

**HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER, 2009**

**IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

	Mr I Goldsmith [in the Chair]	
Mr E Murphy		Mr D Jex
Mr C Giffin		Miss B Smith
Mr P Endersby		Mr G Bushby
Miss D Hopkinson		Mr A Steele
Mr D Adams		

**Apologies:**

Mr J Hannah	Mr R Hill
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**90. MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009 were taken as read and were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

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There followed a short adjournment for discussion with members of the public.

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**91. PLANNING**

***(a) Planning applications made since the previous meeting:***

**09/01331/FUL**

Mr & Mrs Chapman - Erection of single storey rear extension at 2 Lawrence Court, The Street, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

**Tree Preservation Order**

Mrs L Connell – to carry out work on trees affected by the Tree Preservation Order 2/74 at land behind 19 Ranulph Way, Hatfield Peverel. The tree warden was made aware.

**92. BURIAL GROUND**

**The Clerk reported the following interments:-**

A burial took place on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2009 of the late Barbara Asker (plot 718) and the fee of £627.00 had been received.

A burial took place on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 of the late Doris Roberts (plot 319). Also interred in the coffin were the cremated remains of the late William Darby & the late Alice Darby, the fee of £1,407.00 had been received.

**The Clerk reported the following requests for memorials:-**

An all polished granite headstone for the late Reginald Anstee (plot 329) and inscription had been approved and the fee of £486.00 had been received.

An additional inscription for the late Louisa Chisnall had been approved and the fee of £48.50 had been received.

### **93. ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY**

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009 had been circulated to members, but the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that BT have offered the telephone boxes on The Green and Nounsley for £1. After discussion about the pros and cons, a vote took place and;

**IT WAS RESOLVED** that the telephone box on The Green would be purchased for £1 but the telephone box at Nounsley would not.

It was reported that application for change to the conditions placed upon the planning permission for the MUGA pitch had been sent to BDC and the Parish Council were still waiting to hear the outcome.

It was reported that the damaged bins at the Strutt Memorial should remain for the present as they were still usable.

It was reported that letters had been sent to off-licences and public houses etc to attempt a reduction in sale of alcohol to teenagers to try to reduce the anti-social behaviour in the village.

It was reported that a letter had been sent to the Football Club as a complaint had been received about parking on the Strutt Memorial and the gates being left open. It was agreed to also send a letter to the Community Association requesting that they should not open the gates unless permission had been given by the Council to do so and if they have a large function taking place at the same time the Football Club are playing, they should notify the club in advance.

It was reported that the local police had requested permission to be trained on and use the CCTV system in the Parish Office. They would only need to use the system to playback recorded video stored for identification purposes.

**IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** that only Jason Corrigan and Nicola Doubleday be given permission to use the system and that a log book system should be implemented with the date, time rank plus signature.

### **94. KEITH BIGDEN MEMORIAL SITE WORKING PARTY**

It was reported that a letter had been received from BDC in response to our letter requesting the possibility of extending the temporary planning permission for the portable containers at the KBMG. The letter indicated that in principle the council are likely to find this acceptable although any further extension after 2011 is unlikely to be supported. A fresh application should now be submitted by the Council. **IG**

### **95. COUNTRY PARK FOCUS GROUP**

It was reported that the Parish Council had been in discussion with Cllr Louis regarding continued negotiations with ECC and also issues that had arisen in January 2009. ECC have now appointed new staff to deal with this matter and the Parish Council would not wish the continuity to be lost with ECC at this stage. Cllr Louis advised that the D+ Regulation Committee were meeting on the last Friday of the month, and that he would attend and advise the Council of the outcome.

It was also reported that at a Witham Town Council Meeting in October, there were discussed new sites in the area being proposed for mineral extraction and this could have an affect on the Parish of Hatfield Peverel.

#### **96. PUBLIC FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY**

It was reported that the work to footpath 18 has yet to commence but would start shortly. It was also reported that although all the residents of New Road who back on to the ditch along this footpath had been written to requesting them to remove any rubbish from the ditch that they had put there, some still remained. A copy of that letter to be forwarded to DJ **LM**

#### **97. STRATEGY WORKING PARTY**

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 had been circulated to members and the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that a meeting had taken place regarding the provision and location of a replacement shelter outside the Old Bank. The bus shelter would have to be placed where the existing shelter was currently positioned but the new shelter would occupy less of the footpath than the existing one. A new bus shelter would have a total cost of approximately £8,000 and although an application to ECC will be made, no resolution will be reached until ECC have confirmed in writing how much they will contribute towards the new shelter. **DJ**

It was reported that a letter had been sent to ECC Highways with details of which roads require yellow lining to restrict parking between 2-3pm Monday to Friday. In addition ECC have been asked about the possibility of incorporating resident only parking positions in those areas where parking off road is not available to local residents.

It was reported that a public meeting would be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November to discuss the Village Plan.

#### **98. TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY**

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2009 had been circulated to members and the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that a meeting had taken place this time with the Headmistress of the Infant School (Cindy Lewis). Mrs Lewis also gave her full agreement for the implementation of yellow lines on both sides of the road stretching from Willow Crescent to the yellow fire hydrant inclusive.

It was agreed to move the SID to Maldon Road Southbound at the locator prior to the shops. **LM**

It was reported that a bad accident took place inside Maldon Road on 5<sup>th</sup> October which had been caused by the driver taking the roundabout too fast. It was agreed to write to ECC requesting that ant-skid surfaces be placed on all approaches to the roundabout. **LM**

It was reported that the new route to the Arla dairy is still progressing and that Arla are currently looking at the costs and trying to secure a more realistic price for the land.

#### **98. PARISHES TRANSPORTATION GROUP**

It was reported that should the new Power Station be built at Bradwell, although some materials would be bought by sea, it would still increase traffic on the B1019 and therefore better access to the site would be important. It was agreed the Council would help the group prepare a strategy to go forward with.

#### **99. AUDIT REVIEW WORKING PARTY**

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 had been circulated to members, but the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that additional Parish Council information is now available on the website.

It was reported that the Parish Office had finally been cleaned and would be cleaned bi-monthly at a cost of £36 per month.

It was reported that HPCA would be putting up the cost of booking the Hall and Meeting Rooms by 10% on 1 January 2010.

#### **100. HIGHWAY CONDITIONS**

It was reported that Crabbs Hill was in need of repair. It was agreed to write to ECC to inform them that the carriageway has dropped and needs repairing. **LM**

It was reported that the road naming confusion of Hatfield Road/Wickham Bishops Road was still under discussion as the resident whose post code would be affected by a name change had still to be contacted for his opinion.

#### **101. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH**

The following criminal activity was reported:

- 3 x Assaults reported – all at 1 incident in a house.
- 2 x Arson, 1 fire to vegetation at a property in Woodham Drive, 1 Dog Litter Bin at the Strutt Memorial.
- 3 x Burglaries – copper piping taken, 2 televisions taken from a building site and someone tried to gain entry to the new Co-op.
- 4 x Criminal Damage – 2 to vehicles belonging to same family, damage to a fence and a gate.
- 1 x drug possession (non-resident).

It was reported that there had been 13 nuisance youth calls made which all except one had police attendance.

#### **102. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

It was reported that BDC was currently in discussion on whether to withdraw the Parish Support Grant for 2010/11. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Council would respond to this proposal to the effect that withdrawing the PSG would reduce Hatfield Peverel's precept by approximately 22%.

#### **103. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

It was resolved that the invoices listed in the Appendix affixed to these Minutes be approved for payment.

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The meeting closed at 10:25pm

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**The next meeting will be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009.**

## **APPENDIX 1**

For the record, with regard to the Parish Council resolution under item 67 paragraph three passed on 7th September 2009, the response of District Councillor Ron Elliston dated 10th September 2009 and the attached schedule is appended to these minutes