

Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council, held at
South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay
on Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 7.30pm

Present:

Councillor M Dear - Chair

Councillor Wakelin

Councillor Cundy

Councillor John Dear

Councillor Thomson

Councillor Aly-Khan

Councillor Kelly

Clerk of the Council: Karen Hawkes

Manager of Legal and Corporate Governance: Lisa Hamilton present for part of the meeting.

11/153 Chairman's Welcome

The chair welcomed those present to the meeting and explained the Public Participation Protocol. The Chair explained to Councillors and residents that if they wished to speak they should raise their hand, the Chair will acknowledge the Councillor/resident and record their name, once the Chair has acknowledged those wanting to speak the speaker is requested to lower their arm and will be called upon in order of that recorded by the Chair.

11/154 Apologies

Apologies received from Councillor Lawrence due to holiday commitments and County Councillor Hedley.

11/155 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest received.

11/156 Minutes

Minutes of the 6th July were recorded as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

Approval of the minutes of the 3rd August deferred to later in the meeting.

11/157: Public Participation

Static caravans at Willoughby Farm in Coxes Farm Road	Clerk to contact planning enforcement officer. Clerk explained that due to the imminent eviction of Dale Farm all enquires have to go through Democratic Services. This is resulting in a longer response time.
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11/158 Update from County Councillor Twitchen regarding speeding problems in Coxes Farm Road and Church Street.

Resulting from a lengthily discussion by residents and Councillors regarding the speeding problems in Church Street and Coxes Farm Road, Councillor Twitchen will research the following for Church Street:

- VAS signs – enquire whether the signs which displays the motorists speed or the signs which states the road speed limit is more effective and if they would be suitable for Church Street.
- Police speed checks – request that these are carried out again on an intermittent basis, these have been carried out in the past and residents found them effective.

- If the top end of Church Street would be suitable for "gates" similar to those installed as you enter the village of Little Burstead - where traffic enters and exits the area on a one-way system.
- Whether there are any other mechanical measures available such as rumble strips, Highways to confirm that the rumble strips only create noise on the inside of the vehicle.
- Data collection although this can be very expensive.

Councillor Twitchen will research the following for Coxes Farm Road:

- What is the position on the Speed Limit Review - when will it take place.
- Why has Outwood Common Road been given a 40 mph limit and not Coxes Farm Road?
- Is Coxes Farm Road within the village envelope of South Green and if it is, what protection does this give.

Councillor Twitchen will liaise with Mrs Jameison who will update residents of Church Street and Mr Carter who will inform residents of Coxes Farm Road of the outcome of the above points.

8.30pm – Councillor Kelly leaves the meeting.

11/159 Presentation from P3 Officer – Matthew Hodgkinson

Matthew Hodgkinson explained the role of the P3 officer and how P3 can work for the Village. P3 representatives are a group of volunteers which walk and survey the public footpaths and report any problems to Essex County Council P3 officers. P3 volunteers can receive training and funding towards small projects on the public footpath.

Definitive Map – clerk authorised to purchase P3 map up to the cost of £50.00 if the original cannot be located.

11/160 Training

Basildon Council confirmed that as a result of the 3rd August Village Council meeting Code of Conduct training and Diversity training will be supplied to the Village Council. Basildon Council to confirm date.

Agreed for Councillor Dear to attend the Chairman's Training Day's on 14th September and 23rd November. Roles and Responsibilities 18th October 2011 ½ day course – Councillors to inform clerk if they wish to attend.

11/161 Clerks report

- No correspondence received to date from Peter Carpenter regarding allotment land
- Tuesday 27th September Making the Links event at Great Dunmow. Event starts at 3.00pm followed by the EALC AGM to be held at 6.30pm.
- Councillors invited to attend the ABLC Special General Meeting on 29th September 2011 7.30pm in the Billericay Reading Rooms main hall.
- Correspondence received from Basildon Council stating that as a large percentage of officers are involved with the Dale Farm eviction that all communications with Basildon Council must be made through Basildon Council democratic services until further notice.

11/162 Planning

11/00748/FULL	22 Church Street Billericay Essex CM11 2SY	Proposed loft conversion with hip to gable extension and rear dormer – no objection
11/00811/TPOBAS	32 Froden Brook Billericay Essex CM11 2TW	Fell T8 (Poplar) of TPO/11/95 – no objection tree is dead
11/00791/FULL	183 Noak Hill Road Billericay Essex CM12 9UL	Construction of a new two bedroom detached bungalow – object as site would be overcrowded

11/00783/FULL	20 Church Street Billericay Essex CM11 2SY	Single storey side and rear extension – no objection
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11/00729/TPOBAS	111 Church Street Billericay Essex CM11 2TR	Fell to ground level as close as practicable and treat the stump with an appropriate herbicide Oak T. – strongly object Councillor Wakelin to forward comments to clerk.
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Proposed: Councillor Cundy

Seconded: Councillor Thomson

All Councillors in support of the comments above to the listed planning applications.

11/163 Invitation to participate in the salt bag scheme.

Proposal: Village Council to accept the salt offered from Essex County Council, Councillor Lawrence will co-ordinate the scheme, clerk to contact Barleylands to ask whether they would accept delivery of the salt prior to its distribution to approved residents.

All Councillors in favour.

October Village Council meeting - Council will agree how the scheme will be advertised throughout the village and how the high risk areas will be identified and volunteers obtained.

11/164 Essex County Council – Pension Fund

Correspondence received from Essex County Council requesting payments of £390.31 for 2011 - 2012, £438.51 for 2012 – 2013 and £486.71 for 2013 – 2014 to cover the deficiency in the pension scheme, the funds are due as Great Burstead and South Green Village Council had an employee paying into the scheme in the 2009/2010 financial year. Clerk requested by Council to obtain further information as to what would have happened to the shortfall if they still had an employee which paid into the scheme, a copy of the agreement which was made when the pension was created and how the figures are calculated. Future agenda item.

11/165 Minutes of the 3rd August

Proposal: to agree the minutes of the 3rd August with no amendments, signed by the chair

Vote: 4 in favour
1 abstains
1 against

11/166 Future Meeting Dates

12th October 2011
2nd November 2011 - Council to agree projects to be funded in next years Precept
7th December 2011 - Council to agree Precept figure
4th January 2012
1st February 2012
7th March 2012
4th April 2012

11/167 Close of meeting

Meeting closed at 10.15pm.