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MINUTES OF THE COLNEY HEATH- FULL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD at the VILLAGE HALL -THURSDAY-11TH SEPTEMBER 2008-7.30.pm

Present; - Chair-Cllr Brazier-Cllr Day Vice Chair -Cllr Cloke-Cllr Rump-Cllr
Horner -Cllr Crump-Cllr Henschley-Cllr Reeves-(& 1 Vacancy Hill End Ward)

Clerk; Mr J E Dean

Public Attendance- Mr D Becker 95 High Street- Colney Heath
Mr M Myland- The Barley Mow Safety Forum
Mrs J Moody
B.R.Day
S.D.Day
Steve Gore
Sue Green- representing Village Day
Tercsa Gore

1. APOLOGIES -ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECLARATIONS

Apologies received County Cllr B Lee and Highfield Residents Joyce Goodwin.
No declarations by members on the matters contained here in the agenda.

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council-3rd July 2008

Proposed by Cllr Cloke

Seconded by Cllr Reeves

The minutes were signed by Chair Cllr Brazier as being correct.

Some minor corrections were noted;-

2.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Having read through the pages the typos & corrections or alterations were put forward by those members present. Also Mr Myland, public attendance- wished to note the correct name of The Barley Mow Safety Forum. The Clerk duly apologised for the mistake, having correcting accordingly. The Chair agreed and signed off the minutes.

3 MATTERS THE CHAIRMAN MAY BRING BEFORE THE COUNCIL

As mentioned in the agenda supporting notes we had been notified Ottaways are to merge with Turner Debenham, the Clerk said we deal with both firms for legal issues however our main dealings were usually with Ottaways. Both were currently dealing separately with two issues. The CHFC Pavilion lease was being dealt with by Turner

CHFC 2/10/08

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Debenham, but there was no problem of conflict of interest in the merger. They are to be known as Debenham Ottaway in future. Cllr Brazier also wished to announce the Village Hall 70th celebrations and that all were welcome to the evening function on Saturday evening 27th September, it will be a memorabilia evening open to all.

Cllr Brazier also wanted to inform that the Grange Nursing Home will close in two to three years and new plans of accommodation will evolve. The decline in the number of cared for residents are falling; the one bed units are unpopular due to the restrictions of the style of accommodation. He said people now wanted a mixture of better small two bed accommodation and were rejecting renting the Grange type bed sits all over St Albans.

He assured all present that proper consultation will be carried out and any residents will be offered nearby accommodation in Colney Heath. He added the oldest resident was 93 years. She had been informed and reassured about changes by the authorities. A member of the public attending this meeting was related to the person and he added to the comment confirmed the matter was being carefully looked at by SCADC.

Cllr Brazier; said he would like to change the running order of the meeting to allow public present to have an opportunity to put issues forward and question the council on 3.1-3.2-3.3-3.4.-in particular. (The written agenda nomenclature order will be retained)

3.1 Post Office Closures

Cllr Brazier addressed the meeting concluding that Smallford Post Office is to close probably later in the year. The current Postmaster had since decided to retire after his 20 years of service. He added that trade had declined quite considerably for those post services but the shop is to remain open for general trading. Cllr Brazier added that he had attended a meeting with the MP Anne Main, & Sandy Walkinson Prospective Lib Dem Parliamentary candidate, SCADC and several representatives of other interested parties. The issue of closures was well publicised and no surprise. There had been lots of reports going out he had sent a letter to residents informing about the closure issue. This he added does not affect the other remaining High Street Sub PO Branch which will remain open.

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

The Chair informed the meeting of the latest issues that had been well publicised in local media, we had won the case and a new planning inquiry will have to be opened. Cost will be awarded to the Parish Council and after the 21 day period of exchanges of legal papers and signings, the council will be looking at our costs of the litigation. He said it was a result for the village and we had been acknowledged by solicitors for seeing that an unfair decision had been made against the residents of Colney Heath. Both Cllr Henchley and Cllr Reeves said that Cllr Brazier should be congratulated on his perseverance and success on the issue which had left the community exposed to a very unfair inspector's original conclusion is quashed making way for a new inquiry

3.3 Parish Conference for St Albans District.

The Clerk said the date is fixed for Friday 17th October and will run from 10-3pm at Sopwell House St Albans Refreshments included. A list will be sent round he wanted to know those members attending by Fri-27th September. All councillors Clerk and Assistant Clerk are invited to attend; it is the same for all parishes in the district. This is the first time the district council have called such a gathering of parishes.

3.4 Temporary Closure of Barley Mow Lane

Cllr Brazier said this had progressed some what and he intended to ask the members to put a proposal forward for or against. Any closure would be experimental and for a six week period to monitor the traffic. The position of the barrier was debated, most likely it will be "gated" under a temporary highways order. Strong support for closure came from several residents present including Mr Myland of the BM Safety Forum. The meeting received a short address and exchange from the Forum representatives with comments from Cllr Reeves and Cllr Day who were not entirely in agreement to a full closure and the effect on vehicles and commuters who used the short cut. Cllr Rump wanted to know why the alternatives were not being considered in moving the Travellers entrance to Colney Heath Lane. Costs and other problems might preclude this debate continued with the conclusion that a move to a short experiment to close outweighed any objections for the time being. Cllr Brazier added that other agencies will have to be in the consultation loop and an order from the Sec of State required before any closure. He invited members to draw their conclusions to a vote. Council voted and resolved a majority support to the plan, Cllr Day wished to abstain and- this is noted in these minutes.

Mr Myland referred to an issue over Cllr Day's other attendance on an SCADC committee but this was not entirely relevant here according to the Clerk to this Parish Council business to-day, but was in his role as a District Councillor- in- or- with the SCADC District Authority. However as requested by his comments at this meeting by Mr Myland, a challenge was made to the councillor over a particular issue which is noted here in the minutes with the above reservations*.*

Resolution

This council will support the Residents Safety Forum for a temporary closure of a section of Barley Mow Lane processed by a gating order under Section 129A of the Highways Act 1980. Together with appropriate AOP & legal and public consultation.

Highways Act 1980-(Clerk information for guidance to members)

Such orders are powers which local authorities have the effect of restricting access to any highway other than special or trunk roads. This can be allowed for the purpose of crime reduction in a given area, persistent criminal offences or anti social behaviour are such issues. Members may wish to note the particular order is covered under;-

See/reference;-

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 (GATING ORDERS) (ENGLAND) REGULATIONS - 2006-SI 2006 NO 537-In particular SECTION 129A OF THE ACT-(Copy to members)

3.5 Lease of Pavilion Building

The Clerk said the papers had gone off to Turner Debenhams, he was not sure if the merger will delay things. Cllr Brazier added that a meeting of members and CHFC is to be arranged once we have a draft lease to look at; probably October/November. The Clerk also advised that he was not instructing a Dilapidations report until the club was all quite ready as they were at present doing some repairs. This will be raised at the next FC meeting 22nd September-CHPC (Cllr Rump + Clerk) are now invited.

3.6 Chronicle Magazine and Web Site upgrade for CHPC

Cllr Brazier said our web site has now been running since April and invited the site commissioner Mr David Rodway present to speak to council. He said that he was quite pleased with the site and hoped members were as well. Changes need to be made to the archives of older issues of Chronicle that had been on a separate site.

He confirmed that minutes were now available on the site and we should agree how long we keep past minutes there available. Cllr Brazier confirmed council were very pleased with the site. The Clerk asked if members would advise what additional items they wish to have on the site so he can discuss at his meetings with David Rodway

3.7 Colney Heath Parish Council Year Events

Sue Green gave members an overview of Village Day held on 12th July which was very successful, she thanked the PC for their help adding that it was planned to hold again in 2009. The date of Larks in the Parks is set at Sunday 28th June 2009 and any clash should try to be avoided, both that event and JMI annual Summer Fete Day. At this point the Clerk added that we had not finalised the accounts as a sum got paid into the wrong account, but Assistant Clerk had all the figures to hand and we would be speaking separately to Sue Green advising members after. Some cash will be held to run next year event. Permission was sought by Mr David Rodway CMH Social Committee to have the annual 5th November bonfire on the field (owned by PC) again this year. Assurances were given that the event will be carefully organised and the strict entry ticket arrangements apply. Members gave permission, the Clerk added that the Parish Insurance will not cover any liability -the organisers (CMH Management) must make sure this is in place for the event. Cllr Horner was requesting a budget for the OAP Lunch on the 12th December for the usual over 60's he was seeking a small increase on last year. Members agreed that £550 be allowed this year; the Clerk confirmed that was affordable. Cllr Rump said we should pick up the cost anyway.

Proposed Cllr Henchley

Seconded Cllr Reeves

The Clerk gave details of the Panto being run by the Assistant Clerk on 2nd January in reply to member's questions, this year it is at the JMI School. Applications for tickets will be in the next Chronicle, about 200/210 places allocated, Dick Whittington was to be played and the event was free by ticket-JMI- PTA staff will do the refreshments.

3.8 Matters of Anti-Social Behaviour

The list handed to members indicating reported incidents which appear decreasing. Cllr Reeves said he had heard there had been a heavy police operation in Tyttenhanger recently which turned out to be a domestic issue in a house that was being visited by a relative. It seemed on the surface with the handling and numbers of police attending he added it probably appeared to other nearby residents quite a lot worse. He added we hopefully don't have these kinds of numbers of police, a quiet and peaceful place.

3.9 Sleepshyde Play Area

Cllr Brazier had attended the works area and noted a new children's swing would compliment the equipment. We had not at the time of ordering included a swing and he was seeking member's approval for additional expenditure to buy at this meeting. The Clerk outlined the additional expense of £5,981.25 plus some additional ground works in removing the redundant slide mound and safer wet pour surfacing on the see-saw area (part of retained equipment) Cllr Crump asked about the old goal posts which have been turned round. Did he agree with buying a portable set? The Clerk added we had gained from the special purchase in normally this amount of equipment would be about £35/40k. The motion to allow the additional expenditure;-

Proposed Cllr D Rump

Seconded Cllr P Reeves

Agreed by all members present.

4. FINANCE

4.1 Financial Report

The Clerk gave details about our Treasury Reserves investments of £125,000 are set to 1st October paying £449 in the period including other funds and current accounts.

4.2 Parish Accounts

The Clerk gave information on the following financial matters which was supported by the relevant information and data reports to each member;-Clerk gave full details of the August & September expenditure of £ 22129.30 and taking members questions.

Proposed by Cllr D Crump

Seconded by Cllr J Henchley

4.3 Parish Audit 2007-8

The Clerk advised the papers had been sent to the audit commission chosen firm by the deadline required and he was satisfied we had completed the required details. He added that nothing had been heard yet as to the acceptance of our submission.

A forward booking has been made for the internal auditor for interim on 28th October and 26th May 2009 for the finals.

4.4 Progress of VAT & Past years Petty Cash

Clerk has progressed part of claim and we have received £8760.55 so far as there is a further return to claim including amounts of petty cash owed to Clerk that have been checked and verified by the auditor on last visit. Clerk needs to be paid sums owed.

4.5 Budgeted Grant Aid to be Paid- (Section 19 LGA Act-1976-Misc Provisions)

The Clerk advised the larger payments were in progress now the TR was off for this period and cash had been drawn down. Any final cheques will be sent out this month. In fact we were waiting for Charles Morris Management Trustees to come forward with details of the expenditure against the £2000. Grant awarded for their allocation.

4.6 Acknowledgement of Grants and Letters of Thanks

With the exception of the above CMH Trustees all grant acknowledgements had been received for the grants that have been paid out so far.

4.7 Other Financial Matters

Village Day Finances were outlined for the event run on 12th July-The underwriting of this event was guaranteed by CHPC. A donation of £100 was made to the retirement of Mr J Ely towards a significant furniture item to acknowledge his significant work service and organisation at the Highfield Estate over past years.

4.8 Fire Alarm at Pavilion

A new fire alarm was required to the Pavilion Building that had come to our attention after the recent electricity fault on the mains power system. It was an outdated system that had no recent inspection details. The fire extinguishers were checked at the same time and these will be paid for by the club. The cost of the installation will be £ ;;; and is the responsibility of the Parish Council, owners of the building. A fire alarm system is required on any public building to comply with the 2006 fire/buildings regulations.

Proposed by Cllr D Horner

Seconded by Cllr J Day

5 PLANNING

Planning Applications

The following applications received during August and September 2008 were debated in detail at the meeting:-

General Comments

The Chair said he did not plan to go into great detail about the applications. He added that Oakland's development had been called in by the Secretary of State on GB and development issues. The Three Horseshoes had been refused where some members agreed it was an overdevelopment and also where GB issues applied.

Cllr Henchley gave his overview on the district planning applications noting it was getting quicker at dealing with the applications and the decline due to the economy. The Clerk mentioned that we are to become a local distribution point for choice based lettings publication via SCADC, advertising potential lettings to a wider number of qualifying tenants on the housing list. Not just locally

Beaumont School Glinwells & Oaklands plans:-

Further news on planning consultation and consent issues

5-1 Planning Applications:

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

Number	Address	Application	Decision/Recommendation
5/08/0620	Oaklands College Smallford Campus	Erection of new college building for Oaklands and assc educational buildings to provide total of 31930 sqm of educational floor space and erection of 62 flats and houses. Demolition of existing use of former mansion house as 26 units of non self contained accom. Use of former stable block as children's nursery and retention of cottage within walled garden and assc lodges. Provision of sports pitches, 820 car spaces, highway works new access from Hatfield Rd with new roundabout, landscaping and other ancillary development	Cllr Brazier- CHPC response submitted. Debated at SCADC July Dev control meeting-New issues of calling in by Sec State over GB &LDF Plans for district.
5/08/0801	Former Oaklands College site Highfield Lane	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 38 houses-including 13 'affordable units, seventy parking spaces, open space and landscaping	Cllr Brazier- CHPC response submitted. Debated at SCADC July Dev control meeting
5/08/1291	56 Oaklands Lane	Rear conservatory	No objections
5/08/1262	53 Wynches Farm Drive	Conversion of garage into habitable room and alterations to openings	No objections

5/08/1269	29 Firwood Ave	Loft conversion with one rear dormer window, insertion of dormer window to existing front elevation and alterations to openings	No objections- As long as the Dormer does not overlook or intrude on neighbours privacy
5/08/1385	5 Ivory Close	Two storey side and single storey rear extension	As long as the reasons have been met for the refusal to allow granting.
5/08/1582	2 Pitt Drive	Loft conversion with rear dormer window, two storey side extension and alteration to openings to existing garage	Concerns over rear dormer over looking properties of adjacent back gardens in neighbouring street
5/08/1563	4 Newfield Way	Two and single storey side extension	Concerns over the development of the site and affect of street scene. Cramped development.
5/08/1605	112 Puddingstone Drive	Rear conservatory	No objections
5/08/1032	37 Wynches Farm drive	Single storey rear extension	No objection
5/08/1651	The Mill House Coursers Road	Installation of bay window doors to south and west elevations, replacement windows , int/external alterations	No objection
5/08/1703LB	The Mill House, Coursers Rd	Installation of bay window doors to south and west elevations, replacement windows , internal and external alterations	No objection
5/08/1853	23 Honeycroft Drive	Erection of outbuilding	No objections
5/08/0995	56 Puddingstone Drive	Rear conservatory	No objection
5/08/1571	10 Sleapcross Gradens	Rear conservatory	No objection
5/08/1661	101 Tollgate Road	Two storey rear and side extension	No objections
5/08/1702a	The Three Horseshoes PH	Display of one internally illuminated post mounted sign and two externally illuminated lettering signs	Opposes- Out of character in an area designated G/ Belt settlement
5/08/1701LB	The Three Horseshoes PH	Display of one internally illuminated post mounted sign and two externally illuminated lettering signs	Opposes- Out of character in an area designated a Green Belt settlement
5/08/1699	16 Cairns Close	Two storey side extension	No objections-pending
5/08/1781	15 Starlight Way	Loft conversion with two rear dormer windows and alterations to openings	No objections- Please could the Planning Officer note our concerns of loss of privacy to neighbouring properties by dormer windows.
5/08/1439	23 Wynches Farm Drive	Erection of fence/covered area to side of property	No objections-pending
5/08/1231	11 Hobbs Close	S/storey front and rear ext and conversion of garage to habitable room	No objections- As long as the parking issues are in line with policy
5/08/1891CE	Land rear of Little Rose Cottage , Sleapsyde	Certificate of Lawfulness- Retention of use of land as garden	No objections

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

SCADC General Applications List (District) Circulated to all members.

5-2 Planning Approvals

As listed since last meeting

Number	Address	Application	SCADC Decision
5/08/1254CP	10 Hall Gardens	Single storey rear extension	Certificate of lawful use or development
5/08/1262	53 Wynches Farm Drive	Conversion of garage into habitable room and alterations to openings	Planning Permission
5/08/1056CP	334 Camp Road	Rear conservatory	Certificate of lawful use or development
5/08/0878	12 Sovereign Park	Rear conservatory and alterations to openings	Planning Permission
5/07/1035	The Grove, Roestock Lane	Demolition of existing outbuildings and replacement barn	Planning Permission
5/08/1124	40 Princess Diana Drive	Conversion of garage into habitable room	Planning Permission
5/08/0707	3 Maslen Road	Two storey side extension and alterations to openings	Planning Permission
5/08/1002	47 Firwood Avenue	Single storey front and rear extensions	Planning Permission
5/08/0852	104 Roestock Lane	First floor side and rear and single storey rear extension	Planning Permission
5/08/1051	Glinwell Nurseries	Demolition of existing buildings and erection of one single storey building	Planning Permission
5/08/1344	The Mill House	Erection of glass house	Planning Permission

(See Attached Sheet for Planning Approvals- Appendix)

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

5.3-1 Refusals and Appeals

5/08/0812	Beaumont School and land north of Wynches Farm	Outline application for mixed use development of 2.23 ha residential development up to a max 78 dwellings including 2.5 and 3 storey dwellings 5.4 ha sports pitched including hard surfaced area and all weather pitch, 1.1 ha woodland, new school parking rear new classroom and sports hall for the school and new access road from Hatfield Road	Planning Refusal
5/08/1193LB	The Three Horseshoes PH	S/storey rear ext to form lobby	Planning Refusal
5/08/1050	The Three Horseshoes PH	Single storey rear extension to form rear lobby	Planning Refusal
5/08/1291	56 Oaklands Drive	Rear conservatory	Planning Refusal
5/08/1379	3 Newfield Way	Two storey side extension	Planning Refusal
5/08/1269	29 Firwood Avenue	Loft conversion with one rear dormer window, insertion of dormer window to existing front elevation and alterations to openings	Planning Refusal

5.3-2 Appeals & Public Inquiries:-

Appeal-5/07/1305 at 30 Sleapcross Gardens extension of dwelling in GB, also issues of comparison to other allowed development in same area.

Appeal-5/08/0455 72 Firwood Avenue Details include detriment to existing pattern
Public Inquiries including decisions

Ref-P/APP/3109LJY/In-Land 23 Station Road Smallford-Applicant has contacted Clerk over issue and past council statement.

Ref-Colney Heath Farm -Public Inquiry Inspector report dated 28/08/08-upheld

Appeal Ref:5/07/1406 67 Colney Heath Lane-Fence & Boundary issues

Appeal Ref: APP/B1930/A/07/2035098-Nuckies Farm Coursers Road Colney Heath Decision challenge by CHPC See Part II CHPC to fight this application.-Cllr Brazier

Appeal-Ref 5/07/1366 -87 Tollgate Road Two Bed Bungalow and parking-GB issue

Appeal-Ref 5/07/2858-6 Church Croft Rear- and side extensions-GB Issue-CHPC objection on this. Appeal-Disallowed see Inspectors report dated 19th August 2008

5-4 Strategic or Planning issues or referred to ODPM/Secretary of State-SEERA

See correspondence July 2008-Review of the plan development strategy-deadline 15th September for response-Clerk requests members' views-letter from CHPC to be sent?

Helioslough-Rail Freight Terminal- Cllr Brazier may wish to update members - Details of submission sent to members-public inquiry date in October 2008.

OTHER TOPICAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

5.5 Go East-SEERA Consultation Regional Assembly-Gypsy Site Allocations

New papers out for consultation deal with next meeting in October-very important issue. Members should see minutes of 10th September data meeting-Letchworth.

Response Gypsy Sites in Hertfordshire & East of England

No debate see above, awaiting SEERA response in October

Planning Portal

Noted

Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment for SCADC

Details noted.

London Green Belt

Recent minutes of last meeting noted

BT Payphones

Noted that many will be at risk of removal-Cllr Reeves keen to see the old style Tyttenhanger Green box retained.

Post Office Closures

Cllr Brazier said it is evident the postmaster wishes to retire but the shop will remain open for the foreseeable future.

5-6 Planning Monitoring

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

Landfill & Quarry

Minerals & Waste

Licences

Local Delivery Framework Policy

Air Quality

Air Quality-(Contained in HHC report-Cllr Crump was hoping for more details)

No response to Clerk past communications.

6 COMMONS OPEN SPACES & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

The written reports were considered of:-

6-1 Parish Warden Report

Members were circulated with the usual copy of the reports with usual general tasks removal of litter and FC pitch marking and other village tasks undertaken.

6-2 Parish Commons Ranger Report

Report circulated to all members-note camping on common, sightings of wildlife and increase of fish stocks due to wet weather. Less trials bikes and quads reported. Issues of permissive bridleway, a designated route, overgrown trees, make passage limited.

6-3 Parish Gardner and Tennis Courts Attendant Reports

Report circulated to members at the meeting and comments noted.

6-4 Church & Graveyard Keepers work/time sheet

Nothing that is exceptional to report this time, person on holiday into September.

6-5 CHPC Grass Cutting Contract

No reports but all grassed areas continue to be mown to a satisfactory standard. Hay will not be taken from common but topped this year due to wet weather and lateness.

6-6 Commons-Grazing & Stewardship

Noted but no further reports to add this time. Cllr Crump wanted a date for volunteer work on common, date of 15th November suggested. Clerk discussing with CMS on cutting off saplings and treating with weed-killer. Purchase of brush cutter approved.

6.7 Recreation Areas

Gloucester Park

No reports on land ownership so far-we are continuing to upkeep the area.

Roestock Park/Sleapshyde Park

No reports-ROSPA inspection carried out.

Sleapshyde Recreation Area

New play equipment installation going in Sleapshyde play area now.

Charles Morris

No reports -contractor will fitted new tiles under swings.

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

Clerk is monitoring several issues-seeking a meeting with Julian Thornton & CMS.

Cllr Brazier has passed a copy of a footpath book that might inspire ideas for us here at Colney Heath. A new extension to cycle-ways is being considered at SCADC level Combined with S106 money reserved. Bridleways need to be defined across common as a winter project. Mrs Myland was asked by the Clerk to help with defining a route this will also need to be agreed by HCC RoW.

7 HIGHWAYS-TRANSPORT-FOOTPATHS AND VERGES

Matters of Barley Mow Lane temporary closure have already been debated.

Cllr Henchley alerted members to the highways meeting held on 9TH September, Cllr Horner attended and a list since that time of the outstanding jobs was presented to

Damian Higgins-here unfortunately there is very little progress to report. Damian had mentioned about a new budget cut of £300,000 in the district, with the obvious effect. The pothole situation had improved with a new method being employed on the roads.

7-1 Highways & Maintenance & Signs local Roads or major route reports

Cllr Crump wanted more positive weight restriction control on the Smallford Railway Bridge to dissuade frequent HGV use. HHWP need to consider lower axle limit.

7-2 Paths and Access-attached or adjacent to Highways

Debate on matters noted.

7.3 Tollgate Road-Cameras

Clerk to write and find out if any grants are available either from SCADC or HHWP towards VAS for Tollgate Rd, to help with budgeting in next parish year-2009-10.

7-4 Transport and Friday Shopping Bus

Cllr Horner said we have received notification the mileage cost of bus is increasing the fuel/mileage charge. This will add about £2 to our weekly costs. No suggestion made to increase the fare to pensioner customers at this stage. This voluntary bus service has now been running 3 years which members should consider a success.

7-5 Long –About A414

Cllr Henchley said news reports that this might get looked at in 2010 review together with a change of shape to slow oncoming vehicles down. It was good news at last.

7.6 M25 Widening starting summer 2008

No further reports other than the road works will have a wide effect.

7.7 Highway Warning Signs & Mandatory Signs

Noted and suggest keeping as a reminder

7.8 Verge Parking District Council Highways Panel

Cllr Brazier spoke about the intention of SCADC intending to start verge parking controls in the village, starting with the Roestock Lane area. SCADC have identified the bad spots, members were given copies of the map marked yellow to indicate where. This will mean all specified verges will not be used for parking any more. Some of The grassed areas in several places had become damaged by a parking problem. Often residents had adequate parking on their own properties with no need to use the verges. The plan will start towards the end of October with notices warning motorists posted at several places around the area. There will be a fine for offending vehicle owners. The information is being reproduced in the Chronicle and on notice parish boards in order that all are aware.

8 PUBLIC QUESTIONS-8.30

No further public questions, matters were covered in item 3 or elsewhere in minutes.

9 COUNCIL BUILDINGS-ORGANISATIONS & TRUSTEE MATTERS

9-1 High Street Recreation Area Pavilion and CHFC

Cllr Rump had passed the CHFC-AGM minutes to the Clerk which each member had been circulated. In the report it was noted that the relationship with the Parish Council

was best it has been for a long time. He went on to add that recent flooding of toilets was due to poor drainage and the club had carried out fresh re decoration and repairs. They were asking the opinion of getting a contribution from CHPC at about one third of cost, and £200 was mentioned. The club were investing £4000 in new seating and trees and hedging also looking to be trading debt free by October this year. Remarks about some refurbishment of the play area in the future, and might contribute some funds, this is a council owned facility. Cllr Rump also gave details about the plans to get grant funding to make some significant improvements to the area and drive the facilities forward. The club were expressing willingness to partner this; money was available from FA and Sport England, the Olympics wanting practise venues not far from London and Education opportunities. Cllr Rump asked if Assistant Clerk will speak JMI Head Mr Rose about his involvement. The Clerk said the lease renewal has gone off to Turner Debenhams and as soon as we have a draft we will be meeting the club to find common ground. New regulations will make this a tighter situation, as now CHFC will need to appoint a safety officer. Cllr Crump expressed his concern over the current parking problems which were not adequate for the premises and needed looking at before too long.

9-2 Treasure Tots Pre-School.

The leaders report was read out by Cllr Crump noting 27 children are attending. The Clerk handed the 2007-8 audited finance report to the members and the details were examined and debated. Cllr Crump was complimentary about the results and figures. Other members were pleased to see a credit position although the Clerk said that included reserve monies and future payments to finance low numbers terms. He added that he is looking into bringing T/Tots under charity status. The other problems of management issues over the opening of the extended lunch club were no longer pressing after Cllr Brazier had spoken to the Chair of VHMC. As noted in the agenda pre notes. The leader Karen Chittenden has won a £2200 grant towards the running of the club which offers lunch places to the nursery school attached to JMI. All agreed the extended lunch club running until 2pm provided an important local facility for working parents. So far numbers vary but expectations are it will be a self supporting entity. The staff numbers are kept to a minimum to statutory regulations.

9-3 Village Hall Committee

The VH committee had met last on the 3rd September but we have not received a copy of the report in time for this meeting. Cllr Horner was concerned at the T/Tots issues over running the extended lunch club. He was keen to see the matters resolved.

9-4 Charles Morris Hall

Cllr Reeves asked about the fence, the Clerk is to meet the contractor on site for a post/wire fence quote on the vulnerable parts of the boundary. A question was put regarding the grant payment; the Clerk is waiting for details of the expenditure to release an approved and signed cheque.

9-5 Highfield Community Park & Trustees

Cllr Reeves and Cllr Rump spoke about celebrations on the retirement of John Ely. A new person has started on 1st September to manage the running and ground staff.

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

No reports

9-7 Youth Organisations Locally & Youth Council

No reports

9.8 Vital Villages

There is no reports-committee mothballed for time being.

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

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

Cllr Henchley and Cllr Day had advised the office of recent fly tips in BML. The Clerk provided the up to date list of reports we have received into the office.

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

At the police meeting held on the 13th August several issues discussed were noted on the minutes of that meeting circulated to members. Details of the police day in May was given out to all present, facts were very interesting especially "rogue traders". Other RTA offences and vehicle/driver issues were picked up during the operation.

10-3 Twinning

Latest details circulated to members.

10-4 Reports from Members attending other meetings

No reports this time

Lafarge Liaison Meeting

No date fixed so far this year-Cllr Brazier suggested we check the dates.

10.5 Fairs Festivals and local Community events

No reports- other details past noted in minutes.

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

Again a repeat of past notes where we have made our responses (past noted) to the Gypsy issues -SEERA consultation with a deadline of 16th May-circulated to all. Clerk said Hazel Blears new community's initiative will be published next week suggesting empowering all local authorities and parishes to have more powers.

10.7 St Albans Association of Town & Parish Councils

Details of reports and forthcoming meetings circulated

10-8 Minutes received from other Associations

Members noted the list of committee and other papers.

11- Members Questions

No further questions.

11-1 News Releases

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

11-2 Dudley Wood Memorial woodlands

The Clerk is dealing with matters of transfer of title.

11.3 Dog Waste Bins

Again Clerk to report the Assistant Clerk is to get an extra dog waste bin Roestock.

11.4 St Albans Wheelie Bin Introduction

Details of the scheme were passed to council further details for the village will go into the Chronicle much more publicised in local press.

12 OPERATIONAL MATTERS

Bus shelter needs OPP-Clerk to arrange, has drawing from Mr Stayton.

12-1 Staff and Office Matters

General matters reported to members.

12-2 Clerk Report on future matters needing attention

No reports this time-deferred

12-3 Notice Boards and Signs & Bus Shelters

Clerk reported that plans required to be sent to SCADC for a new shelter in Hall Gardens/Grange area. Permission will be required from landowner-HHWP. Also 2 notice boards been refurbished this year. CMH are paying for a new one on their site.

12-4 Commons Licences & Wayleaves

As previously reported by Clerk

12.6 Publicity & Chronicle

Clerk has discussed some items for the forthcoming September issue with Mr Rodway Publication expected later in month-around 22nd. Next issue-Winter-note the deadline for any inclusions early November-Contact David Rodway.

12-6 Flooding and Encams

A further meeting is to be arranged later in the year

12-7 Capital Purchases

12.8 Tyttenhanger Sign

Dedication plate still required Clerk and Chair Cllr Reeves to get together on this

This meeting closed at 10.05 pm



John Dean

Clerk to the Council

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