

Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 3rd January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. Dear – Chairman.
Councillor Boyce
Councillor J. Dear
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Willingham – Vice – Chair.

Also in attendance: -
Les Hawkins – Essex Police (Special Constables Scheme).
Martin Ainscough Clerk to the Council.

18/1 Apologies.

There were no apologies for absence.

18/2. Minutes.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2017, were received and duly signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

18/3. Declarations of Interests

There were no declarations of interest received.

18/4. Public Participation Session

1) CCTV – South Green Parade of Shops.

It was noted that Ian Parratt from Clearview was not available to attend an evening meeting of the Council. He had however indicated that he could be available to meet with Councillors on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons. Councillors were still keen to meet with the company and were asked to give their preferences for which day would suit those best and the Clerk would inform Mr Parratt accordingly.

2) Speeding in Church Street.

Councillor Chapman informed the meeting that following correspondence with County Councillor Moore on the above mentioned subject unfortunately nothing more could be done to reduce the cases of speeding in Church Street.

18/5. Special Constables.

The meeting received presentation from Les Hawkins from Essex Police on the ways in which the new Special Constables project would operate if the Village Council were so minded to agree to have special constables in the parish. It was proposed by Councillor M. Dear that two Special Constables be appointed, this was seconded by Councillor Boyce and unanimously agreed by the Council.

18/6. Village Council – Fun Day Event 2018

Councillor Willingham informed the meeting that despite assurances to the contrary The Tilbury Band had now confirmed just before Christmas that they were unable to attend the 2018 event. Work had already started on trying to find a suitable replacement attraction with the possibility that the Wickford Majorettes might be available to attend.

18/7. Planning Applications.

17/01718/FULL	92 Grange Road, Billericay, CM11 2RL	First floor rear extension.	No objections
17/01683/FULL	80 Church Street, Billericay, CM11 2TS	Convert hipped roof to gable end & insert front & rear dormers.	No objections
17/01789/FULL	177 Noak Hill Road, Gt. Burstead.	Alterations to existing front & rear dormers comprising enlargement of rear dormer & new pitched roof over front dormer.	No objections

18/8. Finance.

approved payments:

Payee / Cheque number	Details	Amount
Martin Ainscough	December 2017 salary	£ 525.31(*)
H.M.R.C. 022153	Income Tax December 2017	£131.40
Field & Lawn 022154	Cost of switching off the trees lights for 2017	£420.00

18/9. Southend Road, Great Burstead – Closure.

The meeting noted that the above mentioned road will be closed for two days with effect from 12th of January in order to facilitate resurfacing works by the Essex County Council Highways Department.

18/10. Introduction of a Street Trading Licensing Scheme – Consultation by Basildon Borough Council on the Draft Street Trading Consent Policy Statement.

The meeting noted the consultation process with regard to the proposed introduction of a street trading licensing scheme by the Borough Council. The Village Council welcomed the introduction of an appropriate policy which would address the issue of street trading within the borough.

18/11. Gt. Burstead New Village Sign – Update.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Alpha Signs had been in contact since the Christmas holiday period to report that the sign was almost ready for delivery. The Clerk would now follow up with Barleylands with regard to the arrangements for the storage of the sign until such time as date could be determined for its erection which would hopefully be in early April. The Clerk would also continue his investigations to highlight a suitable/approved contractor able to install the new sign in the previously designated/agreed location.

18/12. Parish Councils – Foundation Status & Supporting Communities Fund.

It was noted that no progress had been made on this matter. The Clerk and Councillor Chapman would liaise with a view to submitting an application for Foundation Status to the EALC by the February meeting.

18/13. Fields of Trust Application – The Green at South Green.

Despite a further email to the relevant officer at the Borough Council no response had as yet been forthcoming. Councillor M.Dear agreed to make contact with the officer concerned to see if that would move the process on to the next stage.

18/14. Public Phone Box – South Green Parade of Shops.

Councillor Chapman informed the meeting that following correspondence with B.T. they had confirmed that they were aware of the telephone box in question and were able to confirm that it had been decommissioned. However, unfortunately it might be September before the box could be removed. Councillor Chapman also brought to the meeting's attention a similar box at the junction of Langham Crescent and Cray's Hill View which he would also pursue with B.T. It was though noted that it would probably be subject to the same arrangements/timetable as that for the box at the South Green Parade of Shops with removal not expected until possibly September.

18/15. Dates of Next Meetings.

7th February, 7th March, 11th April 2018
NB there is no meeting in August due to the recess.

18/16. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

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