enforcement Notices

5/10/1033	18 St Barts Close	Two storey side extension incorporating integral double garage and side conservatory following demolition of existing double garage and cons and alt to openings	Planning Refusal
5/10/1169	333 Camp Road	Rear Conservatory	Planning Refusal
5/10/1136	14 Puddingstone Drive	Front porch and 2 st side ext	Planning Refusal
5/10/1460	64 Tollgate Road	Part single, part two storey front and side extension, hip to gable loft conversion to create living accommodation with rear dormer window, hip detail and insertion of roof lights	Planning Refusal
5/10/1376	7 Lunch Court	Single storey rear extension and alterations to openings	Planning Refusal
5/10/1043	2 Redhall End	Removal of condition 4 to plot 2 of planning permission 5/04/2485 for conversion and partial demolition of existing buildings to provide four dwellings access / landscaping	Planning Refusal
5/10/0820	28 Maslen Road	Single storey side and rear extension with rooflights and loft conversion with two rear dormer windows	Planning Refusal
5/10/1421	66 Firwood Avenue	First floor rear extension	Planning Refusal
5/10/1411	46 Firwood Avenue	Part single part two storey rear and two storey side extension	Planning Refusal

Major Development See Bold Type.

See Attached Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix above.

5.3 Refusals and Appeals- Enforcement Notices

Members asked -Application for wind Turbine 42 High Street-Was this applied for or approved Cllr Brazier gave an overview of this type of eco and environmental plans.

5.3-1 Appeals

Appeal P/APP/05/08/2483-Land Smallford Nurseries Hatfield Road –appeal against SCADC refusal to planning permission of new building in Green Belt.

Application 5/10/1726 the Oak House 14 Starlight Way

5.3-2 Enforcement or Enforcement Appeal Notices

Butterfields Site-Car Wash-SCADC have requested a planning application

5.3-3 Application to Discharge Planning Conditions

Site Former Oaklands College Site Application 5/08/2429

5/10/1514 Corrys Farm Roestock Lane-various conditions now discharged

OTHER TOPICAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION-following

5-4 Strategic or Planning issues SCADC

Invitation to council to SACDC Planning Workshop on 14th July to meet new head of planning Ms Helen Cheesborough-at SCADC-no reports of attendance

5.4.1 Planning Inspectorate Bristol-Regional Strategy Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation –East of England-Final Policies

Communities Sec MP Eric Pickles called for responses NALC replied for all councils St Albans has local issues and maintains a greater share is taken by other districts.

5.4-2 BA Stanstead Airport Noise Action Appeal

Reports in agenda notes were accepted.

5.5-2 Helioslough Rail\Freight Terminal-SRFI

Outcome of Legal Challenges and Public Inquiry and Sec of State intervention being challenged we see additional disruption to an already busy area and road network.

Comments noted, council agree this is not over yet.

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-Next Lafarge Meeting to be advised

Minerals & Waste –New suggested plans to build incinerator on land near Shenley.

5.7 Smallford Station Preservation order

SRA have like CHPC noted this historic building is in decay, we need to be cautious this is not taken by other interests and leaves the district. The Clerk said CHPC could probably find land somewhere and how it would make an excellent parish office.

5.8 Section 106 Money to be used in Colney Heath

Cllr Gowens is seeking further assurance from SCADC which Cllr Brazier promised to get clarified. A letter (SCADC) indicates a crossing promised from the Highfield development no longer features on the list. Contrary to belief was agreed at planning.

OTHER TOPICAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION-following Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for SCADC

No reports

London Green Belt Council

Cllr Crump-is parish representative.-any reports

Harlow North Any new issues noted.

New Barnfield Waste Site-No planning applications as yet-

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of:-

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Report will be made available to members-including village works.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Monthly report available-contents noted including reports of flora & fauna, but dry weather and little river flow. Some fly tipping and a report of resident trying to raise river bank-to are checked. Also reports of wooden posts need replacing. One of the delayed jobs noted in finance. Clerk to ask Mr Paxton for cheaper quote for labour only and winter work for him. We would purchase materials.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Lots more watering needed during recent dry months, geraniums stolen at Firwood Avenue, this area has history of theft of plants. O'Connors took less care of plants and replaced decapitated items they mowed off. Careless-worthy of report to their H.O. Cllr Horner mentioned last meeting about the JMI wanting to refurbish and use the tennis courts, the idea has since unfortunately been quashed according to Cllr Horner.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

No further reports. Gardner on leave some time during September.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

Grass contract continuing Mr Paxton has taken off hay on common a below average crop this year. Fair on Common early August again- AMER Fair £150.00 fee paid no problems, kept rules, other than one new resident complained the fair was unexpected.

6-6 Commons-Works -Grazing & Stewardship & River Colne.

No reports See reports item 3.9

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

Other than letter concerning HCC application of route Barley Mow Lane- No reports

6.7 Access Track on Common (Rear of V/Hall-High St & High St Cock PH end

Reported earlier in 3.2

6.8 Flood Survey and continuing watch by Environment Agency

No further reports, but the significant risk time approaches and is being watched. Office has small stock of sandbags/other preventative devices to deploy to residents as part of district emergency plan. We are also supplied with severe weather warnings from the District Council. Available to forward to residents by e-mail if requested.

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

Councillors or Clerk to report on any issues;-

1. **High Street Play Area**;- No Reports
2. **Community Park**;-No reports
3. **Roestock Park**;-Work remains-to do after parish year end-Requires new waste bin and gate returning to hinges RP to do also Basket Ball net and Goal.
4. **Gloucester Park**;-Cllr Gowens reported in earlier.
5. **Sleapshyde Recreation Area**;-reported offensive graffiti removed
6. **Charles Morris Play Area**;-New Wendy house quote sought from Safe & Sound to go in small space between swings/frame-CMH need to secure grant.
7. **Harvesters & Smallford Dog Walk**;-bent fence post-RP asked to repair-some graffiti reported. Mr Paxton to check.
8. **Smallford Pond & Triangle**;-no reports Clerk recently inspected.
- 9 **Play areas -Highfield Park Estate/Area-(There are 4)**

Cllr Brazier past spoke about where council may consider plans for funding new equipment. Cllr Day concerned at ongoing costs as an open ended issue on the parish finances. Cllr Brazier answered the question, with an explanation of the plan we had discussed. Clerk met and toured Highfield play areas with Anna Cohen on 28th July, all areas save one are in good order, options being looked at. HPT said they will be continuing to maintain and keep all in order.

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

7.1 Highways Maintenance improvements local Roads or major routes

Resurfacing of High Street criticised by many residents and Council, white linings are being applied this week. Looks as if surface is to stay now and complaints unheeded! Note next Highways meeting with Damien Higgins at the parish office is 11am 30th September-any council member or local group representative or public may attend

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

No reports.

7.2-1 OTHER HIGHWAY MATTERS

Safety Issue-Nicholas Breakspear School

Complaint still unresolved past referred to local police regarding coaches mounting the pavement when parking outside the school. We have sent photos to HHWP.

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

Details copied to members of latest lists circulated to members and on Notice board

Rural Transport Grant for-High Street & Tollgate Road Improvements

Verge land ownership disputes.

Colney Heath Traffic Calming Petition

No further reports on the petition Clerk still unsure if in existence.

Adoption of Roads-Abysmal performance of Herts Highways

Ongoing issues and remains unsatisfactory-Still not completely resolved with HCC.

Improving the Visible Street Scene

Application for a grant was awarded-Cllr Brazier has provided suggestions parish Gardner has indicated August is earliest we could start. Suggestion for concrete mouldings (Milton) for planting out. Clerk doing more research & source these.

Cycle Way round about Colney Heath-SCADC

A new cycle map has been produced for the district copies available at the office.

HGV in Wilkins Green Lane

HHWP has asked for a proper warning sign be put up. Awaiting confirmation

7.2-2 TRAFFIC ORDERS

Recent copies of any traffic orders circulated to members.

7.3 Path Access Verge and Ditch issues Highfield

No further reports.

7.4 Tollgate Road VAS Speed Cameras-and Highfield Area

Cllr Reeves wanted to revisit installation of VAS instead of speed cushions not now to be installed. Other traffic calming issues in abeyance after resident objections.

7.5 M25 Widening started summer 2008 remaining into 2010

No further reports-progress is continuing at a swift pace, lost of congestion reported at Bell Roundabout junction and backing up onto M25-dangerous issue needs addressing before accident waiting to happen occurs. The roundabout needs lights with priority on exit from M25 to stop current vehicle hold ups backing up on to M25.

7-6 Transport and Community Friday Shopping Bus

Cllr Horner gave a report, some low passenger numbers in August, cars used and mileage at NALC agreed figure of 0.62p paid. Bus still need more volunteer drivers.

7-7 Long –About A414

No further reports.

7.8 Highway Warning Signs & Mandatory Signs

Noted and suggest keeping as a reminder

7.9 Adoption of Roads in Hertfordshire

Reported earlier -Independent councillor Tony Swendell continues to campaign

7.10 Barley Mow Lane Pending Closure (Gating Order-Temporary)

The subject of the funding and consultations remain outstanding in order to see a conclusion to the long awaited gating order. No further reports to add to this item.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS -Item 8

No public questions this time other than reported in public participation over the Commons access and parking issue item 3.2.

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area & CHFC meetings

Council representatives including Clerk meet CHFC monthly the mutual respect has been fully regained with both parties working together on various issues.

We all have concerns about the condition of the track; but it is not a car park although used by school as such. We rent part of the track from Lafarge; a portion by the air raid shelter is ours, but not more. Grant or free materials approaches to be made at the next quarry meeting. Club supervised removal of tree roots to overcome safety risks, CHPC paid invoice Poplar tree and safety issues Clerk estimates project will cost between £8-£10k to include felling, root removal, new plantings. Clerk plans to get estimates next months. Cooker box repaired and bill paid by CHPC (Maintenance) External lamp is next job to be completed. Clerk waiting for ok the post and trench is completed prior to calling in electrical contractor. Need to budget for building Electrical check next year. 2011-12.

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre-School.

No leader report, Clerk spoke about final 2009-10 audit report and balance sheet this took place on 3rd August. Clerk went through audited figures showing business is running well and financially standing on its own again this year. Copies to members on request to office. Deputy Leader position interviews taking place, candidates are being interviewed in partnership with EY officers present to assist with qualifying candidates. Other staff issues dealt with including bereavement compassionate leave.

9-3 Village Hall Committee

Painting of hall was completed during August it did not cause too much disruption. Copy of July VHMC meeting circulated. CHPC has provided HSWA and Statutory posters for display in a permanent position; this is also a workplace and needs to be compliant. Currently up to 8 CHPC employees are working within the building.

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

Previously reported issues.

Ditching works to be done during September/October, too dry so far to undertake Clerk & Mr Paxton to meet with Oaklands Estates Manager to agree access and nearby works on their land. Clerk to have site meeting with Oaklands to try and agree a small balancing pond on their land at end of ditching. Mr Paxton to join meeting.

9-5 Highfield (Community) Park & Trustees

Cllr Reeves gave members an update on HPT matters, he spoke about the successful HPT fete on Saturday 24th July- Councillors staffed the CHPC Tent. HPT also used the £250 held over towards the programme with our agreement.

Cllr Reeves asked if the fund to sustain employment was still available, Clerk said about £2100 is left, and HPT can apply for the remainder of the grant. It was agreed they will write in with a request. He also added about HPT allotments development in Hixberry Lane. Also he wanted to ask if Cllr Barnes will consider joining the Trust.

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

Cllr Brazier reported having attended the AGM as representative of the council.

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

Again no reports this time. Staff availability is a county wide problem.

9.8 Sheltered Housing-Review Newsletter

Publications (SCADC) are available regularly every two weeks in the office but we hear this will cease at the end of the year and go on line only.

9.9 Residents Associations.

Highfield Park Residents Association-HPR

Cllr Gowens spoke about allotments past reported and ASB issues in certain areas. Cllr Gowens issue remains about unadopted roads might remain so, contrary to past expectations (Puddingstone Drive is one!) The unwanted Broadband and telecoms boxes on the estate received a strong anti response; office alerted MP Anne Main who took interest and Cllr Brazier also who reported some success in removal. There is also a meeting with Dev Control next week to look at the overall planning issue. We have sent a letter to SCADC asking about policy under Street Scene policy on this type of obstructions on footway. CHPC have noted -4 Residents complaints received.

Barley Mow Lane Residents Safety Group

The gating order and funding outcome is immanent, agencies deciding who is to do.

Smallford Residents Association

Reported elsewhere in minutes-note AGM St Albans Rugby Club 29th Sept 7.30pm

Springfield Road-(Part of Smallford Res Assoc)

Survey carried out of lorries and HGV report circulated to all Councillors.

Other residents associations

Opportunity to have your comments raised at council meeting-contact the office

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

10-1 Fly Tipping Reports

Copies of reports available to members-reports to pass to Clerk-two in BML area and two incidents reported in Highfield Lane-recent tips having to be removed.

Clerk to Members note it is helpful when contacting the parish office to report a fly-tip we have the following information SCADC wont collect unless we can tell them this;-

- *Location*
- *Type of waste*
- *If you have already reported the fly tip to SCADC and you are updating our log*

10-2 Police and Community Police matters

Minutes of Police meeting and crime reports of last meeting 1st July circulated. Next meeting is to be held on Saturday 6th November in V/Hall Community Room at 5pm. Note Police meetings prior to council are stopped members turned up expecting and have suggested the meetings need resumption. Clerk has written to PC Shepherd.

10-3 Twinning

Newsletter circulated. No further reports.

10-4 Reports from Members or attending other meetings

No reports

10.5 Flood & Environment Agency Reports

Delete see 6.8 and No further reports

10.6 Lafarge Liaison Meeting

Lafarge-next meeting will be hosted at Colney Heath on 12th October at the quarry.

10.7-10.9

No reports

11 Members Questions and Late Matters

Letter from North Mymms PC discussed, it was disappointing they will not help or co-operate with boundary issues affecting some residents in the village, where the boundary line passes through their properties. Council debate suggested we pursue this in another way.

11.1 Charles Morris Recreation Area-Ditching works

Previously reported Council agreed goodwill action against flood risk to properties-at Charles Morris Hall recreation area. Mr Paxton is to do works with hired digger.

11.2 Dog Waste Collection

Service is satisfactory-no reports-HO operation has moved to Paignton since August.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Alternative Meeting Places Highfield Area

Response to Cllr Gowens suggestion to find locations for a parish meeting, Charters, fee is £20 P/H but must be out by 10pm -Next meeting is at Charles Morris Hall.

No specific reports following

12-1 Staff and Office Matters

12.2 Clerk to Report on Future Matters requiring attention

12-3 Capital Purchase

12-4 Publicity- Parish Council Web Site & Chronicle

Dealt with during August, autumn edition out this week-site to be updated - minutes.

12.5 Notice Boards and Signs & Bus Shelters

Clerk reports base for shelters being done 21st September-still no final ok from DC but we are going ahead!! Wait forever-shelter will be installed once base is hard. Shelter in High Street needs HHWP site meeting, others to be made DDA compliant.

This meeting closed at 9.58pm.



John Dean
Clerk to the Council

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Note!

Members advice-the next full council meeting will be on 7TH October 7.30pm at the Charles Morris Hall Tyttenhanger Green-Opportunity for Highfield -Smallford & Tyttenhanger residents to attend.