

HATFIELD PEVEREL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH JANUARY, 2010

IN THE MEETING ROOM AT THE VILLAGE HALL

Present:

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

Apologies:

Mr Alan Steele	Miss Dawn Hopkinson
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District Councillors: Mr David Bebb

117. MINUTES OF THE MEETING

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th December 2009 were taken as read and were signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Colin Giffin declared a personal interest in discussions on the Keith Bigden Memorial Group.

Graham Bushby and Bob Hill declared a prejudicial interest in discussions on the proposed Zebra Crossing in Maldon Road.

119. PUBLIC SESSION

David Bebb gave an update on the Arla Dairy odour problem. He reported that he had been on a site visit and said that it was evident that Arla had put in a great deal of time and money into improving the problem. It was suggested and agreed that the Parish Council would visit the site to see how it all works so as to have a better understanding of the whole process. **LM**

David Bebb also reported that the Arla access route had still been held up by the owner of Sorrells Farm on the revised purchase price of the land but that he had been in touch with the owner's representative and hoped that a decision would be imminent.

120. PLANNING

(a) Planning applications made since the previous meeting:

09/01655/PLD

Mr Geoffrey Cole – Proposed certificate of lawfulness for a proposed development – Erection of rear conservatory at 3 Rookery Close, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

09/01609/FUL

Mr Paul Mason – Change of use from Use Class A1 (beauty therapists) to A2 (estate agents) at Jonathans House, Bury Lane, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

09/01658/FUL

Mr R Stephenson – Erection of two storey side extension and front porch at 24 New Road, Hatfield Peverel. No comment to be made.

Tree Preservation Order

Mr Ron Elliston – Application to carry out work on trees at 28 Woodham Drive, Hatfield Peverel.

121. BURIAL GROUND

The Clerk reported the following requests for memorials:-

A red granite tablet for the late Ivy Harrison (plot 477A) and inscription had been approved and the fee of £48.50 had been received.

122. CLERKS REPORT

ECC had responded to our letter of 7 December to say that anti-skid surfacing had been installed on both approaches to the roundabout in The Street but that there is no need for anti-skid surfaces in Maldon Road as the traffic always had to stop at this junction and give way.

ECC had written to the council regarding the parking restrictions to be placed in Church Road. They had made a slight alteration to our plan in that the restrictions would have to be between 10 – 15 metres in Willow Crescent and De Vere Close to enforce the Highway Code.

123. ENVIRONMENT WORKING PARTY

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

Gerald Dodson had agreed to join the Working Party in his capacity as Tree Warden.

A quote to move the picnic tables from their current location had been received at a cost of £856.00. Two further quotes were awaited. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** if the other two quotes were more expensive, the council would agree to pay the sum of £856.00 to have them moved.

124. KEITH BIGDEN MEMORIAL SITE WORKING PARTY

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd December 2009 had been circulated to members, but the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that the application to extend the temporary planning permission at the KBMG would be considered before the Planning Committee on 19th January as several objections had been received.

A draft of the final lease had been drawn up on the same bases as that for the Bowling Club. Lease to last for 99 years, first three years at a low rental. The lease was currently being assessed by members of the Parish Council and would then be passed to solicitors for legal approval before being forwarded to the Football Club for agreement and signatures.

It was reported that the council were pursuing the possibility of extending the land along the west side of Wickham Bishops Road to provide a footpath to the KBMG. The clerk was to set up a meeting with the landowners. **LM**

125. STRATEGY WORKING PARTY

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on 21st December 2009 had been circulated to members and the following points were highlighted:-

It was reported that a grant had been agreed from ECC for the new bus shelter in The Street which was scheduled for delivery in mid-March with ECC providing installation at their cost and the Parish Council providing removal of the existing shelter. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the total cost to the Council of £1,775.00 was approved.

Greenfields Community Housing had advised that Norah Guilder House would be remodelled with work commencing late summer 2010 and expected to take one year. The residents will be required to move out for a period during renovation and it was agreed to write to Greenfields to invite a representative to a council meeting to explain the task in greater detail. **GB**

126. INTERNAL AUDIT WORKING PARTY

The Working Party's report of the meeting held on 15th December 2009 had been circulated to members, but the following points were highlighted or discussed:-

The appointment of a new External Auditor by the Audit Commission was approved by the council.

It was reported that should the BDC Local Committee bids for an additional SID and extension of current CCTV system be successful the council would be required to make a substantial contribution towards the CCTV and although the maintenance for the SID was included for the first year, the council would be responsible for the cost of maintenance and moving after that. **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** further detailed discussions would take place once the outcome of the bids was known.

District Councillor Bebb had confirmed when asked during the public session that although the bid for the CCTV only mentioned Hadfelda Square on the Agenda for the meeting, the bid did include an extension to the MUGA pitch as well.

The IAWP had examined the Budget for 2010/2011 and were proposing three options for discussion at the meeting.

1. To increase the precept.
2. To raid the reserves
3. Further paring of the Budget

After much discussion, further paring of the Budget was made and **IT WAS RESOLVED THAT** the Parish Precept would have to rise by 25% in order to cover the Budget for 2010/2011. It was also agreed to put a notice in the review informing residents of the increase and explaining that it was the first increase for three years.

127. HIGHWAY CONDITIONS

The proposal for a new Zebra Crossing in Maldon Road was referred to the next Traffic Working Party meeting for further discussion.

There will be a temporary road closure of Wickham Bishops Road from Wednesday 17th February to Friday 19th February 2010 between the hours of 09.30 and 15.30 to allow for Pole and Cable works.

128. 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 1st February 2010.