

HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY, 2009
IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

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

Apologies:

Mr J Hannah, Mr R Hill, Mr A Steele, Mr D Bebb

37. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th June 2009 were taken as read and were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

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

38. PLANNING

(a) Planning applications made since the previous meeting:

09/00774/FUL

Mr Jonathan Barker – Erection of rear conservatory at 31 Church Road, Hatfield Peverel. No objections were to be made.

09/00663/PLD

Mr Richard Hiom – Proposed single storey rear extension at 17 Yew Tree Close, Hatfield Peverel. No objections were to be made.

09/00782/FUL

Hatfield Peverel Parish Council – Recreational ground to be used as a multi use games area. No objections were to be made.

(b) Matters arising from previous applications:

08/00254/FUL

It was reported that the appeal to demolish the Wayside Café in The Street and erect a 2/3 storey 42 bed care home had been dismissed.

(c) It was reported that Sovereign County Homes had written to the Council requesting permission to rename the postal address of The Old Bakery at Olivers Corner in The Street. The Council took a vote on the two proposed names, and it was agreed that the preferred name would be Olivers Corner. A letter would be sent to Sovereign County Homes informing them of this. **LM**

39. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported the following interments:-

Raymond Winston Partridge [non-resident] on 24th June 2009 (Grave No 597). The fee of £1,113.00 has been received.

Caroline Mary Bowen-Davies on 26th June 2009 (Grave No 540). The fee of £104.50 has been received.

Keith John Longhurst (non-resident) on 30th June 2009 (reopening of Grave No. 269). The fee of £627.00 has been received.

It was also reported that a request had been received from the daughters of the late Mrs Dorothy Mae Doe for permission to erect a seat in memory of their mother in the Burial Ground. The Council discussed this matter and agreed that there were enough seats in the Burial Ground at present and would therefore not agree to this request but would suggest that they may wish to consider erecting a seat elsewhere in the village. A letter would be sent to the family informing them of this. **LM**

40. ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on Monday 29th June 2009 had been circulated to members, but the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that the safety surfacing was being laid the week commencing 6th July 2009.

Application for planning permission for the MUGA Pitch has been made. Two quotations are being sought for ground works in addition to three quotations received with fencing. A price for additional CCTV has also been requested.

A quotation for removal of the Burma Bridge had been received for £489 which the council voted on and it was resolved that it should be removed.

Mrs Assar had sent details of a potential grant for more trees, but she has since reported that she will not go ahead with this but had requested an additional £100 for mulch of existing planting which was resolved by the Council.

It was reported that there had been three enquiries about the handyman position and interviews are taking place on 7th July.

It was reported that the picnic table on the Strutt Memorial Site need revarnishing and the seats are loose. Since the meeting, someone has tried to burn the top of the table. This was referred back to the EWP for organisation.

It was reported that letters should be sent to the residents at 2 Swan View and 9 Church Road (Greenfields Community Housing) as vegetation from their properties is overgrown and impeding the footways. **LM**

A request had been received from Hatfield Peverel Football Club to obtain permission to pass round collection boxes to raise money for the Essex Air Ambulance at all home matches and training sessions as their U10 Kites will be sponsored next season by the Essex Air Ambulance. The Council agreed to grant the Football Club permission.

The HPFC have also requested permission to erect Advertising Boards on the club house and the fences adjacent to the pitches at the KBMG promoting local businesses

if they agree to sponsor the club. The Council agreed to grant the Football Club permission with the condition that the maximum size of any one panel is 1 metre high by 2 metres in length and is fixed no higher than the top of the fence. A letter would be sent to the Bowling Club informing them of the request. **LM**

It was reported that a request from Hatfield Peverel Community Association had been received to put up banners on the railings on Maldon Road to try to attract new members. It was agreed that the Council should take advice on this before agreeing as it may not just be the Council's decision. **LM**

It was resolved to renew membership to the RCCE. **LM**

A letter had been received from GirlGuiding asking for sponsorship as they were holding a party in September to celebrate 100 years of girl guiding. It was resolved that the Council would donate £100 towards this celebration. **LM**

41. KEITH BIGDEN MEMORIAL GROUND

It was resolved that Peter Endersby and Ian Goldsmith will be the Parish Council's representatives on the Hatfield Peverel Football Club Committee.

It was reported that on inspection of the Strutt Memorial Ground the day after the Thompson Day had taken place, it was found to be extremely clean. It was also reported that the event had been very well organised and it was apparent that a lot of hard work had gone into all the organising.

42. COUNTRY PARK FOCUS GROUP

It was reported that an Enforcement Notice had been served in respect of land at Dannatts Quarry and will take effect on 4 August 2009.

43. TRAFFIC WORKING PARTY

It was reported that the mini roundabout at the junction with The Street and Maldon Road had finally been completed. It was agreed to speak to Highways at ECC about erecting a sign informing drivers of the new roundabout as you come up the slip road off the A12 from Witham to encourage drivers to slow down. **LM**

A letter had been received from ECC informing the Council that the SID socket that had been incorrectly placed would be moved from the verge to the back of the footway outside the Scout Headquarters in Church Road.

A letter had been received from Essex Police informing the Council that they were no longer going to support the Hatfield Peverel Community Speed Watch as it appears to have done little to change driver behaviour over the past two years and therefore they are going to withdraw the equipment that the Council currently utilises.

There will be a temporary road closure for water main works in Church Road from Monday 20th July to Friday 28th August from 08.30hrs to 17.30hrs.

44. PARISHES TRANSPORTATION GROUP

It was reported that Essex County Council had sent a letter to the Council along with their booklet on "A Guide to Passenger Transport" produced by the Accessibility Planning Team. Dawn Hopkinson agreed to become the Council's Transport Representative.

45. HIGHWAY CONDITIONS

It was reported that a resident in Bury Lane had complained about the condition of the road and pavements in Bury Lane and it was agreed to write to ECC to inform them of this.

It was also reported that parking on the bend near the school in Church Road had become a big problem during the school run as drivers coming from the De Vere Close end of Church Road towards the school had to encounter the bend on the wrong side of the road with no visibility of what was coming around the bend. It was agreed to write to ECC and ask them to consider putting double yellow lines on this bend. **LM**

46. STREETLIGHTING

It was reported that a second letter from the resident in Nounsley had been received requesting for additional street lighting to be installed in Ulting Road and after further discussion it was agreed that the Council would again write to say that they would not be pursuing this request further. **LM**

47. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

It was reported that during the month of June, there had been 3 thefts from motor vehicles and 2 vehicles broken into but nothing taken, 1 theft of items left unattended in a garden, criminal damage to a fence in Beech Rise and 1 burglary from a house in Lawrence Court, The Street. Suspects all unknown.

It was also reported that after four years as Neighbourhood Watch Administrator and Essex Watch Administrator for Braintree District, Clive Stewart has been appointed Essex Watch Administrator, Central Division from 4th August.

A letter had been received from the Reverend Northfield on behalf of Saint Andrew's Church to say that they would support any initiative that arose to restore a local police presence in Hatfield Peverel. It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable and Police Association to say that due to the increase in crime & vandalism within Hatfield Peverel we would like a village policeman. **IG/RE**

A letter would be sent to the Reverend Northfield informing him of our intentions. **LM**

48. 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 10:15pm
