

Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council,
held at South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay,
on Wednesday, 1 September 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: **Councillor Wakelin (Chair)**

Councillors Aly Khan, Chapman, Cundy, John Dear and Marie Dear.

In Attendance: **Mrs. Kim Barford, Clerk to the Council**

Cllr. Kay Twitchen, Essex CC

Cllr. Anthony Hedley, Essex CC

PC Barrie Curtis, PCSO's Carole Brown & Chris Higginson, Essex Police - Burstead

2 members of the public

10/84 Chairman's Welcome

The chair welcomed those present to the meeting. Reference was made to an event recently held on South Green, which had not been approved by the Village Council, minute 10/76 refers. The chair also spoke of the need for email member communications to be cordial in line with the code of conduct.

10/85 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Kelly.

10/86 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation.

10/87 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matters which are of mutual interest

2 further members of the public joined the meeting.

Neighbourhood Action Panel meeting - PC Barrie Curtis gave an update on current issues and statistics for the previous month. Officers requested that residents note unlicensed scrap merchants had been operating in the area, an article to appear in the next issue of 'The Mole'. They also suggested toys / bikes in front gardens be secured as thefts had occurred.

Updates for next month to be:

1. Coxes Farm Road – Residents request for a further speed survey to support the hoped for introduction of a speed limit for the unrestricted stretch and extension to parking restriction zone.
2. Grange Road – Proposal for a speed survey by Essex Police.

Members of the public present spoke of their concerns about speeding on the lower stretch of Grange Road and residents of Coxes Farm Road asked if there were any further developments regarding their requests for a speed limit for the current unrestricted stretch and an extension to the parking restriction zone.

The meeting re-convened.

10/88 Minutes

Members received the minutes of the Village Council meeting of 7 July 2010. Cllr Marie Dear thanked the clerk for the comprehensive minutes. An addition was requested by Cllr Cundy that the wording of minute 10/76 be amended to include "assess feasibility" with reference to the consideration of any future community event. With the addition, it was then proposed the minutes be approved by Cllr. Marie Dear, seconded by Cllr. Cundy, to which all members present were in agreement.

10/89 Committee Minutes

Members received for information the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of 7 July 2010.

10/90 Member resignation

The 15 August 2010 immediate resignation by Cllr. Mary Saunderson was noted. The clerk to notify Basildon District Council and advertise the vacancy.

10/91 Essex Speed Management Strategy 2010

Members noted the document had been formally adopted by Essex County Council and available to access or download at:

www.essexcc.gov.uk/vip8/ecc/ECCWebsite/content/binaries/documents/Speed_Management_Strategy288.pdf?channelOid=null

Cllr. Cundy, seconded by Cllr. Marie Dear referred to the availability of the Community Speed Watch, details of which had previously at meetings been made available to residents.

10/92 South Green shopping area

Members were updated on recent correspondence / communications regarding:

- a. Shop access on privately owned forecourts – Countrywide, the property management company for Andree House had responded to letters sent by the clerk and Day Lewis pharmacy. Further advices are awaited. The clerk to pursue.
- b. Bins renovation / replacement – An audit by members of street furniture awaited. The clerk had raised an enquiry with Basildon District Council if waste collection from dual bins (recyclable and general) was possible.
- c. Bus shelters – No reported necessary repairs had as yet been completed. The clerk to pursue.

The police officers present and 2 members of the public left the meeting.

10/ 93 Clerks report

Members received a verbal update regarding:

PROW's – The footbridge across the River Crouch – The clerk had heard closure was imminent and replacement to take place. Confirmation to follow.

Review of Great Burstead Conservation Area – The Management Plan was awaited, copies had been requested for all members and the consultation period to commence 15 September 2010. Full details to be available on the Village Council website. Consideration by members for a Village Council response at the October meeting.

10/94 Finance

a. Members approved the following payments:

Essex pension Fund – Superannuation August 2010

Clerk – Salary September 2010

Clerk expenses – Mileage, print cartridge, postage (July) £25.67

Billericay Nurseries – Installation and July maintenance of the hanging baskets £437.25

b. Bank signatories – Cllr. Marie Dear proposed a review. Cllr's Wakelin and Cundy to replace Cllr's Aly Khan and Kelly.

All members present were in agreement that the following members be approved as bank signatories:

Cllr. Martin Wakelin

Cllr. Marie Dear

Cllr. Dorothy Cundy

10/95 Town and Parish Council Charter

Members considered and approved the revised document.

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2 further members of the public joined the meeting.

10/96 Consultations

a. CLG Consultation - Local Referendums to Veto Excessive Council Tax Increases – Members receive and considered the document. Cllr. Cundy proposed, seconded by Cllr. Marie Dear and all members present were in agreement to the content of the document.

b. Nuclear Power – New build proposals in England and Wales – Members considered, no comment made.

10/97 Locality Prize

Cllr. Wakelin referred to the previous query from a resident regarding Billericay in Bloom. Members considered a proposal from Cllr's Marie Dear and Martin Wakelin regarding the introduction of a Locality prize, which rather than rewarding individual households would benefit and therefore improve a locality within Great Burstead and South Green, for the good of the community with the idea being for people to work together. It was proposed and agreed by all members present that a working party be formed to further develop the idea.

Members of the public were temporarily excluded for item 10/98, in accordance with s.1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to resolve that “in view of the confidential nature of the business to be discussed it is in the opinion of the Council advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded and they be instructed to withdraw.”

10/98 Billericay Children's Advisory Board Presentation

A presentation regarding potential plans was given which received the support of all members present.

10/99 Basildon District Council Correspondence

Members noted the following correspondence.

Audit & Risk Committee Agenda 13 July 2010

Audit & Risk Committee Minutes 29 June 2010

Cabinet Agenda 19 July 2010

Community Safety & Housing Scrutiny Committee Agenda 6 July 2010

Community Safety & Housing Scrutiny Committee Minutes 2 March 2010

Community Safety & Housing Scrutiny Committee Agenda 4 August 2010

Community Safety & Housing Scrutiny Committee Minutes 6 July 2010

Development Control & Traffic Mgt. Committee Agenda 6 July 2010

Development Control & Traffic Mgt. Committee Minutes 22 June 2010

Development Control & Traffic Mgt. Committee Agenda 21 July 2010

Development Control & Traffic Mgt. Committee Minutes 6 July 2010

Development Control & Traffic Mgt. Committee Agenda 3 August 2010

Development Control & Traffic Mgt. Committee Minutes 21 July 2010

Licensing Sub Committee Agenda 26 July 2010

Licensing Sub Committee Minutes 7 July 2010

Overview & Scrutiny Commission Agenda 29 July 2010

Overview & Scrutiny Commission Minutes 17 June 2010

Town & Parish Council Liaison Meeting Minutes 29 July 2010

10/100 Other correspondence

Members noted the following correspondence.

Letter from resident regarding footpath 44 hedge over growth, litter and graffiti

Making the links – September 2010

Bus Passenger news August / September 2010

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Community speed watch update July/August 2010
BATPC Minutes 15 July 2010

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Dated