

Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council,
held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. Dear
Councillor Chapman
Councillor J. Dear
Councillor Willingham

Also in attendance:-

Martin Ainscough – Clerk to the Council.
1 member of the public.

16/186. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cottle who had a prior engagement and was therefore unable to attend.

16/187. Declarations of Interests.

16/188. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting of 5th October 2016 were received and duly signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

16/189. Public Participation Session.

South Green Memorial Hall – Roof Repairs,

It was noted that following a site visit and inspection by the Trustees preferred roof contractor another £9,500 was need to bring the whole of the roof up to current building standards. Councillor Willingham indicated that in view of this the Village Council might receive an application from the Trustees for further funding in the future.

16/190. Christmas Lights – Switch On Event.

The meeting considered the possibly date of and arrangements for the Village Council Christmas Lights switch on event for this year. It was noted that there was insufficient time to organise the event this year. Arrangements would be made earlier next year to stage the event. The Clerk was though requested to inform Piggott's, being the Council's Christmas Lights supplier/contractor, that the lights should be erected on the last Sunday in November and taken down again after the New Year.

16/191. Planning Applications.

16/01390/FULL	101 Passingham Avenue Billericay Essex CM11 2TB	Demolition of existing garage, erection of a two-storey side and rear extension and single-storey rear extension. -	Object on the grounds that the proposal is considered to be over development of the site. In addition to which encroachment of the shared
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			driveway/access might be compromised as a result of the proposed development.
16/01485/OUT	139 Noak Hill Road, Billericay, CM12 9UJ	Outline application with all matters reserved except access for 11 two bedroom apartments, 1 one bedroom apartment & 24 parking spaces at 139 and 141 Noak Hill Road Billericay Essex CM12 9UJ .	Object on the following grounds - part of the application site is located within the Green Belt. The proposal is considered to be over development of the site, plus access issues & increased traffic movement in an already busy road and concerns for No 143 that could be dominated by the size and structure of the adjacent development.
16/01437/FULL	137 Passingham Avenue, Billericay, CM11 2TA.	Extend dormers in the front and rear roof slopes, porch to front elevation, single storey side and rear extensions, and conversion of garage to a kitchen.	No objection, but it is though queried whether the applicant is allowed to use the former garage which is on the boundary as habitable accommodation.

16/192. Basildon Borough Council – Draft Local Plan Statement of Consultation.

The meeting noted that when the Draft Local Plan Statement of Consultation was published and presented to Basildon Borough Council 3 more sites were offered up by land owners and developers in Great Burstead and South Green. The exact sites were not known at this stage, but the Borough Council has a duty to consider them before the Draft Plan goes to the Planning Inspectorate. The exact details of the 3 sites involved would be published shortly for public consultation and Councillors were therefore asked to look at the sites in question and send any comments to the Clerk prior to the December meeting who would formulate a formal response on behalf of the Village Council for approval before being submitted to the Borough Council planners.

16/193. New Sign for Gt. Burstead.

It was noted that discussions were ongoing between Basildon B.C. and the Essex County Council in an attempt to resolve the situation. It was hoped as a result that a letter of permission for the erection of the new Village sign for Gt. Burstead would be forthcoming soon.

16/194. Purchase of a Defibrillator – Gt. Burstead Church.

Following contact with the Church Warden it was noted that no further progress had been made on this project. Councillor Chapman agreed to contact the Church Warden again to see if the process could be kick started.

16/195. Proposed Changes to South Green Post Office.

The meeting noted receipt of the consultation from the Post Office with regard to proposed changes to the opening hours and services provided at the South Green Post Office, 10 Grange Road Billericay. The meeting welcomed the longer opening hours being proposed and the fact that apart from a couple of existing services the new post office services would be more or less be in keeping to the current provision. In view of this it was not felt necessary to formally respond to the consultation exercise.

16/196. Village Council – Fun Day Event 2017.

The meeting received an update from Councillor Willingham on the progress made with the planning of the 2017 event.

16/197. CCTV – Grange Road Shops.

The meeting discussed at the request of Councillor Chapman the provision of CCTV cameras at the Grange Road Parade of Shops. It was noted that a number of the units already had cameras installed and once again for the reasons of ownership of the said units it would be difficult for the Village Council to install a blanket system on them all without first getting permission from all parties involved. In addition to this there was the matter of who would monitor the CCTV footage and what to do with evidence when collected etc.

16/198. Finance.

approved payments:

Payee / Cheque number	Details	Amount
Martin Ainscough	October - salary	£ 525.31(*)
H.M.R.C. 022087	Income Tax - October	£131.40
Martin Ainscough 022088	October expenses – postage etc.	£10.36
Cllr. Cottle 022089	Costume Hire for Fun day – 28/08/16 plus travelling expenses incurred in attending the EALC AGM & Conference – 26/09/16	£15.00 50 miles @45p per mile = £22.50 Total = £37.50
Anglia Signs Casting 022090	Production of plaques for the new benches on The Green	£262.26

Basildon B.C. 022091	Grant towards Passingham Park play equipment.	£1,000.00
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(*) salary paid directly by bank transfer on 26th of each month.

16/199. Village Council Newsletter.

It was noted that the Winter Edition of the Village Voice was now ready to go the printers. The timetable for getting the printed copies for distribution to the Church to coincide with their Christmas/winter newsletter was also noted. Thanks to were due to Councillor J. Dear for all his editorial work in preparing this issue for publication and to all those that had contributed to the contents. Articles on the funday, remembrance Sunday, councillor vacancies, footpaths, memorial hall, local plan update and the zeppelin service had all been included.

16/200. Plaque – Old Cemetery – Gt. Burstead.

Councillor M. Dear undertook to write to the Rev’ Hall to see if he would be agreeable to the village council placing a plaque at the Old Cemetery, Gt. Burstead to mark the place where the airmen from the zeppelin were originally buried.

16/201. Children’s Centre Advisory Board Meeting.

The meeting received a report from Councillor Willingham following her attendance at a meetings of the above mentioned Board on 18th of June and 17th of October 2016. It was noted that the Terms of Reference had now been agreed. The meeting of the Board would be held on 23rd of January 2017.

16/202. Grass Cutting @ Langham Hall.

At the request of Councillor Cottle the meeting discussed the possibility of applying for a grant from the Community Initiatives Fund for the above whereby a lawn mower would be purchased in order that Councillor Cottle could cut the grass in and around Langham Hall storing the lawn mower at his own property. The meeting felt that this was not feasible from the point of view of the Village Council’s insurance cover and could also set a precedent. As a possible solution to the problem the Clerk suggested contacting the appropriate officer at Basildon B.C, who were currently responsible for the cutting of the grass to request that consideration be given to it being cut on a more regular basis than at present.

16/203. Dates of Next Meetings.

7th December 2016, 4th January 2017 and then the first Wednesday of the month thereafter unless advised otherwise. It was also noted that due to the unavailability of the Clerk in the first week of April 2017, due to a family commitment, it was proposed to move the April meeting back one week from 5th to 12th. This was agreed in principle and Councillor M. Dear undertook to contact the South Green Memorial Hall to ascertain if the change to the date of the April meeting could be accommodated.

16/204. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.