

HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST MARCH 2010

IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

	Mr I Goldsmith [in the Chair]	
Mr E Murphy		Mr D Jex
Miss B Smith		Mr P Endersby
Mr G Bushby		Mr J Hannah
Mr R Hill		

Apologies:

Mr D Adams	Miss D Hopkinson
Mr C Giffin	Mr A Steele

141. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st February 2010 were taken as read and were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

142. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were declared.

143. PUBLIC SESSION

PC Jason Corrigan reported that the following crimes had taken place during February:

- 2 dwelling burglaries, both St Andrews Road on 17th & 18th March
- 1 burglary in Terling Road, padlocks taken from 3 containers
- 1 criminal damage, fence panels damaged in New Road
- 2 theft from cars, 1 sat nav taken & 1 stereo taken
- 1 road sign theft
- 1 nuisance youth reports

Steve McNally gave a presentation on the remodelling of Norah Guilder House and the process that has been undertaken to ensure that the elderly residents are aware of, understand and are happy with what will be taking place. In the remodelling, it is proposed to turn the current bedsit accommodation into 2 bedroom flats and install a lift.

John Cockell spoke about his disappointment that no money has been spent this year on improving the Nounsley play area. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Environment Working Party would like at this at the start of the next financial year to see what grants might be available.

A resident spoke about the illegal parking in Baker Avenue and wanted to know what could be done to stop it as no-one seems prepared to take responsibility for dealing with it. It was agreed the parish council would look further into this to see who should claim responsibility. **LM**

Another resident spoke about the lack of parking in St Andrew's Road and the fact that they were never able to park outside their own home as non-residents and commuters park there all day. It was agreed to write again to Greenfields to see if they will donate some nearby green land to allow for more parking. **LM**

144. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCILLORS INPUT

Councillor David Bebb spoke about the following subjects:

There had been a minor re-organisation at the Arla Dairy which had resulted in three jobs moving to other sites and therefore there had been a slight reduction in lorries to and from the dairy.

The new lorry route to the dairy is still under negotiation and a purchase price for Sorrells Field has yet to be agreed. Councillor Hume has agreed in principal that he would be behind solving this issue.

The odour problem had improved since the new equipment had been installed although the smell had been reported again on the day of the meeting. Residents are requested to continue reporting the odour problem to Arla as this is still very high on their priority list and will remain under investigation until the problem is solved.

It was reported that BDC have introduced new parking regulations for Hadfelda Square which were not ideal as it enabled someone to purchase a parking permit for a fee enabling them to park there all day instead of the 4 hours free parking currently offered. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Council would write to BDC explaining that Hatfield Peverel had a large of elderly residents who relied on the free parking at Hadfelda Square to allow them to visit the Doctors surgery or to get on a bus to Witham or Colchester. **IG**

BDC were also proposing in addition to the above that we take over ownership and responsibility for the parking at Hadfelda Square. If we choose not to take over this care park, the option may be that they will install parking meters and hence no more free parking offered. It was agreed to find out more information from BDC and that this should be discussed further by the Parish Council before any response or decision is made. **IG**

It was reported that the A12 Project was due to be completed by the end of March but due to the bad weather and the delay in receiving the new crash barriers, it will now not be complete until the end of April.

Finally, Councillor Bebb confirmed that the Council Tax for 2010/11 for Hatfield Peverel residents had been confirmed and would be distributed to households shortly.

144. PLANNING

(a) Planning applications made since the previous meeting:

10/0163/PLD

Proposed certificate of lawfulness for a proposed development – Erection of extension and conservatory at 12 Rookery Close, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00182/FUL

Addition of front entrance lobby and alteration to adjacent roof to accommodate same at 19 Ranulph Way, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00196/FUL

Erection of 6m high CCTV mast and camera at the Strutt Memorial Ground. The Parish Council fully support this application.

10/00202/FUL

Erection of two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and new room formed in roof at Wyecot, The Street Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00222/FUL

Erection of five bedroom, three storey dwelling with two car garage and outbuilding at Elmcote, London Road. The Parish Council are to seek clarification of what the outbuilding is to be used for before we make any comment.

145. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported the following:-

The interment of cremated remains of the late Beryl Alice Deletant on Saturday 6th February 2010. The fee of £65.00 had been received.

The fee of £624.00 for the interment of the late Eileen Doris White had been received.

The fee of £201.50 for the interment of Joan Grace Panter had been received.

A request for an additional inscription for the late Leslie George Turner had been approved and the fee of £40.00 had been received.

It was reported that a response letter had been sent to a Mr Bergman regarding the burial of the late Keith Longhurst explaining in full the interment details of the Longhurst family.

It was reported that discussion had taken place with John Upson regarding the extension of the burial ground and **IT WAS AGREED THAT** the clerk would write to Mr Upson asking for further details and to request that he remove the heap of soil from the burial ground.

It was agreed that further discussion was necessary on the proposal to scatter ashes under the trees in the burial ground and also to revise the current burial fees and these were referred to the Internal Audit Working Party for further discussion.

146. CLERKS REPORT

Essex County Council have advised that there will be a temporary closure of Spring Lane on Monday 12th to Wednesday 14th April 2010, 09:30hrs to 15:30 hours to enable aerial cable works.

Braintree District Council have confirmed that the tarmac PlayMaster Surface laid with a crossfall of 1:80 is acceptable and satisfies the terms of Condition No. 5 of planning approval 09/00782/FUL.

The Mobile Library Service to Hatfield Peverel will be amended from the 30th June 2010 and will no longer stop at Mowden Hall Cottages stop, Hatfield Peverel.

It was agreed that the August 2010 meeting be moved from Monday 2nd to Monday 9th August 2010.

It was reported that BDC had now confirmed in writing their offer of £3,000 p.a. towards Street Cleaning. It was agreed that the Parish Council would enquire if they would increase their offer or if they were to take over the service, what sort of service they would provide.

RH

147. COUNCILLOR DETAILS ON THE WEBSITE

After discussion, **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** only Councillors photographs and names would appear on the website and the point of contact would be via the Clerk.

148. ENVIRONMENT

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT Michael McGrath would assist Gerald Dodson as Tree Warden for Hatfield Peverel. He is a 2nd year mature student at Writtle College and has various arboreal qualifications.

149. KEITH BIGDEN MEMORIAL SITE

It was reported that a meeting had taken place with the Parish Council solicitor to discuss the football club's lease. It was likely that fees could be in the region of £1,000. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** in order to progress with the football club's planning application, the Parish Council would need to take advice from a solicitor and therefore incur fees. A further meeting had been arranged to go through the details of the lease.

150. TRAFFIC

It was reported that parking outside the new Co-op Store in The Street had become a problem as customers were parking anywhere they see fit once the four allocated bays are full. It was agreed to gather evidence regarding this problem and then formulate a letter to BDC explaining the difficulties as they had given planning permission after the Parish Council had raised their concerns over the lack of parking. **AS**

151. INTERNAL AUDIT

It was agreed to refer the Complaints Procedure back to the IAWP for further discussion before adopting the final version at a full council meeting.

152. TRAINING POLICY

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would adopt the Training Policy affixed to these Minutes.

153. POLYCARBONATE SHEET

The polycarbonate window on the memorial at the front of the library which shows a plan of the parish footpaths needs replacing and will cost £102.31. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the polycarbonate window should be replaced and the invoice sent to the Parish Council for payment.

154. 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 10:30pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 12th April 2010