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MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH-FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD at the Charles Morris Hall Tyttenhanger Green St Albans -on
THURSDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2011-7.30.pm

Present; - Chair-Cllr D Horner -Cllr P Reeves-Cllr C Brazier-Cllr J Day
Cllr C Gowens-Cllr D Crump (new member-Independent)

Clerk; Mr J E Dean
Assistant Clerk Mrs K Parker-Mead

Public Attendance-Mr D Becker-Mrs P Whiting-The Cock PH.

1. APOLOGIES -ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

Apologies received from-Cllr Solts, plus Cllr Barnes-away on Business-one vacancy.
A non pecuniary declaration from Cllr Brazier over a planning item on the agenda

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES 13TH January 2011

The Minutes were approved and signed as correct-;

Proposed by Cllr P Reeves

Seconded by Cllr J Day

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES ABOVE

No matters arising this time.

3. MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The Chair Cllr Horner thanked Cllr Day for taking the Chair at the last meeting in January whilst he was on holiday. He said we have a candidate for the vacancy who wished to stand as an independent. Also Inspector Ruth Dodsworth of Herts Police was here to address the council about the closure of police stations. He also added that with the meeting here tonight he intended to give priority to Highfield matters if any one wished to bring to the attention of council. With the presentation he would be brief, and if in the agenda, there were no specific reports, with member's agreement he will move on swiftly. Also members should note new dates for the APM 7th April and ASM 12th May due to Elections 5th May, Bank Holiday & Royal Wedding dates. He mentioned the recent flood issues in the area surrounding Coursers Road and High Street and common. Council had received the severe weather warning and alerted the vulnerable resident's, the office had been on standby and met with EA on site on the 18th January at the peak food of the day. Fortunately no one reported any damage or injury but all were kept fully informed of the flood and danger potential. He also advised after dealing with next procedural item he welcomes Inspector Dodsworth who had contacted the Clerk a few days ago seeking to address the council on police matters and police station closures announced recently including London Colney

3.1 Co option to fill a vacancy on the Parish Council

The name for the vacancy was Mr D Crump who left the council in December as an issue of principle and now standing as an independent. A deciding vote on the matter was approved by all members present. After the vote he invited Cllr Crump to explain about his reasons for the change of persuasion and move away from political parties.

Proposed by Cllr Reeves

Seconded by Cllr Day

At this point (7.46pm) the Chair adjourned the meeting for a presentation

Presentation-Inspector Ruth Dodsworth-closure of London Colney Police Station

Inspector Dodsworth said her presence here was to explain and assure the community on the service being maintained but what effects will be noted over closure decisions. Essentially a mainly financial and under use issue facing the police service and having to make savings of £6m over next years to save front line services. Property was the best way to show inroads into making sure they met commitments to reduce costs and savings by not keeping old buildings open. Technology has aided police in making fighting crime more selective by providing operational improvements in manning the force and keeping ahead of criminal activities. Local policing would see a reduction in PCSO's but enhanced by the stronger more mobile police team to maintain the Safer Neighbourhood's team in the area. Asking how often or when you last visited a police station inquiry office (Blue Lamp) most would not be able to say! London Colney was a large old building with entire ground floor not used, other police services had used the building for various operations but now it had become surplus. The savings were considerable and its recent swift closure will go towards services and the building will be sold. Along with four other station closures taking place in the area all owned freehold by Police. Inspector Dodsworth spoke of the new plan but still keeping key officers who are well known to us all in place.

Cllr Reeves posed a question over 24/7 policing and was given assurances the service will be keeping the patrols in place locally and the wider area to prevent crime. Some crews will see different working patterns as new shift plans take place. Single crewing was also being considered. What the service was looking for and how councils might help is use of a building or room in the community which becomes a place the police could use on a part time basis. Could we help on this, was a building or room police could have instant and free access for accessional use. Cllr Brazier said he had written to the service to criticise the way they had handled the PR in announcing closure one day and the next day it was done. He has spoken with the Chief who accepted it was not the best handled exercise and needed a better PR exercise. He also added people were genuinely concerned especially in London Colney. Cllr Reeves agreed after what he had heard at the London Colney community police meeting on 31st January. Cllr Horner thanked Inspector Dodsworth for attending and giving a briefing. He asked her to consider attending our APM on 7th April to give the parish residents who come to the meeting a 10minute update. Inspector Ruth Dodsworth said she would see if her diary will allow her to consider the offer to attend on 7th April.

The Meeting resumed at 8.10pm

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

The Clerk gave a brief report works to start any time after 17th February details of moving the bus shelters met with the member's approval to go ahead as necessary. The High Street shelters are to be repositioned and a new shelter opposite Cock PH.

3.3 Public Meeting on Commons Issues

No changes to the deferred issue in agenda notes and it remains the same.

3.4 Legal Issues

Cllr Brazier made a brief report, whilst bringing attention to the next item on agenda.

3.5 Town & Country Planning Act 1990-Appeal Mr P Robb site at Nuckies Farm

This refers to an Inspector appointed by Communities & Local Government –Section 1(i) of Schedule 6 to the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to hold a Public Inquiry to determine an appeal by Mr Robb which was started at 10am on 11th January 2011 and will reconvene on 9th February 2011. Again under Mr R Clegg Govt; Inspector.

3.6 Oaklands Lane Open Land Used for Grazing

Cllr Brazier said the owners of the field are willing to sell and we have now requested confirmation of title and made a fair offer based on Agricultural land values subject to conditions. We await the outcome before deciding on the next move.

3.7 Public Open Space –Gloucester Park Allotment Provision

Cllr Gowens said the progress had been slow due to the recent bad weather whilst she was away but the contractor was hoping to make a start soon ploughing up the plots. The waiting list has about 22 applicants and the plots now allocated require access on foot as there is no provision for parking on site. The Clerk said about the fencing explaining valid reasons why it might have to be done in next parish year. We could perhaps provide chestnut fencing as a temporary barrier, and re use elsewhere after.

3.8 Colney Heath Parish Council 2010 Year Events

Assistant Clerk Kim Parker-Mead gave an overview of the Larks in the Parks due to take place 26TH June; Kim made a brief report and mentioned attending the next on 28th February. The theme this time is a beach party, and being held in Roestock Park.

3.9 Matters of Anti Social Behaviour

List was made available to members; Cllr Brazier spoke about how the council had tried to help the homeless person living rough in the village. Several commented that he now needed serious help and are anxious about his well being. Mrs Parker-Mead Assistant Clerk reported sighting in Roestock Park, a resident has also reported this to the office. SACDC are fully aware and involved-it is clearly their responsibility

3.10 Parish Charter St Albans & District.

Cllr Brazier wondered if this might be continued with the Big Society idea

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

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

4.1 Financial Report-Banking & Accounts

The Clerk handed out details of the council financial statement & reports to each member;-February 2011-£11,539.60 expenditure inc>£473.33 VAT. Clerk outlined expenditure, banking details taking any questions- adding we are on budget.

All payments and electronic Nat West bank transfers to current account were agreed;-

Proposed by Cllr J Day

Seconded by Cllr D Crump

4.2 Investments and other Banking Matters

The Clerk gave a report including various other financial and current account matters

4.3 Parish Precept 2011-2012

The Clerk reported having received acknowledgement from SCADC, for £158,840. Members have approved the Budget to precept in last month meeting (January)

4.5 Charles Morris Recreation Area-Tyttenhanger Green & Hall

Retrospective invoice check with members for a notice sign-contra invoice to be sent.

4.5 Other Financial Matters

Clerk reported to members regarding VAT reclaim and VHC rate schedule, plus legal fees account received & paid. Work in progress, hoping to finalise in half term week

4.6 Estimates for various External Works & Ground Works-Matters held over

The Clerk reported matters remain deferred at member's request.

5. PLANNING

(Planning Advisory Committee)

Planning Applications received since last meeting-as-& at 01.02.11-as listed;-

The Weekly list of planning applications from St Albans City and District Council Members considered the comments for the District Planning Applications, updated or circulated to members of CHPC planning advisory committee. Members were invited to note the comments offered in each case and offer additional planning comments if applicable or appropriate to be forwarded after this meeting to SCADC.

Planning on Line-SCADC

Submissions to "*planning on line*"- monitored and briefly reported to council by Assistant Clerk Mrs Kim Parker-Mead The system is working satisfactory for us.

LDF and Core Frame work Strategy-Shaping our Community-2011-2028

A Public Meeting was arranged here on 27th January this new policy document was unveiled at several meetings around the district calling for consultation and opinions from council and public. District Cllr Brazier delivered a presentation in the Village Hall together with SCADC Head of Planning Heather Cheesbrough for the Colneys on 27th January 2011. Attendance was not as expected with only 14 residents he set out the strategy, whilst inviting ideas for revisions to the plan from 2011-2023

Consultation closed 5th February comments from parish council will be in time.

CORE STRATEGY-Opinion Research.

Members were asked to consider replies to Opinion Research Services regarding SCADC future development for the district. The Clerk has completed the on line survey on behalf of the parish council as follows;-

Q1-Tend to support- Q2-Support –Q3-Strongly support-Q4-About right-Q5-Tend to support-Q6-Strongly support-Q7-Tend to support-Q8-Meeting supported-Q9-Tend to support-Q10-Strongly support. In comments we have precise views of GB issues and the provision of new homes where people want to decide, but preserve GB land and the density of new build lower than past government decisions.-Now gone away.

Other completed forms handed back into the office were sent off by post in time.

CORE STRATEGY-Response for Elderly Persons

Addressing the need for elderly care in Colney Heath was addressed by Cllr Brazier who reported having consultations with SCADC on site at the former Grange House. He also mentioned the consideration of a new development that could include parts of the garage area at rear. He added he wants to engage the public opinion on both of the potential issues, what care provision and if new homes were built what do we require?

LOCALISM BILL*

Out for public consultation-continuing interest and publicity feeding in from the press
See 12.1 more news & circular.

*National Issue

OTHER DEBATED PLANNING ISSUES

High Street Butterfields Site-

With the application now at SCADC the outcome is for planning control to decide

Nicholas Brakespear Planning Application-(PC Meetings attended by members)

A very controversial issue with SCADC to decide, strong arguments on both sides as members debated the- "fore and against" views set out in the planning document. With 170 residents letters against and over 230 pupils & teaching staff suggesting the District Council should approve it is going to be an interesting session.

The views of this Parish Council do not change- we support the residents the case has against been clearly put forward with the original application.

Cllr Brazier held a special meeting on Friday 14th January in the Community Room at 7.30pm as part of his District Council issue concerning the MUGA and other issues in all some 22 residents attended. Cllr Brazier to give a report to the council, CHPC paid for room to allow adequate public consultation to take place and hear local views. An e-mail 28/01/11 expressing concern at CHPC response-Cllr Brazier has also replied. Letters sent re- Parish Council statement made on reasons of objection to the above;- further parish/district consideration with speaking and delivered responses are being considered on the issues already mentioned by our two District Councillors at/for SCADC Planning Committee when the application comes before that meeting. *We have just been notified 04/02/11 the new date is 28th February in council chamber.*

2 Housefield Way-5/11/0021

Confirm receipt of e-mail from resident via Cllr Solts to object to the application as overdevelopment of the site. In debate council agree with a recommendation to refuse.

Responses and comments as an extension of time allowed to 17th January 2011

5/10/2486-Oaklands College-Sports Buildings and Turf-Floodlights/parking space

5/10/2902 Colney Heath Service Station-Car Wash/Valeting operation-B8 to B1

5/10/2903 Colney Heath Service Station-Car Sales and forecourt sales-from B8

The Parish responses were sent by the date

5/2011/0039-Queens Head Public House-See comments below.

Planning List received

As sent	From SCADC	
To Colney Heath PC	Weekly lists	Circulated to members

Planning List as Debated

Printed list circulated to all members;-

5/2011/0039-40 Queens Head Public House-See comments below.

Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/10/2486	Oaklands College, Smallford Campus	Two/three storey building comprising new teaching block and sports hall with roof plant, five grass and three synthetic turf sports pitches, single storey detached substation building, 70 space car park with associated access and landscaping following demolition of existing buildings and ancillary development	Opposed – Letter sent to Heather Cheesbrough 17/1/2011
5/10/2761	Nicholas Breakspear RC	Changing/teaching building and new multi use games area with floodlighting to existing school playing field resubmission of 5/10/1536 We have agenda for 7 th February Committee Meeting-SCADC	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? We have concerns that spill from the floodlights will effect local residents and impinge on their homes.
5/10/2902	Colney Heath Service Station High Street	Change of use from Class b8 (hire/storage centre to Class B1 (car valeting)	Opposed – Letter sent to Heather Cheesbrough
5/10/2903	Colney Heath Service Station High Street	Change of use from Class b8 (hire/storage centre) to Class Sui Generis 9=(car sales) retro	Opposed– Letter sent to Heather Cheesbrough

5/10/2974	66 Oaklands lane	Single storey front extension, raising of roof, two storey rear extension and loft conversion with five side dormer windows	No objections
5/2010/3077	30 Highfield Lane	Two storey side extension and roof alterations	Supports – This application is for an amendment to a previously granted application. The amendment will bring the roof line in keeping with the neighbouring property.
5/11/0052	20 Starlight Way	Detached shed	No objections
5/11/0062	5 Park Lane	Single storey front and side extension following demolition of garage and insertion of rear rooflights	*Cllr Brazier declared an Interest in living next door-he declined to make any comments to the meeting but was allowed to hear the council debate. He took no part in either the debate or the conclusions, the Chair advised by Clerk allowed him to remain.
5/11/0013	51 Puddingstone Drive	Single storey rear extension	No objections
5/11/0051	46 Starlight Way	Single storey rear extension and alterations to openings	No objections
5/11/0036 5/11/0040	The Queens Head PH 1 High Street	Change of use from A4 (drinking establishments) to C3 (Dwellings) to provide a three bedroom dwelling and erection of two, two storey semi-detached dwellings	Opposes the closure of a listed building and a proposed design not in keeping with street scene. Development of two new dwellings not appropriate-or in keeping with local plan. NOTE LISTED BUILDING
5/11/0021	2 Housefield Way	Single storey side extension	Opposes –The proposal and design is not in keeping with the Street Scene It will have an overbearing impact on the neighbouring properties. The dwelling has already had a large extension and any new extension will take it over the percentage threshold in the Green Belt. For the reasons set out it should be refused-supported by the policy in place for local development

**Cllr Brazier has and is within his legal rights to send a private letter to his views on this application.*

Major Development or local or possible controversial issue *See Bold Type.*

Amendment

5/2010/2540/NMA-7 Lynch Court Princes Diana Drive-see application notes

HERTFORDSHIRE WASTE-CORE STRATEGY-PUBLIC CONSULTATION

Our responses sent to consultation after debate and by 13th December deadline- letter sent dated 8th December since circulated to all members. HCC conclusions to follow.

5-2 Planning Approvals & Decisions

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/10/2636	26 Wynches Farm Drive	Single storey rear extension	Certificate of Lawfulness
5/10/2948	1a Smallford Lane	Front porch, single storey side extension and alterations to openings	Planning Permission

5.3 Refusals and Appeals- Enforcement Notices

No Reports			
5/10/2797	18 Roestock Lane	Two st/side and part single st/side single st/ rear extension.	Planning Refusal

5.3-1 Enforcement or Appeal Notice

Appeal Application 5/10/1043-Notice-Mr R Evans 2 Roestock Lane Colney Heath, **Variations of Conditions**

No reports received for the meeting.

5.3-2 Application to Discharge Planning Conditions or Amended Descriptions

Site Former Oaklands College Site Application 5/08/2429

The Oak Hosue-14 Starlight Way-5/10/1726 Refused

PUBLIC INQUIRY-(Town &Country Planning Act 1990)

The Clerk informed following- The London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine 5/2009/2471-Site at Beaumont School and land to north of Winches Farm St Albans Hearing 10am on 5th April 2011 at SCADC Council Chamber-lasts 4 days min.

Details of outline of appeal available at Parish Office or SCADC or Cllr Brazier

Appeal by London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicines & Hertfordshire County Council-Re Land at Beaumont School & Land north of Wynches Farm.

Announcement of **Public Inquiry Reference No 5/2009/2471**-lasting up to 4 days at discretion of Inspector-Outline planning sought for mixed development up to 75 new homes-sports pitches-all weather pitch-woodlands-new parking area-new access from Hatfield Road to serve school transport. Details on SCADC web site or Parish Office.

DETERMINATION OF APPEAL (Town & Country Planning Act 1990)

Appeal by Mr. Peter Robb-5/06/1574LJY-Site at Nuckies Farm Coursers Road.

Resumed Hearing-10am Friday 11th February 2011 SCADC Council Chambers.

Boundary Issues-& Franklin Close (Boundary Commission AOP)

Cllr Brazier and Clerk have responded to M Lovelady letter 16th December-issue is bound up within framework Parliamentary reading of Bill currently in H.O.L.before any decision is likely and be legal by Boundary Commission to affect Colney Heath Recent correspondence also MP's interest suggest this is at last being taken seriously.

OTHER TOPICAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION TO MEMBERS5.4

Strategic or Planning Issues SCADC or referred elsewhere in high office

No reports

5-4-1The Planning Inspectorate Bristol-Regional Strategy Planning for Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation in the East of England-Final Policies

Under review, with coalition government –No reports so far from Communities Sec.

5.4-2 BAA Stanstead Airport Noise & Action Appeal

Pending Government announcement of a new policy for all airports and consultations.

5.4-3 NATS National Air Traffic Statistics

See above

5.4-4 Stop Harlow North

Still campaigning against significant development in East Herts & North Essex.

5.5 Helioslough Rail\Freight Terminal-SRFI

No further reports on Legal Challenges or Public Inquiry and Sec of State intervention being challenged see additional disruption to an already busy area and road network.

5-6 Planning Monitoring

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

Landfill & Quarry-Lafarge Meeting 18th January 2011-cancelled-new date 22/02/11

Energy Efficient Measures Available to Households

Past noted the District Council are promoting throughout Hertfordshire energy saving measures to insulate you home, we have been asked to help promote. The scheme closes in March 2011 and has nearly £4.4 million is left to distribute for insulation. Past reports from some residents in Smallford Lane clearly unhappy about the mud and mess being left by the roofing and insulation contractors work for SCADC.

5.7 Smallford Station Preservation order

As the Clerk reported last meeting in trying to arrange a date to meet here with interested parties, SRA are also keen to see a resolve. Clerk added the intransigent attitude of landowner or leaseholder. According to reports had been served but refuses to acknowledge restoration (Local Press) the situation is now becoming quite critical. Two options are seen, (1) create a reserve area around and fence off to allow safe access for assessment by experts on restoration. (2) Move off site -place elsewhere. The second more controversial as origin of the historic building is defined. The risk is damage or even worse if it remains vulnerable amongst heavy plant and stack portable buildings and other machinery. Cllr Brazier thought it was still being used as storage. The Clerk added when he & Cllr Horner tried to visit last year safety issues precluded any opportunity and the yard office denied. We need a meeting of interested parties to decide a strategy. We can suggest uses for a building but is academic until we have it. Ms West at SCADC Conservation, department is facing cuts, we need that meeting.

5.8 Section 106 Money to be used in Colney Heath & Highfield areas

Reports-see Cllr Brazier letters still asking for clarification regarding District List-Reply HHWP 3/12/10-point 3-Highfield allocation denial for a pedestrian crossing. Cllr Brazier said he is not intending to leave the issue in the belief the allocation was not noted or requested, it was. HHWP may review the issue.

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

No reports

London Green Belt Council

Cllr Crump-is parish representative.

Harlow North Any new issues noted and circulated to members
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 was made available to members at meeting-including village works.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Monthly report available-contents noted especially flood photographs taken at Coursers Road Bridge on 18th January 2011. Members agreed they should go to the Planning Inquiry (5/06/1574LJY) on 9th February with a copy of the flood report.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Report for all beds including clearing leaves and general tidy up all round.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

No further reports. Mower in for service, Clerk is to collect and pay on 18th February.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

No reports or cuts-winter season.

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

Past mentioned High Street gap closed two weeks, Clerk installing a lockable pull up post to make instant closure easier.-John Ryan or Royce Paxton to do.

E-mail received from Sally Britton complaining about the depositing of large stones on track near her property on the common, has suggested we close the gap forever!

Meeting is arranged CMS starting at 10am on 8th February 2011 to walk common and review work done and agreement review, also to get CMS advice on projects.

All agreed with Cllr Day's desire in keeping Highland Cattle on common, indicating we may revisit the issue again and hope for more public agreement this time.

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

No reports.

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

Small amount of backfill put in large pot hole on track V/Hall-that took 1 ton, @ £48.

6.8 Flood Survey and continuing watch by Environment Agency

River in serious flood between 18th-22nd January, all concerned and noted, Clerk requested Ranger took pictures for public inquiry. EA on site and warning notices put out to residents in Park Lane. High Street gap closed two weeks 12-26 January.

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.
4. **Gloucester Park**;-No reports other than Allotments.

5. **Sleapshyde Recreation Area**;-No reports
6. **Charles Morris Play Area**;-No reports
7. **Harvesters & Smallford Dog Walk**;-bent fence post-RP asked to repair-Mr Paxton to do & check-suggest s ditch might be better than chain link.
8. **Smallford Pond & Triangle**;-The volunteer day on 29th January 2011 was a successful tidy up and clearance of the pond and area around. Council send thanks to the volunteers and Councillors who gave help. Letter to be sent to Mark Carter who worked hard on the pond clearance of dense reed. Railing needs painting-Cllr Reeves request-Mr Paxton asked to do.
- 9 **Play areas -Highfield Park Estate/Area-(Own management) (There are 5)**
No reports.

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

7.1 Highways Maintenance improvements local Roads or major routes

Cllr Horner and Clerk met with Damien Higgins on Friday 28th January 2011 at Colney Heath office general issues debated and resolves noted.

Long –About A414

A safety survey has been done-see letter 27 January by HHWP on the approach to the longabout with a view to installing traffic lights. Members debated the proposal and consider that whilst an improvement it does not deal with the safety issues of vehicles exiting Colney Heath from the High Street. An accident here at this spot by fast on coming vehicles or HGV would involve a side impact and would be serious to casualties. The “on speed” from Hatfield end into the long-about needs to be reduced. It is suggested the amount of school run parents using this at peak times to cross over to the schools is an accident waiting to happen. Comments to Steven Allen HHWP.

7-2 Other Highways and Related Matters

No reports, as last meeting both Cllr Day and Cllr Brazier have made request HHWP over flood risk issues to a property in Tyttenhanger

Re Improving the Visible Street Scene

Work in progress need meeting with SCADC for last opportunity to get grant on this.

7.2-1 OTHER HIGHWAY MATTERS

Nicholas Breakspear School-safety issues bus turning and parking

No further reports.

Rural Transport Grant for-High Street & Tollgate Road Improvements

Changes to road scheme-details to follow from HHWP-no further reports

Adoption of Roads-Abysmal performance of Herts Highways

Ongoing issues, Cllr Brazier trying to resolve with HHWP.

Still static issue has gone to H.O.P. and under HCC review according to Cllr Brazier.

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 been asked by residents for a proper warning sign be put up-not yet done. Still awaiting confirmation of action to install notice, but it will be down to the police to enforce it. Reported problems with Lorries getting misdirected into residential area

7.2-2 TRAFFIC ORDERS

Recent copies of traffic orders sent to the office circulated for information to members noted impending works on High Street and Tollgate Road

7.3 Path Access Verge and Ditch issues Highfield

No further reports.

7.4 Tollgate Road VAS Speed Cameras-and Highfield Area

Remains on wish list CHPC wants a contribution to this safety issue, possible tie up with missing portion of S106 monies being investigated by Cllr Brazier with HHWP.

7.5 M25 Widening started summer 2008 remaining into 2010

Reports-none received however CHPC remain on message e-mail facility.

7-6 Transport and Community Friday Shopping Bus

No reports service is being provided under watchful eye of Cllr Horner who is also still looking at other bus options to save putting in seats, need more volunteer drivers?

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

Cllr Brazier repeated his last report about the plan and reviewed the closure facts as he saw them. Cllr Reeves still wanted to see a copy, Clerk to try and obtain.

7.8 Village of the Year & Street Parties Royal Wedding

Any one wishing o set up should speak to HHWP. Clerk apologised for typo error.

8. PUBLIC QUESTIONS -

Public questions were dealt with.

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area & CHFC meetings

The Clerk reported having attended their monthly meeting and explaining the options on the renewal to safer fluorescent lighting. Council had agreed to allow the works to go ahead right away and to pay for option 2 with the club topping up to option 3. The Clerk is to make arrangements with Instaltec for work to begin end of February. The external flood lighting is a club job and the estimates for those works including some safety requirements have been passed on to the Secretary. Estimates were greater than expectations to attach training lights; it's their decision to go ahead

High Street Recreation Area Entrance Track

Emergency works have been carried to the track at a cost of £295 adding 4 tons of type one scalping-no news of Lafarge decision to do more permanent works yet. The FA have requested a letter to explain issues over the track access and what they consider as minus point to club-Clerk letter is done and passed to secretary .

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre-School.

Cllr D Crump was unanimously elected to Chair of the Pre School as the parish representative on the Community Pre-School management.

The Leader report was read out to members.

The advertising and recruitment of a Deputy is to be done during this term.

Advert in Chronicle to help parents choose childcare and we have vacancies available.

Assistant Clerk reported we are losing 23 children in July-usual fall out but we need to ensure places are filled in September. Warnings received that OFSTED are about.

Clerk has written to Insurers regarding their further enquiries in the accident in 2009

9-3 Village Hall & Committee

The Clerk had sent a letter to the Committee before the Christmas break explaining the decision of council has agreed to the back charges and matters going forward. The Clerk was pleased to report to council the invoices have been settled.

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

The Clerk reported about the current legal issue and said the date of 24th February was the date to end one month deadline for a reply from resident over encroachment.

9-5 Highfield (Community) Park & Trustees

Cllr Reeves asked about past Govt -LAGB-1 funding which the Trust was keen to have a second chance to be granted the award towards the apprenticeship scheme. The Clerk explained the otiose to members and will ad to the March agenda.

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

No reports.

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

No reports this time.

9.8 Sheltered Housing-Review Newsletter

Publications for housing (SCADC) are now available on line only.

9.9 Residents Associations.

Highfield Park Residents Association-HPR

No reports

Barley Mow Lane Residents Safety Group

The gating order & funding outcome, the cost is £40k agencies deciding who is to do.

Smallford Residents Association

Matters for the SRA other than mentioned elsewhere.

Springfield Road-(Part of Smallford Res Assoc)

Survey carried out of Lorries and HGV report circulated to all Councillors-with HHWP to resolve by warning notice or other means.

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 made available to members-two recent reports in BML area and two and Warren Track at a cost to CHPC of £250.00 for grab loader service.

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

Cllr Reeves and Cllr Gowens attended the meeting at London Colney on 29th January, reporting of a strong LCPC attendance at the meeting. Attention focused mainly on

the unpopular decision to close London Colney Police Station. This will have an effect on many parishes in the district served by the station-Park Street-Bricket Wood-St Stevens-Shenley- North Mymms London Colney-CHPC to say the least.

Cllr Reeves said the local issues we have in our village pale into insignificance in comparison with some reported problems on certain estates. Some debate followed about our police issues and the maintenance of local policing. Cllr Brazier said we could raise this at APM if the Inspector is able to attend, again he said its bad PR. Members should note of further communications from Herts Police Service and see the invitation to review meeting taking place in March at Welwyn Garden City HQ.

10-3 Twinning

Newsletter circulated AGM held in January no reports, Jumble sale raised a good sum. The Clerk confirmed in response to a question the 2011-12 Grant was awarded.

No specific reports-Following the Chair passed by;-

10-4 Reports from Members or attending other meetings

10.5 Flood & Environment Agency Reports-See 6.8-item repeated

10.6 HM Govt Issues

10.7 St Albans Association of Local Councils –SADALC

The Clerk sent an apology for the 11th January. The next meeting is the April meeting and is being hosted by CHPC at Charles Morris Hall 7.30pm. Can members attend- please advise Clerk by 1st April?

10.8 Lafarge Liaison Meeting

Lafarge-next meeting is at 4pm on Tuesday 22nd February 2011 here at the quarry

11 Members Questions and Late Maters

No reports.

11.1 Charles Morris Recreation Area

No reports

11.2 Dog Waste Collection

Service is satisfactory-no adverse reports.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Alternative Meeting Places Highfield Area

Next is the Full Council on 3rd March 2011 at Village Hall at Colney Heath

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at CMH in 2011 now on 7th April at 7.30pm

12-1 Staff Operational and Office Matters

A PAT test was completed to the Village Hall and Parish Office equipment.

Painting of Village Hall Community Room and Kitchen

The VH Committee have advised the painters will be in during half-Term from the 21-25 February. The Clerk is concerned at staff disruption, radios, paint odours might make normal working difficult. In view of this it will disrupt plans to deal with essential financial and parish year end matters required to present conclusions to the internal auditor here all day on 2nd March- in preparation for audit. The figure work needs care and concentration, a decision, both staff will work from home is sensible. We will open the office at random times to deal with the incoming e-mail, phone, and

correspondence. We can return if required. at any time. The office will be checked daily, a notice left for guidance to public.

Standards Board announcements

Members circulated with informative details on the future of this from M Lovelady.

Sustainable Communities Act Completed

Members are urged to read the government e-mail circular 02/02/11 sent to CHPC from "local works"-a government information body. Part of Localism Bill.

12.2 Clerk to Report on Future Matters requiring attention

High Street track to recreation area await Lafarge decision.

12-3 Capital Purchase

A future requirement for Windows 2010 to replace current Windows 2003 software. Plus a computer IT health check March/April, combine the two is best option.

12-4 Publicity- Parish Council Web Site & Chronicle

Spring edition will be published 7-10 March. Clerk has a meeting with editor on 6th February at the office. Web site hosting was mentioned by Cllr Reeves who wanted to see more links and news asking what improvements could be made. Clerk will take this up with Editor. A request to attend and present updates at parish APM was made

12.5 Notice Boards and Signs & Bus Shelters

The matter is adequately covered by item 3.2.

New bus shelter base to go in High Street by common post office 21st February.

Might consider old notice board at CMH be transferred to "Malcolm's Pond" site.

This meeting closed at 10.01 pm.



John Dean

Clerk to the Council

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