

Minutes of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 8.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. Dear – Chairman.
Councillor J. Dear
Councillor Cottle
Councillor Chapman

Also in attendance: - Martin Ainscough Clerk to the Council.
Mr. Alan Boyce – Prospective Councillor.

17/107. Apologies.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Willingham who was on holiday.

17/108. Minutes.

The Minutes of 7th June 2017 were received and duly signed by the Chair as a true record of the meeting.

17/109. Declarations of Interests & Register of Members Interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

17/110. Public Participation Session.

(1) Co-option of Councillor.

The meeting received and noted an application from Mr Alan Boyce for co-option onto the Council. Mr Boyce informed the meeting that he had recently retired and felt that he wanted to be involved with and give something back to his local community.

Councillor M. Dear proposed that Mr Boyce be co-opted onto the Council to fill one of the existing vacancies. This was seconded by Councillor Cottle and carried and Mr. Boyce was duly co-opted on to the Village Council and he joined the meeting for the rest of the agenda.

(2) Parking Issues – Selworthy Close.

It was noted that a local resident had raised concerns about parking difficulties in this road with the Chair of the Village Council. The local resident had subsequently been advised to contact Basildon borough Council with their concerns.

(3) Vintage Car Parade – 22nd July 2017.

The meeting noted that information had been received that a parade of some 77 vintage cars was due to parade through the village on 22nd July.

(4) Coopers Lodge – 4 Noak Hill Road, Billericay.

Information had been reported to the Clerk that the above mentioned property was allegedly in multi occupation contrary to the recent decision of the Basildon Borough Council to establish that the continued use of a building at the rear of No4 Noak Hill Road as a single private dwelling

house was now lawful. This information was noted, but there was discussion as to whether the property in question was within the Village Council's boundaries. The Clerk was therefore requested to contact the Planning Department at Basildon Borough Council to ascertain if the property was indeed within the remit of Gt. Burstead & South Green or not.

17/111. The Greensward Opposite Billericay School – Update.

The meeting noted that the County Highways Department had noted the Clerk's response following the decision taken at the June meeting and that the issue of bollards along the length of the road concerned would be investigated in due course. Confirmation had also been received that the Village Council would be kept informed on any developments on this matter and invited to be represented at any future site meetings that might be arranged.

17/112. Planning Applications.

17/00713/FULL	24 Noak Hill Road, Billericay	Single storey side & rear extensions.	No objections
17/00729/FULL	10 Froden Brook, Billericay, CM11 2TW	Erect dormer windows to front & rear roofscapes & single storey front extension.	No objections
17/00757/FULL	7 Highfield Road, Billericay	Erect two storey side extension.	No objections
17/00793/FULL	Huntsman House, Kennel Lane, Billericay, CM12 9RR	Proposed garage conversion.	No objections
17/00782/FULL	40 Church Street, Billericay, CM11 2SX	Erection of an orangery to the rear of the property.	No objections
17/00821/FULL	42 Church Road, Billericay, CM11 2SX	Proposed rear conservatory.	No objections
17/00830/FULL	129 Passingham Avenue, Billericay, CM11 2TA	Demolish detached garage & construct a two storey side extension together with a part single, part two-storey rear extension & open front porch.	Object on the grounds of over development of the site.
17/00674/FULL	189 Noak Hill Road, Billericay.	Proposed construction of five dwelling houses.	Object on the grounds of over development of the site.

17/113. Village Council – Fun Day Event 2017

The meeting noted the continued on going arrangements for the above mentioned event. The flyers had been printed and the banners would have the new date affixed to them. The flyers would be delivered to local households two weeks before the event. It was noted that "Dress the Part" costume hire shop had now ceased trading so with that in mind Councillor Chapman agreed to let Councillor Cottle borrow his costume for the day. Councillors M. Dear and Willingham would meet once Councillor Willingham was back from her holiday to plan the layout for the Green. Councillors were asked to arrive at 8.30 a.m. on the day.

17/114. Finance.**Approved payments:**

Payee / Cheque number	Details	Amount
Martin Ainscough	June - salary	£ 525.31(*)
H.M.R.C. 022128	Income Tax - June	£131.20
Martin Ainscough 022129	June expenses – postage etc	£13.62
Cllr Willingham 022130	Reimbursement of the cost of a gazebo acquired for the Village Fun day – 27/08/17	£40.98
Cllr Cottle 022131	Reimbursement of expenses incurred in attending EALC Police Conference – 7/06/17	50 miles @45p per mile = £22.50 plus £3.50 parking fee. Total = £26.00

17/115. Enforcement Action - 2 Linkdale, Billericay.

It was noted that since the last communication from the Enforcement Section at the Borough Council reported at the last meeting nothing further had been heard about the breach of planning control at the above mentioned address. The Clerk was therefore requested to write to the enforcement section to ask for an update on the situation.

17/116. Petrol Station Southend Road – Proposed 24 hour/credit card only facility.

The meeting noted the information that had subsequently been received from the Borough Council in connection with the above mentioned proposal. There was general surprise that no permission was required for a change to a 24/7 operation as proposed and the Clerk was requested to write to the planners to ask to be kept up to date with developments on this matter. In the meantime the issues of security and light pollution were also raised in addition to those concerns previously raised.

17/117. CCTV – South Green Parade of Shops – Update.

The meeting noted that although the police were generally in favour of CCTV in this location they were unable to lend their support to lobby ECC for permission to run power from a lamp post for this facility. Following a discussion on this matter it was agreed that the local Basildon Borough Councillors should be contacted to enlist their help to lobby Essex county Council to change their minds and allow a power supply for the CCTV installation to be taken from an adjacent lamp post. In addition the reasons for refusal should be requested from the County Council.

17/118. Virgin Media Network – Update.

The Clerk reported a less than satisfactory response from Virgin Media in the form of a very curt telephone conversation with the company's customer services department which didn't address the complaints re:- the ongoing fibre optic cabling works in the village. Councillor Boyce indicated that there must be a contact at Essex County Council as a liaison point for Virgin Media and the Clerk was therefore tasked with finding out who that might be and to convey the Village Councils and local residents concerns/complaints with a view to achieving satisfactory outcome.

17/119. Essex Association of Local Councils – Police Conference.

The meeting received report from Councillor Cottle following his attendance at the above mentioned conference. Councillor Cottle subsequently tendered his resignation from the Council and the meeting took the opportunity to thank him for his work and efforts on behalf of the Council during his time in office.

17/120. The Green at South Green – Fields of Trust Application.

The meeting noted that no update had been received since the last meeting. The Clerk was therefore requested to chase Paul Humphries at the Borough Council for confirmation that the relevant permissions would be forthcoming to allow the application for Fields of Trust status to go ahead.

17/121. Dates of Next Meetings.

6th September, 4th October, 8th November, 6th December.

17/122. Close of Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.12 p.m.

Signed Chair

Date