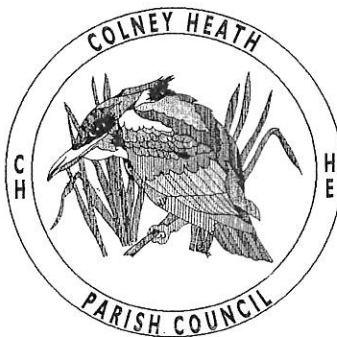


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MINUTES OF THE FULL COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT VILLAGE HALL ON THURSDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2006-7.30.pm

Present; - Cllr Corley-Chair -Cllr P Reeves- Cllr Henchley -Cllr Rump
Cllr Clarke. (5 members attended)

Guest Speakers;- Mr Brian Lee of CMS
Mr Chris Gregory of SCADC Sport & Health Development Team

Clerk; Mr J E Dean

Public Attendance-Mr D Becker

1. APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

There were apologies from Cllr Crump, and Cllr Brazier both called away on urgent business, Cllr Day, attending another District Council meeting, and Cllr Hall unwell. The Clerk stated the Chair that the council was only just quorate with 5 members attending this meeting but we may now proceed. The Chair said we had two speakers to follow giving brief presentations about some issues that could benefit the parish.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

The Clerk noted Cllr Henchley role as President of CHFC. He has a non pecuniary interest in matters-member accepted to abstain from voting on all matters connected with CHFC. Being allowed- to remain to offer a viewpoint without suggesting of or bearing due influence to, on the matters debated following on in the agenda items.

2. MINUTES

The minutes of the Full Council on 5th October 2006 were approved and accepted as correct-*Proposed by Cllr Henchley*

Seconded by Cllr Rump

The minutes were signed by the Chairman as correct.

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Cllr Henchley asked if we had received any response to our letter to SCADC officer Mr Robertson, the Clerk said we had not received a letter but we had received a call earlier from his office saying we will be getting a reply. Cllr Reeves again added that the reply and explanation had taken a long time (Clerk wrote a reminder 13/09/06)

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3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

There were no matters to bring, the Chairman wished to thank everyone for her delightful olive tree gift and kind thoughts on their Golden Wedding Anniversary presented to her at the October meeting. She said everyone was very thoughtful.

3-1 A presentation from Mr Brian Lee CMS regarding Community Park

The small area towards the A 414 is at present in need of a management plan, this was put to CMS who responded with the plan to turn it into improved green space, -grants are available to match funding. Mr Scott went on to explain the ideas to make this a more accessible place alongside a power point presentation and visual concept with written plans. There have been a number of surveys on the site; there are positive indications that up to eight types of wildflower types and several species of insect and other wildlife identified. Essential to preserve such as Damson Fly's and Dragon Fly's that are habituating in areas around the river bank. There is also the potential of water voles returning. Some of the current problems were dense and overgrown established willow, other sapling scrub and a real potential to coppice the boundary hawthorn and possible layering. An additional entrance is suggested to encourage more people to walk through the open space on their way into Colney Heath. The site is adjacent to St Marks Church and could offer a quiet place for those visiting the church or village. It will provide a refuge and a nature trail for the children walking out from the school. Cllr Henchley had some reservations of opening up this area after problems on the other side of the A414 and recreation area and past abuse by unauthorised uses. It was clear that the presentation impressed the members and it was agreed to make a proposal that the Clerk make provision in the council Budget in 2007/8 expenditure dependant on a matched sum from CMS (£2000. of total £4000) Cllr Reeves was very impressed and said we must go ahead with this project, Cllr Rump and Clerk agreed.

Proposed Cllr Reeves

Seconded Cllr Clarke

All members present agreed unanimously

3.2 A presentation of Sports in the Park- Mr Chris Gregory

The explanation of the Development officer of St Albans Leisure Development Office to encourage more young people to take exercise. Sports in the park have been tried in Roestock Park during the school holidays and recently again in the early evenings on Wednesdays for the last 4 weeks. It was planned to continue to the end of November. A fee of £1 was requested to cover the cost of qualified staff and a variety of sports are being encouraged in group activities. Mr Gregory said there were opportunities for local authorities to gain grants for new facilities. He showed details of the recently installed sport facilities at Sandridge and said how successful the PC had been in obtaining a huge grant from the District. Two sites could easily be identified in Colney Heath for a MUGA (multi games area) the skate area in Roestock Park and the redundant tennis court at the High Street Recreation area. Both represent excellent sites. Also Mr Gregory offered details of the scope of funding opportunities for other organisations with funds of over £74k including Sport England £35k. It took them about a year to get this done, Cllr Natalie Kemp oversaw the project. Cllr Corley said it proves funds are available if you take the trouble to research the opportunities.

3.3 Herts Rights of Way and Mr Day re Footpath 21

There was no further report other than the exchanges and letters from Julian Thornton HCC-ROW officer circulated to all members recently. Mr Day had called the Clerk at several times over week-ends on his mobile and whilst understanding his position the suggestion from the Clerk was made for him to seek legal advice without further ado. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 28th November 10.30am at Colney Heath. It is difficult to see how this is going to be easily resolved and prevents any footpath kissing gate and fencing work in that area past planned from going ahead yet.

3.4 Election Year May 2007

The Clerk had advised he had written to the Electoral Officer asking for the likely cost expectations to run an election so we can Budget a satisfactory sum. We have no reply so far, it is understood that other local parishes have posed the same question.

3.5 Colney Heath Parish Council 60th Anniversary-1947-2007

There were no reports, other than a general opinion that the date of the APM was an ideal time, the Clerk said this would mean altering the date to 17th April 2007 and to put new date in the Chronicle now. Also decide venue and check booking ahead. The actual date when the PC was started was 17/04/1947. One point, are there any past members of the 1947/48 PC still around. The Clerk also added that he had some back numbers of Chronicle given to him by Mr Dennis Becker; these were being kept safe as being important archives but could prove a useful source of information.

3.6 Flood Warning Notices/Publication

The Clerk pointed out that we had now registered for "Early warnings". The PC should have an alarm notification immediately any threat was notified. A council procedure needs to be adopted to warn residents of action in case of flood. Cllr Henchley asked if there were any sandbags kept. We do have a small supply in stock.

3.7 Remembrance Sunday 12th November

Mayors Service on 19th November and Cllr Corley to lay RBL Wreath at St Marks.

3.8 New Agenda and Minutes Format

The Clerk asked members if they wished to remain on the format as the three months trial was up now. Cllr Corley was keen to see it continue, Cllr Reeves said we could keep on improving as we go along. Conclusion- the present format remains.

4. FINANCE

The Clerk gave members details of the November figures of £14,511.17 including vat payments of £424.62 the vat sum which is recoverable periodically.

Accounts; - The Clerk said that details and statements of the Parish Accounts may be inspected here now if members wished and at the office at other times. The Clerk was able to answer member's questions regarding the finances, several one off payments this month making the expenses period as about an average month.

Income and Expenditure

Noted on a separate sheet for November as seen by the members was approved;-

Proposed by; - Cllr Henchley

Seconded by; - Cllr Rump

Investments; - The Treasury Reserve has £100,000 invested until 14th November 2006 at 4.17%. The sum will earn £456.00. The Clerk added that he was hoping to keep £100,000 on again for one more month to December if he could manage the cash flow until that time pooling all funds in accounts if necessary. He would provide an interim half year statement and other facts in time for the December Budget meeting.

Grant Aid-Charles Morris Hall

Application for this parish year of £4000 held pending the procurement of materials

Audit 2005-6

The Clerk is expecting the internal auditor to sign off shortly, once papers have been received from Lubbock Fine. If they are in time this can be cleared in December 2006

Audit 2004-5

The Clerk has some further minor queries to answer again for Lubbock Fine and is to respond to those accordingly by letter.

VAT Recovery-2005-6

There is a reclaim to be completed once the petty cash is trawled through to complete.

Data Protection

We have renewed our protection under the 1998 Act.

5 PLANNING

5.1 Planning Applications

The following applications were debated in more detail:-

5/06/1610/2212 No 8 High Street Colney Heath

Cllr Reeves asked why a refusal was noted in the October minutes and now we had changed our opinions. The Clerk said that he believed Cllr Brazier had made a site visit and the situation had changed, understanding that the house was falling in; it had very severe settlement cracks and built on shallow foundations. He suggested Cllr Brazier should preferably answer this one directly.

Application 5/06/1578 & 5/06/1665 Radio Nurseries St Albans-13 new homes.

The District Council has refused on GB issues.

1 Application 5/06/1578-Radio Nurseries Demolition & Redevelopment

The District Council has refused on GB issues.

2 A Section 106 Consideration to accept developer land for a Public Open Space

The Clerk is expecting further responses from Mr Ian Holland, following the meeting with Cllr Corley; he will circulate the documents to members when received.

General Comments

Cllr Reeves said that some of the applications in the District list differed with ours; the Clerk explained the procedure that the Assistant Clerk undertook this task and how the cut off point operated between meetings. He said he would see Cllr Reeves got a copy of the recommendations letters as sent to Mr Dean Goodman.

The Clerk also added that we had requested resumption of the hard copy list, SCADC had stopped it. Again Cllr Reeves and Clarke said why not only list Colney Heath. The Clerk said this might see them not being informed of fringe or other applications nearby. We had also suffered theft from the letter box -scattering over the common. Cllr Reeves said we should have a secure box installed, knowing the difficulties with an internal box and fire risk from vandals. This ideally might need a bespoke item.

Cllr Henchley gave members a review on the applications and refusal

Cllr Clarke wanted clarification on the St Marks application, it was noted that there are remains to be removed to facilitate side extension, according to Cllr Corley.

The application supportive letter sent by Cllr Brazier had been circulated earlier.

5.1 Planning Applications:

As listed below and received up to the date of this agenda publication

Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/06/2123	60 Oaklands lane	Roof alterations to form gable end to increase size of existing bedroom in roof space	No objections
5/06/2030A	Waters Renault , Lyon Way	Display of illuminated fascia sign and pylon sign, non illuminated welcome sign and entrance plaque	No objections
5/06/2212	8 High Street, Colney Heath	Demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling	With Cllr Brazier
5/06/2225	St Marks Church, Church Lane	Two storey side extension, removal of steps and alterations	With Cllr Brazier
5/06/2228	Lambourn Grove, Hixberry Lane	New entrance, reception area and internal alterations	With Cllr Brazier

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/06/1793	22 Church Croft	Rear conservatory	Planning Permission
5/06/1729	11 Starlight Way	Single storey side extension	Planning Permission
5/06/1687	17 Sleapcross gardens	Rear conservatory	Planning Permission
5/06/1936	9 Sovereign Park	Conversion of garage to habitable room and erection of shed	Planning Permission
5/06/1842	6 Church Croft	Conversion of garage to habitable room and erection of double garage	Planning Refusal

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5/06/1924	Radio Casa 64a Oaklands Lane	Detached double garage	Planning Permission
5/06/1828	4 Charlotte Close	Single storey rear extension	Planning Approval
5/06/1841	6 Russet Drive	Rear Conservatory	Planning Approval 30/10/06
5/06/1911	601 Hatfield Road	Residential development of between three and five dwellings	Planning Refusal
5/06/1861	92 Roestock Lane	Single storey side extension and garage conversion	Planning Refusal
5/06/1853	72 Tollgate Road	F/floor rear extend rear conservatory	Planning Permission
5/06/1852	Colney Heath Farmhouse, 42 High	Part two, part single storey ext	Planning Permission
5/06/1981	1 Ivory Close	Rear Conservatory	Planning Approval 30/10/06
05/06/1973	43 Russett Drive	Two Storey Rear extension	Planning Approval 30/10/06
05/06/1989	24 Newfield Way	Single Storey rear ext	Re submission after earlier refusal- now approved 30/10/06

See Attached SCADC Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix-

Affordable Housing

Approval has been given to build three terraced houses on land at Sleapshyde Lane Smallford previously application 05/04/1222 dated 04/06/2004. These were agreed for rental by local persons only as first priority at an earlier Parish Council Meeting.

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

Previously reported re Radio Nurseries

Application to refer to Sec of State re BT Trail Site-application no 5/05/0680

Both follow refusal by District Council.

This is now likely to go to appeal

5-3 Planning Appeals-Inquiries-Enforcement notices received

No reports.

5.4 Strategic Planning Applications referred by ODPM-Sec of State-or SEERA

Understood to have been refused on 1st November

London Luton Airport

Members were informed by the Clerk the master plan has not been published yet

Scott Wilson Report-Sites for Travellers

Previously reported and still awaiting publication

5-5 Residents Associations

The Clerk requested the details of the Highfield Park Residents Association if any member has these please. Also any other residents associations in the village if known by any member.

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5.6 Planning Monitoring

LAGFARGE

Letter and informative press release received from Mike Pendock, Senior Planning Manager Estates, distributed to all councillors concerning new works exhibition at LC on 21st March and wildlife habitat protection on the works. A new bridleway BW13 & BW6 and reinforcement of safety on local road networks by contractors HGV's.

Application for Goods Vehicle Licence-Fairholme Roestock Lane Colney Heath

Applicant-Mr P Brown 9 Somers Way Bushey Watford Herts-Cllr Brazier has written a letter opposing the granting of a licence to the Transport Authority in Cambridge.

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of:-

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Members were circulated with the report, containing details of months work including removal of rubbish at High Street Recreation area, marking pitches, sweeping tennis courts. New gate and hinges for Community Park has been collected by Clerk from Mannings and Mr Paxton is asked to fit and weld coach bolts to stop theft potential.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Report circulated, dog mess in the general rubbish is an issue, -and perhaps we need a further dog bin-BUDGET ITEM. Usual visual observations reported here regarding the flora, fauna and wildlife which was still apparent late season.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Reports connected with the parish gardens-winter season and bulb planting.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

The hours worked to date 204 out of 336 for year to April-A new rake is required for leaf clearance Clerk to obtain. There is a significant improvement in the area.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

The Clerk said this part of the season's mowing is suspended until March 07.

6-6 Commons Stewardship

No reports on the proposed visit to Ickleford. Rural payment application not received Clerk to chase up. DEFRA Rural Payments have been applied for. (Current problems noted in media with DEFRA and payment delays) CMS have identified works on the Common this winter, a small budget still to spend of about £1700-part of stewardship. Also further hawthorn removal on Furze Field needs consideration in the winter. The rabbits are causing a nuisance on the common and reaching further into peoples gardens and lawns. A ferret man has been engaged to eradicate where possible but nature may take its own step with the spread of disease Volunteers were on the common recently doing clearance work under CMS guidance.

6-7 Recreation Areas

Safe & Sound works to be completed with other ROSPA safety requirements as part and parcel of Roestock works in week commencing 13th November.

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High Street

Part of ROSPA report work to be done 13th November

Charles Morris

Part of ROSPA report work to be done 13th November

Harvesters and Dog Walk

Part of works to recreation area after ROSPA report to be done 13th November

Sleapshyde Recreation area

Part of work as Harvesters to be done 13th November

Sleapshyde Pond

The Clerk mentioned again, nothing to report, other than removal of dead elms.

Roestock Park-

The contractor Safe & Sound is now booked to start in week commencing 13th November and to do other ROSPA work in the same week.

Multi Sports Sessions in the Park

Sessions will go on until November 29th and dark evenings shorten the opportunity. Clerk requested attendance figures to get members consideration for next year, Chris Gregory is keen to promote but agree more publicity is required. Part of requirement for Parish Plan- activities for the local children, this according to Assistant Clerk with own children attending is just about right, good exercise, activity. BUDGET ITEM.

6-8 Footpaths P3 and Rights of Way-Bridleways-BOAT-RUPP

Two new Kissing Gates on order for footpath 16 and two for Roestock Park to replace old style barriers in the entrance off Roestock Lane. This will make entrance DDA compliant and enhance BIFFA award to allow disabled footpath access to Park.

4 Gates on order at discounted price-members present agreed expenditure of £1476.00

Proposed Cllr Reeves

Seconded Cllr Clarke

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES**7-1 Highways & Maintenance & Signs local Roads or major route reports**

Cllr Henschley said he was disappointed at the statement by Mr Byers about the removal of saplings on the long-about. It was a simple task that could prevent future erosion once rooted and cause damage. Health and Safety regime to the operatives removing prevents the work apparently. Meeting with HWP at parish room on 16th November with attendance by Cllr Corley, Cllr Henschley, & members of Parish Plan.

7-2 Paths and Access-attached or adjacent to Highways**7-3 Verge ditch and litter or weed maintenance**

Cllr Henschley reported that O'Connors have been granted a five year contract by the District Council. Cllr Corley said that ditches in Roestock Lane had been done after she had met recently with Mr Williams recently.

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7-4 Transport including Village Council funded Friday shopping bus

Clerk to do a budget for the December meeting. Cllr Reeves had previously raised the matter of changes to the bus timetable at Tyttenhanger Green; Cllr Day had also at an earlier meeting mentioned that it completely negates the opportunity for children to use for the school trip and business people to get an early train. Clerk will now write to D Neilan the principle Transport Officer at HCC with details.

7.5 Hertfordshire LTP1 Delivery Report-2001/02-2006/6

This was published in July-now closed for debate

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no questions that had not been covered earlier.

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area Pavilion and CHFC

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk Mrs Parker-Mead met Mr Steventon on 2nd November to discuss the Football Club's situation of outstanding payments. Agreement was made to ask members to release second half payment at the council meeting to night subject to a contra payment of the club's outstanding debt position. The pitch new grassed areas paid invoices have been copied to the council for the grant application completion showing expenditure of £4200.00 agreed sum payment to be made by CHPC is a total of £3400 in two payments on receipt of invoices. Payment is being held for second instalment to match the contra payment needed for missed d/debits. Clerk to write to the Club setting out the council position over missed payments and likelihood of future Auditor's examinations if not balanced. The council are aware of the difficulties the club is facing with the loss of the Treasurer. The Clerk suggested a "travelling book-keeper" might be the best option to sort out the finances. The lease renewal papers have been sent and a meeting is to be convened later this month with the Finance Committee prior to the examination in the Budget in December.

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre School.

Cllr Corley said this term although pupil numbers were down, (due to a national and decreasing birth rate) the staff were co-operating by reducing the working week and adjusting days off without pay. The Pre School was going from strength to strength proving very popular and receiving good reports. A disco is planned for 4th November as a fund raising idea. The auditor has visited to do the internal audit and results will be published soon (Important as it is connected to the PC and for possible Charitable Status in the future) T/Tots has a waiting list for the spring term in January 2007. This will be a BUDGET ITEM.

9-3 Village Hall Committee

The reports will be circulated to each member, the Clerk attended the last meeting. An estimate for a hearing loop will be obtained, indications that a Grant application Will follow from the committee in time for the Budget. A new horizontal table trolley is to be obtained via Herts Supplies-VHC to pay net cost back to CHPC. Tables are to be stored in the back corridor and store keys only to regular hirers. New village hall regulations came into force 1st October and are to be investigated jointly, mainly on fire protection and visual public information notices.

Mrs P Watson-Secretary is leaving Colney Heath and has announced her resignation, it is understood Cllr M Corley is to step in.

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9-4 Charles Morris Hall

Matters already reported, Cllr Reeves said the fireworks and bonfire were sold out
Grant matters previously reported in finance

9-5 Highfield Community Park Trustees

News of the AGM-on Tuesday 17th October, Cllr Rump said attendance was poor, in considering that initially the enthusiasm was very positive.

9-6 Other Buildings/Local Organisations/Events

No reports this time

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

No reports yet on the start of the new youth club, at Highfield Park Trust.
Cllr Brazier is hopeful to have news of a start date soon in conjunction with YMCA

10 COMMUNITY REPORTS-MEMBERS REPORTS-OUTSIDE BODIES- OTHER COMMITTEES-REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

10-1 Fly Tipping Reports

Again Cllr Henchley asked if a written response had been received by the office from Mr Robertson. The Clerk said he had called several times but was not keen to keep on as it was the officer's own responsibility to deal correctly with his procedures.
A telephone call worth noting last promised a reply to CHPC office on return from his vacation in September. Clerk agreed with Cllr Henchley this was far from satisfactory.

10-2 Police Reports

Latest Police statistics were circulated and sent to Chronicle for information. Cllr Day reported increasing vandalism by e-mail on cars and property in Tyttenhanger Green

Police and CHPC Budget for PCSO operations

It is confirmed by member's unanimous opinion that we will not be contributing for any PCSO funding in consideration that we have lost a full time beat officer.

10-3 Vital Village Matters from the Plan.

The Clerk reported that the Doctors practise in Hall Gardens part of the larger based at Hatfield had responded positively to the request for improvements. We are now in receipt of regular updates for the sessions and doctor attendance to the village surgery each week via e-mail. These are displayed on the outside office door and available to the public to phone the office here to get details. We will also publish this in the news section of the Chronicle for public information as frequently as we receive it.

10-4 Twinning

Members have noted the celebratory significance of 2007 for both CHPC and the local Twinning Association. An application has been received for Grant Aid.

10-5 Reports from Members attending other meetings

No reports.

10-6 Fairs and other local community matters

No reports

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10-7 Reports from listed items-HM Govt; Local issues; National; Local Govt etc
No debate took place on this subject

10-8 St Albans Assoc Parish Council; & LGBC HALC/NALC

Meeting was convened on 19th October at Harpenden special subject-Parish Charters the minutes and report will be circulated on receipt at the office.

10-9 Minutes & matters received also other associations and local organisations
No reports.

10.10 Purchase of Christmas Biscuits for OAP's (Section 137 LGA)

Assistant Clerk is organising these at the request of the council, lists are circulating to members to add or subtract those eligible. Biscuits should be available on 7th Dec.

11 MEMBERS QUESTIONS

11-1 Correspondence not previously dealt with in the agenda

None to deal with other than already dealt in specific subjects

Member Training in Ethics in Planning Matters 11th October 2006 at 6.30pm

Cllr Day will be attending as a in his capacity as a District Councillor

Local Press Statement

Any local press issues have been circulated to members from the office

11.2 News Releases

11-3 Matters received since publishing the Agenda

A request from a resident in Cutmore Drive regarding the problem parking, at times this is so bad it prevents access or exit, it is suggested there are many commercial vehicles and large vans being parked. This needs to be investigated for neighbourly issues and the obvious emergency services ability to access. The problem might benefit from SCADC parking regulations.

11-4 Proposals for Next Agenda

Members had no issues-note that the majority of time will be spent on budget matters and the meeting will be covered by a Part II after the formal business at about 8.30pm. Advise the Clerk by 1st December for items for inclusion.

11.5 Christmas Lunch

The date has now been set for the 15th December-venue the Church Centre, the cost will be £3 per person. The Council had contributed; members are invited to attend £3. Advise Cllr Corley please if you plan to come to the lunch.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS AND CLERK REPORTS

12-1 Staff issues-Office administration matters

The Clerk advised members about the changes of hours and payment for the parish gardener, he said he could advise members more about the issues as there was no member of the public here now. Otherwise it would have to be a part two item. The Clerk had discovered some anomalies in comparison with the newly created garden

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job at the Churchyard. Consequently the Parish Gardner job it was necessary to look at the job hours and rate change, it was possible that a very slight hourly rate existed. As no members of the public were present he gave members in confidence details of the issue he needed to deal with to keep them informed. Normally employee matters such as this are dealt within an agreed procedure and HR issue by the Clerk. There then followed an exchange not directed properly through the Chair, Cllr Henschley has since sent a written apology to the Chairman Cllr Corley. The Clerk has agreed under the Code of Conduct requirements this has satisfied the spirit of the required conduct and the matter is finalised. In consequence the matter will not be required to be noted in the minutes, however the details be kept elsewhere as an addendum if any member wishes to see but not use or refer further. Cllr Henschley fulfilled his obligations to the satisfaction of Chairman, Clerk, and the affected members. The matter is closed.

12-2 Future issues requiring attention

a) Boundary Issues;- The boundary at the Wilkins Green end of the village is causing the residents in parts of Franklin Close to be excluded from Colney Heath village. Homes here also come under Hatfield as a borough and their community charge is more expensive and planning matters and applications are missed by us. The numbers affected are 2-18 Franklin Close; it seems there would be no objections from those residents. Members agreed the Clerk to write to the relevant authorities.

12-3 Notice Boards-Bus shelters-Signs

Tyttenhanger sign

The date for the installation is the 13th November week.

The inscription board needs the dedications in order the Clerk can get engraved.

Cllr Reeves is arranging the plinth brickwork once the sub base is in place.

The organisation of a dedication and official celebration date and invite various contributors, all to be arranged once all works are completed.

Notice Board

Notice board be put up at Highfield Mr Stayton has this made already in stock

A repeat of the minutes for October 5th Meeting for the guidance of members

New Bus Shelter

Planning permission will be required, Clerk to look into with SCADC Dev Control.

Two quotations have been obtained; members agreed that this could go ahead on the basis of next year budget but erected this winter with the payment from reserves.

Members generally agreed that up to £5000 was a possible fund CHPC could afford.

Quotations

Two prices- two different manufacturers and styles with seats have been obtained;-

1. The Rettenden-4 seater shelter with clear side panels £4,460.00

2. The Petworth- Shelter + Seat solid side panels £2,785.00

Both shelters will require further details from the manufactures as to the finished specification-details of plinth requirement-delivery costs-lead time for delivery groundwork preparation and planning permission. Add £1,000.

Cllr Corley has asked this to be decided on quickly in order to have installed for the winter. The Clerk wonders if we could get a one off part grant from SCADC or HWP

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12-4 Commons Licences Wayleaves-Fairs and uses of the Common

The Clerk said he was to consult with Paul Clayden about the legal words.

12-5 Chronicle & Publicity

The Clerk and Assistant Clerk are to meet with David Rodway about improvements to the news after parish meetings and to enhance the parish web site.

12-6 Flooding and River Colne Reports

The Clerk is to co-operate with the Clerk of London Colney PC.

12-7 Capital Purchases

Other than recreation equipment and quote for Bus Shelters-there are no reports

12-8 Meetings-venue-planning for calendar of meetings-dates-public meetings

No reports

Parish Charters

No reports

Correspondence

Two letters;-Countryside Alliance-campaign to save the rural Post Offices details to be sent for. Letter not e-mail!.

A letter from SCADC announcing the departure of Mr Kevin Tighe Head of Leisure Services, much of his duties will be disbursed in house to Mr Ian Holland and others in the department. We are already in contact with Mr Holland over Sect 106 issues.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.20 pm



John Dean

Clerk to the Council

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Note

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL IS 7th December 2006 AT 7.30pm THE AGENDA WILL BE PUBLISHED Between the 1st and 4th December
IF ANY MEMBER HAS ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE BY THOSE DATES-NOTE THE DECEMBER MEETING WILL FOCUS ON THE BUDGET FOR 2007-8 AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS +ELECTION COSTS & LIMITED GENERAL ITEMS OF REGULAR BUSINESS

