

09/00944/FUL

Mr & Mrs Thomas – Erection of extension and alterations to 14 Priory Farm Road, Hatfield Peverel. No objections were to be made.

09/00936/FUL

Mr G Johnson – Erection of side extension over garage and velux rooflight to front elevation. No objections were to be made.

09/00987/FUL

Mr & Mrs R Davidson – Erection of two storey rear extension and rear conservatory at 24 De Vere Close, Hatfield Peverel. No objections were to be made.

52. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported the following interments:-

Phyllis May Grant on 21st July 2009 non-resident (Grave No 616). The fee of £1,113.00 has been received.

Louisa Chisnall on 5th August 2009 (reopening of Grave No 567). The Fee of £104.50 has been received.

Mildred Kate Porter on 6th August 2009 (Grave No. 476A). The fee of £122.00 has yet to be received.

It was also reported that a Keith Longhurst who was interred on 26th June 2009 in Grave No. 269 where his father John Longhurst is already buried, had in fact reserved Grave No 291 back in 1979 but due to an error in the records, had never been sent a Deed of Grant. It was resolved to send a letter of apology to the next of kin along with a cheque for the sum of £30 that Keith Longhurst had paid to reserve the plot. **LM**

53. ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on Monday 13th July 2009 had been circulated to members, but the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that the laying of the safety surfacing in the play areas was complete and there had been an extra cost of £290.

Quotations had been received for the work constructing the MUGA pitch: currently for fencing, £32,332, groundworks £21,000, CCTV £5,283. All quotations were subject to negotiation. It was reported that after discussion, the Salvation Army authorities expressed support for the project. They also granted permission for the police to access their car park to facilitate policing the MUGA pitch once it had been built. It was agreed to inform the local police of this and to write to the Salvation Army to thank them for their support. **LM**

An enquiry had also been received from Sport England which on receiving a satisfactory reply from the Parish Council had provided an affirmative report.

The new handyman had started and the swings at Nounsley are back in position.

A draft copy of the Dog Control Order was presented at the meeting for approval and once finalised the draft order would be displayed via the Noticeboards, Website, and an advertisement would be placed in a suitable local paper. No less than 28 days after the appearance of the advertisement, the Parish Council would then discuss objections and finalise the order. **GM**

It was reported that the Parish Council was awaiting to hear from BDC to see who owned the bench at Hadfelda Square so that arrangements could be made to remove the weeds and have it concreted or paved. **LM**

The play equipment that was removed from Hadfelda Square was currently being stored in the lock-up and as the Tree Warden had expressed an interest in using it, it was agreed to contact her to arrange collection. **GM**

It was agreed to remove the large photocopier from the Parish office as it was unreliable and taking up valuable space.

54. STRATEGY WORKING PARTY

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on 20th July 2009 had been circulated to members, but the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that we are still awaiting information from Greenfields regarding the release of monies for 2009/10 bids. It was agreed to follow this up. **GB**

It was reported that correspondence from the RCCE and BDS Planning Manager implied that the Village Design Statement was not a statutory document and implied that very little notice would be taken of a VDS document during planning issues. It was agreed that more information should be sought from BDC on the Village Design Statement. It was also agreed to write to Tessa Lambert to find out what the current situation was and what would the Council have to do for BDC to take notice of a VDS. **GB**

In light of the above, it was felt that the Parish Council should redirect their energies into updating the Village Plan instead. The Council had revisited the local Infant School and felt that their presentation material should form the basis of a public presentation, to be held in October, to gain information on actions which are continuing via the Village Plan. The Review would be used to inform the parish of the event and it was agreed to produce a suggested programme and also contact BDC to ascertain the number of signed off VDS's in the BDC area. **GB**

55. TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY

It was reported that John Hannah was unable to continue as Chairman of the Traffic Working Party due to work commitments but would continue as a member of this working party and the Parish Council would like to thank John for all his work during his time as Chairman. Alan Steele is to takeover as the new Chairman.

56. PARISHES TRANSPORTATION GROUP

A meeting was scheduled to take place on Thursday 6th July at 9.30am with Adam Pipe of the Essex Police regarding their proposal to disband the Community Speedwatch team in Hatfield Peverel.

57. AUDIT REVIEW WORKING PARTY

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2009 had been circulated to members, but the following points were highlighted:-

It was resolved that the Parish Clerk be given limited access to online banking in order to make Bank Transfers each month between internal Parish Council bank accounts.

It was resolved that the Parish Clerk would make BACS payments to Parish Council employees using the Payflow system for £73 per annum with a £3,500 limit per session.

It was agreed that bank reconciliations would be carried out at the end of each quarter in order to satisfy Council members that all accounts balanced correctly. Additionally any errors/omissions would be picked up during this exercise and rectified.

58. HIGHWAY CONDITIONS

It was agreed to move the SID to The Street opposite William Boosey on Northbound Carriageway. **LM**

It was reported that the kerb along Church Road near the school is not deep enough and could be dangerous for children walking to school. It was agreed to write to ECC to see if they could increase the height of the kerb. **LM**

59. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL

District Councillor Bebb reported on the progress of talks with Arla on the new proposed route via the A12 sliproad. Arla had hired a new land agent who was currently in the process of producing a cost for the proposed route and would revert back when complete.

Councillor Bebb also reported on the offensive smell that the Arla dairy emits and that the public are encouraged to call the Arla Hotline number which is open 24 hours a day if they are affected by the smell on 01245 382380. Arla will log the call and send someone out to inspect it. You could also contact the Environmental Agency on 0800 807060. It was agreed that Councillor Bebb would write an article for the Review so the village are made aware of the numbers to call. **DB**

It was reported that all households with wheeled bins would receive a kitchen caddy and instruction leaflet during September this year from Braintree District Council. This caddy would be supplied so that residents can conveniently collect food waste before transferring it to the green bin.

60. STREETLIGHTING

It was reported that a pilot scheme had been taking place in the Maldon and Uttlesford districts for over 18 months whereby some street lights had been turned off at midnight for the remainder of the night. The Cabinet Member responsible for overseeing the pilot had now invited the Safer and Stronger Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee to consider the issues arising from the pilot and put forward to him suggestions on what might happen in Essex in the future. The Committee would be undertaking the scrutiny on Friday 18 September 2009. Its meeting would be held at County Hall starting at 10.00am.

61. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It was reported that there had been a burglary from a house in Maldon Road, two thefts from motor vehicles, criminal damage to a house at Crabbs Hill, a car parked at St Andrews Road car park which had all four tyres slashed, and the play area at Nounsley. All suspects unknown.

62. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

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

The meeting closed at 10:42pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 7th September 2009.