

Minutes of the Meeting of the Great Burstead and South Green Village Council,
held at South Green Memorial Hall, Southend Road, Billericay,
on Wednesday, 3 February 2010 at 7.30pm

Present: **Councillor Aly Khan (Chair)**
Councillors Cundy, John Dear, Marie Dear, Kelly and Wakelin.

In Attendance: **Mrs. Kim Barford, Clerk to the Council**
3 members of the public

9/160 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Saunderson.

9/161 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

The meeting was adjourned for public participation.

9/162 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda and other matter which are of mutual interest

Members of the public commented on Coxes Farm Road

The meeting re-convened.

9/163 Minutes

Members received the Minutes of the Council Meeting of 6 January 2010; they were approved by all members present and duly signed by the chair.

9/164 Coxes farm Road

Members were updated on the response received from Cllr. Hume, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation Essex and noted that the rural section of Coxes Farm Road does not meet the current criteria for what is essentially an urban speed limit, it will therefore be included in a general review of rural speed limits, with the work being completed ideally in the new financial year. With reference to an initial speed survey mentioned by residents at the January meeting the clerk confirmed to members that it was for a one week period. Speeds recorded were within the 30mph for the restricted area but she had reiterated to the Highways Dept. that where the data was collected was not in a section of the road where speeding generally occurred. The clerk had been advised the road was currently being reviewed and the new survey will take place, probably at two locations in the northern rural section of the road. Members suggested to the local residents who were present that they also respond to Cllr. Hume's letter with a copy also circulated to the Village Council and Cllr. Hedley who was present. Members also requested the clerk enquire about the monitoring being undertaken by the Highways Dept. of the parking at school times and the statistics recorded by the District Council's parking enforcement team. Cllr. Cundy proposed that the clerk write again to the Head Teacher of St. Peter's RCCE Primary School emphasising the ongoing problems of parking,

which was of particular concern by the blind bend and suggesting a meeting with of residents and school governors, to which 3 members were in agreement, 1 member against and 1 member abstained from the vote. A letter to therefore be sent with a copy forwarded to the residents representative. Cllr. Kelly enquired about the community speed watch scheme offered by Essex Police, the clerk to obtain details and forward to the resident's representative. Members to be further updated at the next meeting.

9/165 Noak Hill Road

Members were updated on the response received from Cllr. Hume, Cabinet Member for Highways and Transportation Essex and requested that the clerk write again re-iterating their serious concerns for pedestrians and the need for a pelican crossing, as school children, general bus service passengers and pedestrians need to be able to cross the northern section of the road safely. Members requested that the clerk also ask for the results of the Highways teams observations. Members to be further updated at the next meeting.

9/166 Essex County Council Highways Localism

Members received a copy of the draft manual and agreed to suggest potential initial projects for consideration at the March meeting.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

9/167 Langham Hall and Park

The clerk updated members on the Cabinet minutes of 28 January 2010 meeting, which recorded that approval had been granted for disposal of the site to achieve a small housing development to the southeast side of the site, with improvements being made to the play area. Discussion ensued and members spoke of their concern regarding the loss of the community hall. Members were in agreement and requested that a letter be sent to the ward councillors to discuss the future of the site as a matter of urgency.

9/168 Clerks report

The clerk updated members on topics discussed at the recent clerks forum.

9/169 Review of Great Burstead Conservation Area

Members considered the letter received from Beacon Planning Ltd. who has been appointed by Basildon District Council to review conservation areas within the District. The request is for initial comment and Cllr. Kelly spoke of her suggestion that the area be increased in size to incorporate the greensward to corner of Church Street with Noak Hill Road. Members agreed to defer and consider the review fully at the March meeting.

9/170 Cold Calling

Cllr. Marie Dear expressed her concern about nuisance callers and proposed that the Village Council via its website and newsletter include public information links to Essex County Council Trading Standards and Essex Police, to which all members present were in agreement.

9/171 Training

Members received details of forthcoming training opportunities at the Rural Community Council of Essex. Cllr. Wakelin expressed interest in attending the half day course, 27 March 2010, Linking Community Led Plans to policy and strategy. Cllr. Cundy proposed approval, which was seconded by Cllr. Marie Dear and agreed by all members present.

9/172 Financial report

a. Members approved the following payments:

Essex CC - Superannuation January 2010

Clerk - Postage & mileage expenses £10.28

Christmas lights electricity £95.04

b. Members received a copy of the cash book for period 1 April 2009 and noted the bank account balances.

9/173 South Green Hanging Baskets

Members considered the installation and maintenance of hanging baskets for the summer and associated budget cost. Cllr. Cundy proposed and it was seconded by Cllr. Marie Dear that the clerk has the authority to proceed with arrangements as in previous years with the proviso that the cost does not exceed an increase of 3% when compared to the costs in 2009. All members present were in agreement.

9/174 Consultations – Bus service 140 – Chelmsford/Billericay

Members received correspondence from the Senior Transport Liaison Officer, Essex CC detailing the change proposed by Noak Bridge Parish Council to the Great Burstead section of bus route no. 140. Discussion ensued and members were in agreement that the Village Council objects most strongly to the proposed change which would leave no service to the Church or Cemetery on Sundays and Bank Holidays. The clerk to inform the Officer concerned accordingly.

9/175 Basildon District Council Correspondence

Members noted the following correspondence.

Appeals & General Purposes Committee Agenda 26 January 2010

Appeals & general Purposes Committee Minutes 17 November 2009

Audit & Risk Committee Agenda 19 January 2010

Cabinet Minutes 10 December 2009

Cabinet Agenda 14 January 2010

Cabinet Agenda 28 January 2010

Cabinet Minutes 14 January 2010

Community Safety & Housing Committee Agenda 12 January 2010

Community Safety & Housing Committee Minutes 25 November 2009

Community Safety & Housing Committee Minutes 2 December 2009

Development Control & Traffic Mgt. Committee Agenda 12 January 2010

Development Control & Traffic Mgt. Committee Minutes 15 December 2009

Leisure & Health Scrutiny Committee Agenda 19 January 2010

Leisure & Health Scrutiny Committee Minutes 18 November 2009

Licensing Committee Agenda 20 January 2010

Licensing Committee Minutes 24 November 2009
Overview & Scrutiny Commission Agenda 20 January 2010
Overview & Scrutiny Commission Minutes 25 November 2009

9/176 Other correspondence

Members noted the following correspondence.
Town & Parish Council Liaison Minutes 15 December 2009
NALC Local Council Awards 2010
Basildon Association of Town and Parish Councils Minutes 21 January 2010
Billericay Town Council - Greening Campaign Project Group Minutes 5 January 2010
Correspondence from resident's x 2
Zurich Insurance plc - Response to requested amendment to policy
Making the links - February 2010
Bus passenger news - November/December 2009
Essex Association of Local Councils - County Update January 2010
Secretary to the Ladybirds - Thank you letter

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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