

The article that appeared in the Braintree & Witham Times on Election Day regarding the Strategic Land Article was complete speculation.

Finally he confirmed that there will be a Council Tax freeze for 2010/11.

33. PLANNING

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

10/00642/FUL

Proposed internal and external remodelling and improvements, including new lift extension, conservatory extension, addition of first floor balconies and ground floor private amenity spaces, replacement windows and doors and landscaping and access improvements throughout at Norah Guilder House, Strutt Close, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00690/FUL

Conversion of garage into room and erection of single storey rear extension at 15 Yew Tree Close, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

10/00766OUT

Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 2 no. two storey dwellings at Cantabrigia, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

(b) *Planning applications – other matters for discussion*

10/00222/FUL

Erection of five bedroom three storey dwelling with two car garage and outbuilding at Elmcote. An appeal has been lodged with the First Secretary of State via the Planning Inspectorate and the Parish Council will restate their objections to this application.

(c) *Tree Preservation Orders*

10/00109/TPO

Notice of intent to carry out works to trees covered by TPO 2/74 at 3 De Vere Close. Passed to Tree Warden for comment.

34. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported the following:-

A memorial application for the late Barbara Asker (Plot 718). The application was approved and the sum of £130 has been received.

The Deed of Grant for the reservation by Mr & Mrs D Goodey of Plot 620 was signed at the meeting and the fee of £81 has been received.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the definitions of a resident for burial fees would be clarified as follows:

A resident is a person who was resident in the Parish at the time of their death.

Non-resident is a person not living in the Parish at the time of death. The charges incurred will be six times the resident fee with the following exceptions charged at the resident fee:

- i) Former residents who purchased a grant of exclusive right of burial whilst resident in the Parish.
- ii) Former residents who (within the last 5 years) by reason of age and infirmity are forced to move out of the Parish for purposes of care.
- iii) In the case of a still born child or child whose age at the time of death did not exceed the age of 12, where the parents (or one of them) at the time of death were residents.

35. ENVIRONMENT

It was reported that erection of the MUGA Pitch is progressing well and the position of the MUGA pitch had been finalised in consultation with the Salvation Army HQ (4 metres from back fence to accommodate the footpath and approximately 3 metres from the pavilion). Volunteers are still being confirmed for the locking and unlocking of the MUGA pitch.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would erect a gated fence to the Garden of Remembrance with a post and rail fence for plaques within the Burial Ground.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Parish Council would after obtaining three separate quotes for fire resistant litter bins, purchase three of the Glasdon Metal Guppy bin at the cost of £237.28+VAT each. The Clerk would try to establish free delivery.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT provided the CCTV specification provided by District Councillor David Bebb meets all the Parish Council conditions, the installation of additional CCTV at Hadfelda Square and the MUGA Pitch would go ahead.

36. KEITH BIGDEN MEMORIAL GROUND

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT the Lease between the Parish Council and the Hatfield Peveler Football Club be signed and sealed by the Council.

37. INTERNAL AUDIT

It was reported that Gene Murphy would take over as Chairman of this Working Party as there could be a conflict of interest with Graham being Chairman of both the council and the internal audit working party.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT permission would be granted to remove a tree maple from the entrance to the car park at the Strutt Memorial as it has been alleged that the tree roots from this tree had contributed to subsidence to the extension at 1 Maldon Road as long as the owners of 1 Maldon Road bear the cost to have it removed.

It was reported that all emails sent out by the clerk requiring a response by councillors should be made within 14 days.

38. APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2010

Copies of the Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account had been circulated to all members and it was resolved that these be approved by the Council. A copy were duly signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

39. 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 10:10pm

The next meeting will be held on Monday 5th July 2010