

HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH APRIL 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		Mr A Steele
Mr D Adams		Mr C Giffin

Apologies:

Miss D Hopkinson
District Councillor David Bebb
District Councillor Ron Elliston

155. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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

156. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Collin Giffin declared an interest in the Keith Bigden Memorial Ground.

157. PUBLIC SESSION

A resident of Laburnham Way wished to address the District Councillors but in their absence the Chairman said he would pass their complaint on to them. Mr Hackett informed the Council that he had a rat problem and after reporting it to BDC was told that it would cost him £40 for a pest controller to visit which he thought was unfair as rats are an environmental problem as many of his neighbours have the same problem. He said that this charge will deter residents from getting rid of the rats and the problem will escalate. The Chairman said that he would email the District Councillors and ask them to contact Mr Hackett directly. **IG**

Mr Cockell spoke about the A12 improvements and that he had been informed that the new footway/cyclepath from Witham to Hatfield Peverel would no longer be protected by barriers and therefore anyone walking or cycling to and from Witham (particularly children to school) would have to do so alongside three lanes of traffic travelling at 70mph without any protection. The Chairman said that a letter was being proposed to be sent to local MPs on the A12 improvements and the content would be discussed later in the meeting and this item would be added. **IG**

A resident from Laburnham Way raised the question of why the new parking restrictions being placed in the village did not include Laburnham Way or Willow Crescent. The Chairman explained that 10 years ago notices were up to say that parking restrictions were to be placed in these roads, but so many objections were made that it was withdrawn. However, the residents of the roads where the current restrictions are being placed have persisted in their request for parking restrictions and therefore the Council had pushed their request forward.

PC Jason Corrigan reported that the police had carried out an operation whereby they had a huge police presence in the area on one day stopping lots of vehicles and carrying out checks to catch the burglars that have been responsible for the spate of thefts but he reported that no arrests had been made. However there had been a reduction in dwelling burglaries over the last month so it may well have deterred those responsible.

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

- 1 attempted burglary in Nounsley
- 1 theft from shed, bike and cutters taken
- 2 x criminal damage to cars in The Street and New Road
- 2 x thefts of number plates in HP & Nounsley
- 1 x theft of Caravan from behind The Wheatsheaf & mobile phone from the pub

He also reported that the police will be carrying out more speeding operations within the village.

158. PARISH REVIEW

Jackie Earney, the Editor of The Parish Review spoke on the option of printing the newsletter in colour. It would cost about 10% more (approximately £600 per annum) and would be much heavier for those delivering them. It was referred to the Strategic Working Party for further discussion.

GB

159. PLANNING

(a) Planning applications made since the previous meeting:

10/00280/FUL

Conversion of existing 4 bedroom dwelling into ground floor dental surgery and first floor two bedroom flat at The Ruslings, The Street, Hatfield Peverel. The Parish Council do not support this application due to the lack of a formal contract with Greene King Brewery re: patent parking in the Duke of Wellington.

10/00425/FUL

Proposed new roof over rebuilt existing ground floor side extension to form first floor side extension at 77 Church Road, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00452/FUL

Erection of rear conservatory at 5 Ranulph Way, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00359/FUL

Demolition of utility room and extension to provide ground floor utility room, cloaks, family room, dining room and kitchen/conservatory and first floor master bedroom with en-suite at Crabbs Hill Farm, Crabbs Hill, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00296/FUL

Erection of single storey side extension and erection of porch to the front of the dwelling at 18-22 Sportsmans Lane, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00437/FUL

Erection of double garage at Wesco Villa, Peverel Avenue, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00290/FUL

Erection of granny annexe – amendment to boundary fence to provide additional rear garden space at 63a Church Road, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00242/FUL

Continued use of mobile home as a residential dwelling for a temporary period of three years expiring 31 October 2011 at Lakeland Fisheries, Wickham Bishops Road, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00257/FUL

Erection of single storey rear extension at 6 Yew Tree Close, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

160. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported the following:-

The interment of the late Albert Worraker on Thursday 4th March 2010. The fee of £185.50 has been received.

The interment of cremated remains of the late Carol Helen Banbury on Tuesday 16th March 2010. The fee of £732.00 has been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT there would be a reimbursement of non-resident fees (£610.00) to Mr Martin Banbury as the Parish Council looked at the request and family background and agreed it qualified for resident rates.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT there would be a reimbursement of non-resident fees (£325.00) to Mrs Veronica Morris as the Parish Council looked at the request and family background and agreed it qualified for resident rates.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT there would be no reimbursement of non-resident fees to Mr John White for the interments of Doris Roberts and Eileen White as at the time of the reservation of plots, the purchasers were and had been non-residents for a number of years and had purchased the plots at non-resident rates.

161. CLERKS REPORT

The letter of resignation received from Councillor Dawn Hopkinson by the Chairman was read out and the parish council duly accepted her resignation.

A letter had been received from BDC regarding the Hadfelda Square parking increases and the cost of an annual permit for long-stay parking. As this annual cost is considerably cheaper than the railway car park, BDC will limit the number of permit holders to 8 which is the current number that already have annual permits to stop commuters from applying for permits.

162. ENVIRONMENT

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT if the soil from the digging of the MUGA Pitch could be arranged to be moved to Wickham Bishops Road to replace the verges with the timeframe for work commencing on the MUGA, then it would be used for this purpose. If this was not possible, then it would be moved to the Nounsley play area where it would provide contoured mounds to be grassed over.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would provide screening to the bungalow 'Cantabrigia' by way of leylandii or some similar shrub. It was recommended that around 20 would be needed at a cost of approximately £20 each. It was to be agreed with the resident of Cantabrigia that these trees should not be allowed to grow more than 6-8 feet in height.

It was reported that Braintree District Council's Community Payback Scheme would be utilised by the Parish Council. Various tasks for offenders were suggested and would be passed on to BDC.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would ask the tree warden to plant some tree whips on the grass verge alongside the Nounsley play area as well as install signs to stop vehicles parking on the verge. A letter would be sent to ECC asking their permission to erect signs.

163. KEITH BIGDEN MEMORIAL SITE

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT as the Parish Council receive a 50% discount on planning applications, and as the fee for the Football Club application would cost £2010. The Parish Council would now become the applicant for the planning permission and the Football Club would reimburse the Parish Council the £1,005.

it was reported that a meeting has now been arranged with Strutt & Parker regarding the Permissive Footpath to the KBMG on Tuesday 27th April at 9.30am.

164. THOMSON DAY

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Football Club could use the Strutt Memorial on Saturday 3rd July for their annual Thompson Day. The Football Club have confirmed in writing the Parish Council's Conditions of Use for the recreation ground.

165. STRATEGY

It was reported that Notices have now been erected notifying the public of the restricted parking to be placed in certain roads in the village and any objections should be received by 16th April 2010.

166. TRAFFIC

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would obtain two further quotations for a new Speed Indicator Device and try to negotiate a cheaper quotation from the original supplier.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the current and new SID should be moved every month and that a list of future positions and dates of movement be passed to Dave Wallace as soon as possible.

167. STREET CLEANING AGREEMENT

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would sign the Street Scene Partnership Agreement to receive the sum of £3,000 towards street cleaning for the year 2010/11, but with the understanding that we could opt out of the agreement during the year if we so wish.

168. BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2009

It was reported that a meeting had been requested with Paul Partridge of BDC to discuss the options suggested by BDC for Hatfelda Square Car Park to become the responsibility of the Parish Council or if it were to remain under BDC to make it a pay and display car park.

169. HIGHWAYS

At the Annual Parish Meeting, the representative of the Highways Agency freely admitted that when completed, the slip road from Hatfield Peverel onto the A12 in the Colchester direction would be sub-standard and not in accordance with the Highways Agency's own preferred standards. There is also no provision for a protective barrier alongside the cyclepath and footway to separate the users from three lanes of traffic travelling at 70mph. It was agreed to write to the prospective candidates for parliament for Witham South to see if they can assist.

170. INTERNAL AUDIT

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would accept the rent rise by Greenfields for the Lock-Up Garage from £8.33 to £8.81 per week.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would establish a plot in the Burial Ground under the trees for the scattering of ashes ("garden of remembrance") and a suitable fence for plaques would be provided.

171. 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 10:50pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 10th May 2010