

Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council,
held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 4th January 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. Dear

Councillor J. Dear

Councillor Chapman

Councillor Cottle

Councillor Willingham

Also in attendance:-

Martin Ainscough – Clerk to the Council.

Mary Long – South Green Memorial Hall Trustees.

17/1. Apologies

There were no apologies for absence,

17/2. Declarations of Interests & Register of Members Interests.

Councillor Willingham declared a non pecuniary interest in **Item 11. Grant Application South Green Memorial Hall Trustees – Urgent Repairs to the Roof** as she was a Member of the South Green Memorial Hall Board of Trustees.

17/3. Minutes.

The Minutes of 7th December 2016, were received and duly signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting subject to the addition of the words “a personalised card stall will also be in attendance”. in Item 16/216 – Village Council Fun Day Event 2017

17/4. Public Participation Session.

There were no questions from the public.

17/5. New Village Sign – Gt. Burstead.

The Clerk informed the meeting of the progress made since the December 2016 meeting. It was noted that a letter had been sent to the Legal Services Dept. indemnify the Borough Council of any responsibility in respect of the conditions imposed by the ELS in their letter of 14th September 2016. A copy of this letter had been signed and returned with the covering letter mentioned above to the Borough Council on 20th December 2016. Given that this was only a week before Christmas and the fact that most organisations weren't open for business again until 2nd of January it was not surprising that no response had as yet been received. The Clerk also informed the meeting that he had kept the company responsible for the making of the new sign up to date with progress on this matter.

17/6. Proposed Defibrillator.

Councillor Chapman informed the meeting that despite regular email reminders to the Church Warden no more information had been forthcoming from the Church since initial contact was made with them on this initiative. It was agreed therefore that the Clerk should formally write to the Reverend Hall to ascertain if they were still interested in pursuing this project.

17/7. Bell Hill, A129 Southend Road - Hedge Blocking Footpath since June 2016

Councillor M. Dear informed the meeting that the work to cut back the overgrown hedge blocking the footpath at Bell Hill had now been carried out.

17/8. Planning Applications.

16/01705/FULL	239 Noak Hill Road, Billericay, CM12 9UN	Demolish bungalow & outbuildings & construct 3 dwellings together with improvements to vehicular access (proposal follows successful appeal decision for 2 dwellings – planning permission 16/00126/FULL)	Object on the grounds that the application site was within the Green Belt and the proposed development was considered to be over development.
16/01686/FULL	3A Gatwick View, Billericay, CM12 9QU	Retention of ground floor side extension.	No objections
16/01747/FULL	2 Passingham Avenue, Billericay, CM11 2TH.	Proposed two storey side extension.	Object on the grounds of over development.
16/01738/FULL	8 Kings Way, Billericay, CM11 2QF.	Remove single storey side extension & construct part single & part two storey rear extension, two storey side extension & front porch.	Object on the grounds of over development and the possible loss of amenity to the neighbour.
16/01757/FULL	227 Noak Hill Road, Billericay, CM12 9UN	Removal of existing conservatory & construction of a single storey side extension together with alterations to fenestration.	No objection to the removal of the existing conservatory & construction of single storey side extension, but object to the existing property being joined to the outbuildings.

17/9. Village Council – Fun Day Event 2017.

The meeting noted an update from Councillor Willingham on the progress made on the ongoing arrangements for the 2017 event. Eden Falconry had confirmed a flying display would be possible on the day in addition to the static one previously discussed and agreed and had submitted an invoice to that effect. However they did not require a further deposit on

the £100.00 already paid to secure their services. Professor Rainbows invoice and insurance documents had also been received since the last meeting. Councillor Willingham mentioned that it would be good if new stalls and attractions could be encouraged to attend to build on the success of the previous two years and with that in mind it was suggested that the craft units at Barleylands should be canvassed to see if anyone might be interested in attending.

17/10. Village Councillor Vacancies.

It was noted that nobody had responded to the vacancy notice. The meeting agreed that it might be time to explore other avenues in an attempt to fill the vacancies with the Street Life publication and the Billericay Discussion Page on Face book being suggested as a couple of possible ways of recruiting new Councillors to fill the vacancies that currently exist.

17/11. Grant Application – South Green Memorial Hall – Roof Repairs.

The meeting considered a grant application received from the South Green Memorial Hall Trustees for £5,000 towards the cost of urgently needed roof repairs. It was noted that having started the repair works to the roof further issues requiring attention had come to light that needed to be addressed urgently. The Village Council were minded to agree this level of grant aid, but did request that the Hall Trustees consider some sort of concession with regard to the VC’s monthly meeting booking charge in recognition of the support given by the Village Council to the hall over the years.

17/12. Finance.

approved payments:

Payee / Cheque number	Details	Amount
Martin Ainscough	December - salary	£ 525.31(*)
H.M.R.C. 022100	Income Tax - December	£131.40
Piggott’s Ltd 022101	Final instalment of Christmas lights - 2016	£1,686.79

(*) salary paid directly by bank transfer on 26th of each month.

17/13. Plaque – Old Cemetery – Gt. Burstead.

It was noted that no contact had been forthcoming from Reverend Hall on this initiative since Councillor M. Dear’s letter to him on this matter. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should mention this initiative in his letter to the church re: - the defibrillator as mentioned at 17/6 above.

17/14. CCTV – South Green Parade of Shops – Update.

Councillor Chapman reported on the progress made with this initiative since the December meeting. It was noted that he had contacted Noak Bridge Parish Council who had already installed some CCTV cameras near local shops. The Chair person at Noak Bridge had indicated that they had had this facility for a while now and had originally used BT for the supply of cameras and expertise etc. However, they hadn’t been happy with the company’s performance and had therefore changed to Clearview a CCTV company based in Chelmsford. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should contact Clear View in order to arrange a site visit for them to assess whether the parade of shops at South Green would lend itself to the installation of cameras and if so to provide a quote for a CCTV scheme. Councillor Chapman was asked to be the lead on this

and would liaise with Clear View as and when they responded to the Village Council's initial enquiry.

17/15. Dates of Next Meetings.

1st February, 1st March, 12th April, 10th May, 7th June, 5th July, 6th September, 4th October, 8th November, 6th December.

17/16. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.56 p.m.