

**PLEASE BRING TO MEETING
ON 10 MARCH 1999.**

COLNEY HEATH PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Colney Heath Parish Council held at the Pavilion, High Street Recreation Ground, Colney Heath on Wednesday 10 February 1999 at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllr. D. Crump (Chairman) from 8.45 p.m.
" C. Brazier
" F. S. Ellis
" Mrs. J. Jeffrey
" R. Fitch
" Miss A. Thomas

IN ATTENDANCE

D. Becker - 95 High Street
F. Graham 58 Tollgate Road
M. Hughes 66 Oaklands Lane
Mrs. V. Jureidini 5 The Grange
Mrs. G. Moody - Greenleas, Roestock Lane
Mrs. A. Nash 26 Oaklands Lane
D. Rodway 13 Tyttenhanger Green
Mrs. A. Ross 64 Oaklands Lane
J. Russell 13 The Grange
Cty. Cllr. Mrs. R. Sanderson 8 Jubilee Ave. L.C.

Mrs. C. Pluck - Clerk to the Council

APOLOGIES

Cllr. Mrs. H. Mascoll - unwell
" Mrs. S. Defoe - family commitments

In the absence of the Chairman until 8.45 p.m., Cllr. Ellis chaired the meeting.

1. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 1999 and the Special meeting held on 27 January 1999 were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Meeting held on 13/1/99

Page 1 - Proposed 40-mph speed limit in Colney Heath Lane

Received copies of correspondence between Cty. Cllr. Mrs. Sanderson and the HCC Highways Division regarding the Parish Council's concerns over speed limits along Hill End Lane.

Cty. Cllr. Mrs. Sanderson undertook to pursue the matters of speeding and the lack of a crossing and bus stop in Hill End Lane.

Page 1 - Chairman's Announcements

The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Review Newspaper Group to request a copy of the article referring to Colney Heath as a "Business Area".

2. MATTERS ARISING (CONT.)

Page 3 - Parish Council Accounts

Received a letter from Kerry Pollard MP in response to the Council's concern over the increase in audit fees for smaller Parish Councils.

RESOLVED to clarify the Council's concerns and reiterate the request for the MP's support at Government level.

Page 6 - Open Spaces

Received a letter from the CDC Technical Services Dept. confirming that they were carrying out further investigations into the problems of flooding along part of the High Street.

Meeting held on 27/1/99

Page 1 - Millennium Projects

The Clerk presented four paintings by Alan Littlechild for the Council's consideration for a Millennium mug design.

After informal discussion the consensus of opinion was to select the painting showing part of the river Colne, a coal-post and a row of cottages on the Common.

RESOLVED to ask Alan Littlechild to proceed with a final copy of the painting to be printed onto the mugs.

3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman had no announcements to make.

4. SPECIAL BUSINESS

a) Peter's Green to South Mimms Gas Pipeline

There was no further update on the gas pipeline.

b) Senior Citizens' Annual Party

Received a request from Colney Heath WI for a donation towards the Senior Citizens' annual party to be held on Saturday 20 February in the Village Hall.

The Council discussed the figure of £100, which had been set aside in the 1998/99 budget for the annual party.

RESOLVED to donate the sum of £100 for the 1999 Senior Citizens' annual party.

5. FINANCE

a) Parish Council Accounts

Received copies of all emergency accounts and current accounts, having previously been circulated to all Cllrs.

RESOLVED that the Chairman's action in authorising the signing, out of meeting, of all emergency cheques be confirmed and that cheques be drawn to cover all current accounts.

b) Charity of Charles Morris for Allotments Accounts

Caroline Pluck, as Honorary Clerk to the Trustees, presented an up-to-date financial report.

6. PLANNING

a) Planning Applications

Received weekly lists of planning applications from St. Albans City & District Council.

Cllrs. considered comments collated by the Planning Applications Officer as circulated since the last meeting.

5/98/2371 Workshop and office building at Pearce House, Acrewood Way.

NO OBJECTIONS

6. PLANNING (CONT.)

5/98/2378 Garden shed at 4 Newfield Way, Highfield
NO OBJECTIONS

5/99/0011 Conservatory at 14 Princess Diana Drive
NO OBJECTIONS

5/99/0029 Greenhouse at 15 Honeycroft Drive, St. Albans
NO OBJECTIONS

5/99/0045 Change of use from printworks (Class B2) to car repair workshop, display
showroom and ancillary offices at Unit 11, Albans Park, Hatfield Road.
NO OBJECTIONS

The Three Horseshoes, Hatfield Road
Application for a Transfer of Licence

The Plough PH, Tyttenhanger Green
Application for proposed alterations to the premises

b) Appeals and Enforcement Notices

Appeal by M. Myland at Barley Mow PH, Barley Mow Lane - dismissed

c) Planning Decisions

The Clerk reported on the following planning decisions received since the last meeting.

5/98/1701CE Roe Hyde Farm, Roestock Lane - certificate of lawfulness refused

5/98/1869LB Conversion of garage and store to living accommodation, rear conservatory.
and alterations to roof at The Grove, Roestock Lane.
APPROVED

5/98/1871 Alterations to roof, garage and conservatory at The Grove, Roestock Lane.
APPROVED

5/98/2005 Conservatory and garden shed at 4 Princess Diana Drive
APPROVED

5/98/2015 Garden shed at 14 Cairns Close.
APPROVED

5/98/2157 Single storey extension to club house at Boggymead Spring, Oaklands Lane
APPROVED

5/98/2239 Front porch at Avalon, Sleepshyde
APPROVED

5/98/2240 External lighting to car park and display area at D.C. Cook, Honda, Hatfield
Road.
REJECTED

5/98/2267 Garden shed at Plot 7, Chivenor Place off Hill End Lane
APPROVED

5/98/2297 Conservatory at 1 Cairns Close
REJECTED

7. OPEN SPACES

a) Colney Heath Common

i) Common Ranger's Report

Received the Common Ranger's report for January.

RESOLVED to request a quotation from MRS for removal of the two piles of rubbish along the Warren Farm track.

b) Recreational Areas

Representatives from the Smallford Residents Association attended the meeting and presented a letter to the Parish Council detailing their concerns and loss of confidence in the Parish Council. The Association felt that the Council had not supported them on the future use of the Smallford Playing Field site.

The Association asked for support from the Parish Council and asked that it reconsider its comments on the proposal to create a dog-walking area on the site. The Association wanted the decision on the segregated dog-walking area reversed to enable dog walkers to enjoy access to the whole of the site as before.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Ellis draft a letter to the HCC to be agreed with the Association before dispatch.

c) High Street Recreation Ground

Received recommendations made at the Council Budget Meeting held on 27/1/99 to accept the quotation from Kompan UK for supply and installation of metal fencing around the children's play area at the recreation ground and for replacement parts required for the damaged see saw.

The Clerk reported that the Parish Warden was prepared to install the new equipment and carry out repairs to the damaged see saw.

RESOLVED to confirm the order with Kompan for supply and installation of metal fencing and gate and necessary replacement parts for the see saw.

Cllr. Ellis suggested that consideration be given to asking RoSPA to inspect all the Council's play areas on an annual basis, as it was now necessary to obtain an annual certificate of inspection.

RESOLVED to include the suggestion on the agenda for the next Council meeting.

d) Parish Warden's Report for January

Received the Parish Warden's report.

e) Community Park

There was no report on any matters relating to the Community Park.

f) Highfield Trust

There was no report from the Trust representatives.

8. HIGHWAYS

a) Public Transport & Highways

Received details on bridge repair and strengthening works over the A1 (M) between Junction 6 and Junction 10 from 5 to 19 February.

Received a letter from Sovereign Bus Co. apologising for the recent cancellation to service 342.

RESOLVED to acknowledge the letter informing the company that the Council would be monitoring the situation.

8. HIGHWAYS (CONT.)

b) Smallford Trail

Received correspondence from the CDC regarding proposed trial changes to access points along the Smallford Trail.

A Steering Group meeting had been arranged for Saturday 13 February and Cllr. Miss Thomas had indicated that she would be prepared to attend to represent the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Miss Thomas attend with Cllr. Brazier prepared to attend in her absence.

Received a letter from a resident of Hobbs Close, off Colney Heath Lane, complaining about the increasing amount of litter accumulating on the Smallford Trail beneath Colney Heath Lane Bridge.

RESOLVED to contact the CDC Environmental Services Dept. to ask for action to be taken to resolve the problems with litter accumulating on the Smallford Trail at this point.

Received a letter from a resident of Smallford suggesting that the Old Station be renovated to provide a community facility for residents of Smallford and Sleepshyde.

RESOLVED i) to thank the resident for her letter and inform her that the Council was seeking to establish ownership of the site before considering the idea further.

To also inform the resident that the Charles Morris Hall and the Sleepshyde Chapel were available for hiring by the local community.

ii) to ask the CDC Planning Dept. for information on ownership and conditions of use of the Old Station at Smallford.

Cllr. Mrs. Sanderson informed the meeting of a proposal to create a tramway from Watford to Hatfield. The County Council was currently considering the funding but Cllr. Mrs. Sanderson assured the meeting that there were no plans to site the tramway along the Smallford Trail.

c) Footpaths & Bridleways

Cllr. Brazier reported that he would be meeting CMS in March to discuss 1999/2000 funding for footpaths and bridleways in the parish.

No Parish Paths Partnership Grant would be paid this year as no work had been carried out but there may be a possible increase in next year's funding if necessary.

Cllrs. considered a report from Sandridge Parish Council regarding the proposed cycleway between Sandridge and Smallford.

RESOLVED that Colney Heath Parish Council supports the idea in principle and will be willing to send representatives to a working party meeting to discuss the idea further.

9. COUNCIL OWNED (OR TRUSTEE) BUILDINGS

a) Village Hall

Cllrs. were concerned to learn of the recent break-in at the hall.

Cllrs. discussed the request for reflectors on the wooden posts around the car park to prevent drivers from backing into the posts.

RESOLVED to allow the VHC to fit reflectors onto the wooden posts around the car park to make them more conspicuous for motorists.

Received a letter from the CVS informing the Council of advice and funding for the installation of loop systems in village halls.

Cllr. Mrs. Jeffrey reported that Herts. Constabulary had requested use of the Village Hall for a monthly surgery. The Hall Cttee. would charge them £10, which they were reluctant to pay.

Cllr. Mrs. Jeffrey requested that further discussion on quotations for the Village Hall extension be considered in Part Two of the meeting.

9. COUNCIL OWNED (OR TRUSTEE) BUILDINGS (CONT.)

RESOLVED that due to the confidential nature of the item, consideration of the quotations be deferred until Part Two of the meeting.

b) Charles Morris Hall

Received a quotation for footpath resurfacing at the Charles Morris Hall.

RESOLVED to seek further quotations for the work required on the footpath.

10. OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS

a) CBTA

Minutes of AGM held on 13/1/99

Cllr. Brazier informed the Council that Colney Heath was hosting this year's exchange trip and the Council should consider donating a gift to the people of Boissy.

RESOLVED to include an item on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting to consider an appropriate gift.

b) CDA

Hertfordshire Diary of Village Events - request for inclusions

c) HALC

Parish Information - January 1999

Audit Survey

NALC publications price list

d) Hertfordshire Constabulary

Policing the Millennium - requests for details of events

e) Hertfordshire County Council

Secondary Transfer 2000 - proposals

Hertfordshire Environmental Pledge - Public Sector Roundtable

Public Consultation on the future delivery of library and information services in Herts.

RESOLVED that Cllr. Miss Thomas respond on behalf of the Council.

Environment Magazine - January 1999

Travelwise - Winter 98/99

f) Herts. & Middx Wildlife Trust

Wildlife Matters - Spring 1999

g) Hertsmere Borough Council

Invitation to a joint members' consultation meeting on 9/2/99 to discuss setting up a network of Greenways in South Hertfordshire.

h) St. Albans & District Association of Parish Councils

Request for Colney Heath to host the meeting on 12/10/99

RESOLVED to agree to host the meeting at the Pavilion unless the Village Hall extension is completed.

i) St. Albans City & District Council

Conference on Environment, Health & LA21

RESOLVED that Cllr. Crump attends and that the Council pays the fee of £15 for the day.

LA21 - Minutes of meeting held on 19/11/98 and Agenda for meeting on 28/1/99

Joint Community Government Forum - meeting on 15/2/99

St. Albans & District Business Forum - meeting on 11/2/99

St. Albans City & District Crime & Disorder Audit - First Draft Community Safety Strategy 1999-2002 - for comments by 20/2/99.

Draft Economic Development Strategy 1999/2000

j) St. Albans Community Forest Association

Information leaflet

k) Smallford Residents Association

Roundabout Smallford - news magazine