

Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council,  
held at  
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay  
on Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor J. Dear

Councillor Cottle

Councillor Willingham

Also in attendance:-

Martin Ainscough – Clerk to the Council.

4 members of the Public.

**17/40. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Dear who was attending a family funeral in Ireland and Councillor Chapman who was on holiday. Apologies were also received from County Councillor Twitchen.

**17/41. Declarations of Interests & Register of Members Interests.**

There were no declarations of interest received.

**17/42. Minutes.**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2017, were received and in the absence of the Chair were duly signed by the Vice Chair as a true record of the meeting.

**17/43. Public Session.**

**Potholes in Langham Crescent.**

Councillor Cottle brought to the meeting's attention the condition of the road and pavements in Langham Crescent. It was noted that a large number of potholes in the road together with uneven sections of the pavement was making both driving and walking by pedestrians difficult. Enquiries with County Council Highways had indicated that they were aware of the problems and that work on the areas affected had been included in a programme of work although no start date had been forthcoming as to when repair work would be undertaken. Councillor Cottle was advised to send any evidence he had to Essex County Council Highways.

**17/44. New Village Sign – Gt. Burstead.**

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

**17/45. Planning Applications.**

17/00098/FULL	67 Church Street, Billericay, CM11 2SX	Erect one detached chalet-style bungalow.	Object on the following grounds:- The application site is located within the Green Belt, over development of the site, highway safety concerns; the application site is very close to a busy bend, potential for overlooking of neighbouring properties & loss of privacy & local knowledge. It is understood that permission was previously given for 2 properties to the rear of an adjoining property 1 of which has been completed and sold.
17/00200/FULL	10 Froden Brook, Billericay, CM11 2 TW	Erect single storey front extension & two dormer windows in the front & rear roofscape.	No objections
17/00121/FULL	Blackmore Farm, Noak Hill Road, Billericay	Proposed new access from Noak Hill Road (A176) to Blackmore Farm land for agricultural vehicles by extension of dropped kerb, re- engineering of footway cross-over & installation of field gate 1.5m high.	No objections but concern expressed re: - operation of gate in relation to highway safety at certain times of the working day e.g. rush hour.
17/00160/FULL	160 Noak Hill Road, Billericay, CM12 9XA.	Erect 1 <sup>st</sup> floor side extension, two storey rear extension & canopy to front elevation together	No objections.

		with alterations to the front facade.	
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#### **17/46. Village Council – Fun Day Event 2017.**

The meeting noted that the next edition of the Village Council Newsletter would feature an article on the upcoming Fun day event in August. Councillor J. Dear indicated that the contents of the Newsletter had now been finalised and would be ready to be printed and distributed with the Church’s newsletter in time for Easter.

#### **17/47. Village Councillor Vacancies.**

There was nothing to report so this matter was deferred to the April meeting.

#### **17/48. Christmas Lights 2017 – Important Announcement from Piggotts.**

This item was deferred for consideration at the April meeting.

#### **17/49. Grant Application – South Green Memorial Hall – Roof Repairs.**

The meeting noted that following a recent meeting of the Memorial Hall Trustees that they had agreed, in order to recognise the Village Council’s continued financial support of the Memorial Hall over recent years that they were offering a one off hiring of the Committee Room rent free for 6 months. Thereafter just a fee for the Committee Room would be charged. In addition the Village Council would only be charged the difference between the hire cost of the Committee Room and the main hall on those occasions when it was needed to use the hall i.e. when a large public attendance was expected or anticipated.

The Trustees had also indicated that they would be happy to invoice the Village Council at the beginning of the financial year if that was what was required. However, it was pointed out that by sticking with the existing arrangement the increase in hiring costs were not being incurred straight away. In view of this the Clerk was happy to stick with the existing arrangements for the time being.

#### **17/50 Finance.**

##### **Approved payments:**

<b>Payee / Cheque number</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Martin Ainscough	February - salary	£ 525.31(*)
H.M.R.C. 022105	Income Tax - February	£131.20
Martin Ainscough 022106	February expenses – postage etc.plus contribution to telephone/broadband costs & office expenses. – January, February, March 2017.	£10.68 £180.00 £190.68
Councillor Willingham 022107	Reimbursement of Land Registry search fee	£35.94

(\*) salary paid directly by bank transfer on 26<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**17/51. CCTV – South Green Parade of Shops – Update.**

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

**17/52. South Green Junior School Pedestrian Crossing Proposal.**

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

**17/53. The Green at South Green.**

This item was deferred to the April meeting.

**17/54. Dates of Next Meetings.**

12<sup>th</sup> April, 10<sup>th</sup> May, 7<sup>th</sup> June, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 6<sup>th</sup> September, 4<sup>th</sup> October, 8<sup>th</sup> November, 6<sup>th</sup> December.

**17/55. Close of Meeting.**

The meeting closed at 7.55 p.m.